

Be a Champion for Unity

People champion many different causes, some more or less noble than others. Jesus said, *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God”* (Matthew 5:9). Would you like to be called a son/daughter of God? Then be a champion for unity!

To do this may put you at risk. Those satisfied with the status quo may resist and work against you. But nothing worthwhile is free of risk. The unity of the body of Christ is the most worthwhile cause I know. And whatever the risk, personal or otherwise, I am ready to take it. What about you?

David McKenna wrote: *“Security is always a temptation that stands off against risk. Yet, in the person of God, the movement is always forward through open doors and into wider horizons. Christians who have stopped going and growing are the most miserable of creatures. They clog up churches with undue caution and infect the body of Christ with their own frustration. They are inventors of paralysis by analysis and the creators of strangulation by regulation. Thank God Jesus chooses risk over security.”*

Many have lost the vision of unity. They have ceased going and growing. They are clogging up churches. Be like Christ and choose risk over security! Elton Trueblood once said, *“To be a Christian is to bet your life that Christ is right.”* Bet your life that Christ is right when He says that unity is possible. It is also necessary.

About 380 years ago, a shipload of travelers landed on the Northeast coast of America. The first year they established a town. The second year they instituted the town government. The third year the town government planned to build a road five miles westward into the wilderness. In the fourth year the people tried to impeach their town government because they thought it was a waste of public funds to build a road five miles into the wilderness. Who needed to go there anyway?

What happened to the dream to conquer a new land? They had crossed 3,000 miles of ocean to get where they were, and now they could not even see past the noses on their faces. Many a church is plagued with this kind of myopic vision. Refuse to be satisfied with our current status. We are on the border of a great frontier. Don't impeach those who would build roads and bridges to tame the wilderness of division. Be a champion for Christ. *Be a champion for unity!*

—Jeff Gardner



April Wishlist for:

Community Cupboard

Laundry Detergent Pods, Dryer Sheets, Bleach, Dish Soap, Dishwasher Pods, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Multi-Purpose Household Cleaner, and Disinfecting Wipes

Sermon Notes

The Servant as a Forgetter

Philippians 3:12-15

We humans are forgetful, but more often than not we forget things we need to remember and remember things we should forget. To be effective servants, notice three areas in life we **MUST** learn to forget.

- I. P_____ I_____
 - A. As a disciple, there is no room for G_____ H_____.
 - B. No one likes their transgressions or foolishness H_____ and R_____.
 - C. J_____ is the greatest example of a F_____ of personal injuries.
- II. P_____ I_____
 - A. Failing to forget this area of life can result in:
 1. L_____
 2. P_____
 - B. We should S_____ to be A_____.
- III. P_____ I_____
 - A. F_____ to F_____ sin failures will injure your spirit preventing you from serving.
 - B. There is no reason to L_____ in the P_____.
 - C. Refusing to turn L_____ of guilt is like calling God a L_____.

Announcements

- ➔ NO LADIES CLASS today
- ➔ Baby Shower for Bryan and Michelle Hughes, Saturday, April 23, 1-3 PM in the FLC. They are having a baby girl and are registered at Target and Amazon.
- ➔ Please pick up a Green Sheet Prayer List

Thank You

Westview Boy's Home sends much gratitude to our congregation for the generous donation of \$800 in food and supplies for their residents. Thank you for stepping up to meet this need and for loving on our community so well.

Happy Birthday This Week:

- A.L. Cross - April 10
- Darryn Marchbanks - April 11
- Juanita Latham - April 11
- Tony Pack - April 12
- Aiden Cavin - April 13
- Jeronimo Martinez - April 15

Dates To Remember:

- April 16 Easter in the Park, 2 PM - 5 PM
- April 23 Hughes Baby Shower in the FLC, 1 PM
- May 3 Whiz Kids End of Year Party
- May 15 Senior Sunday | Promotion Sunday
- June 5-10 Camp Rock Creek
- June 19-24 Camp Zenith
- June 25 Car Show at DCCOC
- July 6-9 Vacation Bible School
- July 18-21 Day Camp
- July 29-30 DCYG Float Trip
- Aug. 11-13 National Hispanic Preacher's Conference
- Sept. 24-25 DCCOC 70th Anniversary Celebration

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

3/27 Worship Attendance.....	228
3/27 Bible Class Attendance.....	151
3/27 Contribution	\$16,842.88
YTD Regular Contribution	\$196,821.53
Weekly Average	\$14,058.68
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58

Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date ____/____/____

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: _____

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Welcome To Our
**Sunday Morning
 Family Worship**
 April 10, 2022

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our guests; white for members.

Order of Worship

Song, *Holy Spirit, Dwell in Me*Tim Holt
 WelcomeJeff Gardner
 Song #608, He Gave Me A SongTim Holt
 Song #63, *I Will Call Upon The Lord*.....Tim Holt
 Song #71, *As the Deer*Tim Holt
 PrayerTim Hempel
 Song, Come Share The LordTim Holt
 Communion.....David Martin
 Offering.....David Martin
 Scripture Reading, *Philippians 3:12-15*Nathan Dillinger
 Song #539, Higher GroundDarrell Sullivan
 Message, *The Servant as a Forgetter*Jeff Gardner
 Song #948, *I Am Resolved*Tim Holt
 Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
 Prayer.....Mark Carr
 Song #882, No Tears In Heaven.....Tim Holt

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Early Class	4:30 PM
Singing Class	6:30 PM
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM
Youth Group	7:00 PM

An Attended Nursery for birth to 2-years-old is available on Sunday mornings. For transportation to worship or other assemblies, please call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.