

Visioning or Vanishing

Off the coast of Maine lies an island so small that the surrounding ocean can be seen from any point on the island. A visitor had the impulse to start a Sunday school class on the island, so he gathered the children around him for their first lesson. "How many of you," he asked, "have ever seen the Atlantic Ocean?" To his surprise, not a single hand went up.

There is such a thing as being so much a part of one's environment that we're simply not aware of it. It's the old story of not seeing the forest for the trees. John Colbein said we don't know for sure who discovered water, but we're pretty sure it wasn't the fish!

Scripture says, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Vision or the lack of it determines our interests, our directions, our finances, and affects the totality of the human experience. Unless a church has a shared vision, in due time, it will be forced to close its doors and cease to exist.

Those first Christians were always moved by and with a VISION from God. Christianity emerged because a few devout people were converted from "dead living" to a God-centered and empowered VISION to claim the world for the King of kings. Zig Ziglar puts it succinctly: "One person with conviction is worth more than one hundred with only an interest."

We must focus on the VISION God is calling us to claim. As a group of people we must have some goals. There's a sign in a rural Minnesota fire station that reads, "We'll know where we're going when we get there." Let's not live our lives like that nor exist as a church like that.

- ➔ If there is no VISION for world evangelism, then the church becomes a museum rather than a launching pad to reach the lost for Christ.
- ➔ If there is no VISION for the hungry, homeless and helpless, our church and ministry will be limited to those who are filled, and we become a worship club, not the body of Christ at work in the world.
- ➔ If there is no VISION for the single person, our ministry will only help the traditional family.
- ➔ If there is no VISION for the divorced persons, our ministry will only serve the married population.
- ➔ If there is no VISION for ethnic persons, our ministry will be limited to people just like us and that would be tragic and sinful.

A church that has a vision or seeks to be claimed by a vision will not ask for tasks equal to its power but power equal to its tasks. As John Naisbitt declares in the closing sentence of his book, *Megatrends*: "My God, what a fantastic time to be alive." What a fantastic time to be used by God for something great!

—Douglas F. Parsons

SPECIAL COLLECTION TOTAL

\$7,074.22

Thank you for your Spirit-led generosity! This gift will be an enormous blessing to the children at Tipton Children's Home. "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world" (James 1:27). "Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit" (Philippians 4:17). "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6).



Sermon Notes

Discipleship-Living: God's Ultimatum

Luke 13:1-5

There is a word seldom heard anymore: Repent. Yet, it is used 969 times in the Bible. It was the first public message of Jesus (Matthew 4:17) and it was His last message to the church (Revelation 3:19). Today is a refresher course on repentance.

I. What Repentance Is Not:

- A. Repentance is not C_____ of sin (Acts 24:25).
- B. Repentance is not C_____ of sin.
 1. P_____ made a H_____ confession (Exodus 9:22-28; 34-35).
 2. B_____ made a H_____ confession (Numbers 22:22-34; 31:16; 2 Peter 2:15; Revelation 2:14).
 3. A_____ made a H_____ -U_____ confession (Joshua 7:2-25).
- C. Repentance is not C_____ of sin (2 Corinthians 7:9-10).

II. What Repentance Is:

- A. Repentance is a C_____.
- B. Repentance is a C_____ C_____.
- C. Repentance is a C_____ C_____.

III. Why Should I Repent?

- A. C_____ of C_____.
- B. C_____ of C_____.
- C. 'C_____ of C_____.

Announcements

- ➔ Please pick up a Green Sheet Prayer List and be prayerful for all the sick and suffering.
- ➔ Community Cupboard Needs for February include: Pancake or Waffle Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Apple Sauce, Oatmeal, Cereal, Pop Tarts or monetary donations.
- ➔ Our Children's Ministry is planning an "Easter in the Park" event for April 16, 2022. In preparation for that, Melissa needs donations of plastic eggs and candy that won't melt easily. Between now and March 13, please consider picking up these items from the store to donate. Watch for a donation box in the lobby. Thank you!

Condolences:

- We extend sincere condolences to James Martin in the recent death of his brother, Anthony, who passed from this life on 1/30/2022. Cards may be sent to James Martin, 10501 S. Center Lane, Oklahoma City, OK 73165.
- We offer our deepest condolences to Diana Gonzalez in the recent death of her Grandma Amelia from Chicago, who passed from this life on 1/30/2022. Cards may be sent to Diana Gonzalez, 4716 SE 22nd Street, Del City, OK 73115.

Dates To Remember:

- February 8 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- February 9 @ 8 AM Men's Breakfast @ Madison's
- February 9 @ 4:30 PM Early Bible Class
- February 9 @ 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper
- February 9 @ 6:30 PM Singing Practice
- February 9 @ 7:00 PM Adult Bible Class in the Chapel **No Children's Classes**
- February 10 @ Noon Ladies Class in the Chapel
- March 6 Ministry Fair
- April 16 @ 205 PM Easter in the Park

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

1/30 Worship Attendance.....	194
1/30 Bible Class Attendance	N/C
1/30 Contribution	\$12,362.35
1/30 Special Contribution.....	\$ 7,074.22
YTD Regular Contribution	\$69,043.32
Weekly Average	\$13,808.66
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
February 6, 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, *Jesus Rose With All Power*Ivan Gonzalez
 WelcomeIvan Gonzalez
 Song, *Shout Hallelujah*Tim Holt
 Song #60, *He Is Exalted*Tim Holt
 Song #800, *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*Tim Holt
 PrayerTerry Parker
 Song, *O Praise The Name (Anastasis)*Tim Holt
 CommunionRob Weaver
 Song #118, *God Has Smiled On Me*Tim Holt
 OfferingRob Weaver
 Scripture Reading, *Luke 13:1-5*Tim Hempel
 Song, *There's A Great Day Coming*Ivan Gonzalez
 Message, *Discipleship-Living: God's Ultimatum*.....Jeff Gardner
 Song, *Had It Not Been The Lord*Tim Holt
 Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
 PrayerAdiel Zapata
 Song #957, *This World Is Not My Home*Tim Holt

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday

Worship 10:00 AM
Classes 11:15 AM

Wednesday

Early Class 4:30 PM
Mid-Week Classes 7:00 PM
Hispanic Class 7:00 PM

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday.
For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.