

LEADING OUR WORSHIP				
<b>March Chairman:</b> Jim Humphrey		<u><b>Greeters for the month of March</b></u> Leigh Wheat & Eli Watson Clarissa Smith & Rachel Jackson		<b>Elders</b> Kevin Eubanks Bobby Gilbert John K. Gott Jim Humphrey David Pahman Russell Simpson  <b>Deacons</b> Josh Adkins Derek Depp Andrew Gott Barrett Hammer Derek Johnson Michael King Justin Lohden Mike McGuire Greg Neville Stephen Pitcock Smith Sexton Randy Simpson Jeremy Waddell  Roger Watt Rick Wheat Andy Wright  <b>Ministers</b> Hiram Kemp Neal Pollard  <b>Associate Minister</b> David Chang  <b>Secretary</b> Linda Matthews
<u><b>Sunday Morning</b></u> Opening Prayer Song Leader Lord's Supper Prayer Scripture Reading Announcements/Prayer MPR Security Building Lockup Bus Driver	<u><b>March 26th</b></u> Justin Lohden David Chang Clint Harbison Greg Neville Jim Humphrey Harold Nicks Joshua Sugalski Ethan Keown	<u><b>April 2nd</b></u> Jim Humphrey Mike Lents Dwight Sutton Barry White Kevin Eubanks Harold Seaton Justin Lohden Stephen Pitcock		
<u><b>Serving at the Table</b></u> Travis Harrison Tommy Williams Nat Medlen Rick Wheat Stephen Candela Cooper Dillingham  <u><b>Alternates</b></u> Michael King Todd Dickerson	<u><b>A/V Room</b></u> 3/5 Bradley & Randy 3/12 Bradley & Jon 3/19 Kyle & Jon 3/26 Bryce & Randy 4/2 Kyle & Randy	<u><b>Ushers</b></u> Roger Watt Smith Sexton  <u><b>Prepare Communion</b></u> Jon & Heather Paschal  <u><b>If unable to serve call</b></u> Wayne Moyers 270-779-2410 or Dale Wiley		
<u><b>Sunday Evening</b></u> Announcements Song Leader/Ken Ware Scripture Reading Closing Prayer MPR Security Building Lockup	<u><b>March 26th</b></u> Grant Wllson <b>Night of Prayer</b> Tom Evans Jason Sowders Harold Nicks Joshua Sulgaski	<u><b>April 2nd</b></u> Clint Harbison Kenneth Ware Eli Watson Art Shannon Harold Seaton Justin Lohden		
<u><b>Wednesday Evening</b></u> Announce/Prayer Song Leader Devotional MPR Security Building Lockup	<u><b>March 29th</b></u> Caleb Fudge Andy Wright David Chang Harold Nicks Joshua Sugalski	<u><b>April 5th</b></u> Kason Eubanks Jared McGuire David Chang Harold Seaton Justin Lohden		

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**AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART**

**Radical Jesus**  
**David Chang**

Was Jesus “radical?” The word carries a lot of political baggage nowadays, as it is used to describe extremism. Lately, I’ve heard this word being used to describe Jesus and his teachings relative to the religious customs of his time. Some of these were used to criticize “traditional” Christianity, suggesting that conservative Christianity is pharisaic and contrary to the radical spirit of Jesus who challenged the religious elites of his day. So, was Jesus radical?

It is true that Jesus often challenged the Pharisees and the religious leaders (e.g. Mt. 23:1-36), as they often tested him (e.g. Mt. 16:1) and challenged his authority (e.g. Mt. 12:24, 21:23). Therefore, it’s understandable why one would read through Jesus’ ministry and describe him as “radical.” His teachings were indeed different and convicting. It often struck the audience with awe and shock, as they had never heard someone teach with such authority (Mt. 7:28-29). It set him apart from the religious leaders of his time, because he was indeed set apart; he is the Son of God after all. The danger here is that many who label Jesus as radical today also define the word as relating to a complete or thorough *social or political reformation*. What we have to understand is that Jesus did not come to *reform* what God had already given the world. That would suggest that the purpose of Jesus’ ministry was to *change* what God already established. Suggesting that is to say that God is fallible, which we know is not consistent with the mission of Jesus (Jn. 6:38).

Jesus did not teach change that *reformed religion*, as many—even some Christians—would propose today. I believe it is more accurate to say that Jesus taught a kind of change that *restored the heart*. The reason Jesus challenged the established religion of his time was not to make the *religion* different; it was to turn the *hearts* of his listeners *back to God*. He was not opposing God’s laws that were given to the forefathers; rather, he was challenging the traditions and hypocrisy of man that had accumulated around it. We know this, because Jesus himself tells us in the beginning of his sermon on the mount: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” (Mt. 5:17). A few verses down, he says that one’s righteousness has to “exceed that of the scribes and the Pharisees” (Mt. 5:20), implying that their righteousness was inadequate for the kingdom of heaven, not the Law. Jesus also cites the Scriptures as evidence for who he claims to be (Jn. 5:39). Jesus was the biggest proponent of God’s Word, even more so than his contemporaries who were supposed to be teachers of the law (Jn. 3:10).

Was Jesus radical? Yes. He taught with true authority, which by its very nature challenged the established traditions of the Pharisees and the religious leaders of the time. That, however, wasn’t because Jesus taught something different than what God already gave the people. Rather, it was the people who deviated from what God intended and built flawed traditions and customs based on their own interpretations of the Law (Mt. 15:1-9). Jesus’ ministry was built around breaking those barriers down, so that the truth could reach the people burdened by these artificial requirements (Mt. 23:2-4; cf. Mt. 11:28-30). Let us be radical like Jesus, not politically or socially, but in the matters of the spirit and heart, which promotes true change that affects the soul.

Sermon Notes

Engaging Men to Serve the Lord  
Hiram Kemp

Introduction:

1. On any given Sunday there are \_\_\_\_\_ million more adult women in American \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.  
2. What can we do to \_\_\_\_\_ men to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_?  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ serves as an \_\_\_\_\_ for making \_\_\_\_\_ and helping men to be \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s service. Notice the ways we can \_\_\_\_\_ men in the \_\_\_\_\_ way.  
I. \_\_\_\_\_ THEM (2 Timothy 2:2)  
II. GIVE \_\_\_\_\_ GUIDELINES (1 Tim. 3:14-15)  
III. \_\_\_\_\_ THEM (1 Tim. 4:6)  
IV. BE A \_\_\_\_\_ ADVISOR (1 Tim. 1:2, 2 Tim. 1:2)

Part 2: Neal Pollard

V. KNOW WHO THEY \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ THEY’VE COME FROM  
(1 Tim. 1:13-16; 2 Tim. 1:5-7)  
VI. \_\_\_\_\_ THEM (2 Tim. 1:6-14; 2:15)  
VII. \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIFICALLY AND BY NAME (2 Tim. 1:16-18)  
A. What Do We Learn About When Paul Called Names?  
B. We Should Celebrate People's Successes \_\_\_\_\_  
VIII. HELP THEM TO SEE THE \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:1; 4:3-4; 3:12; 4:5)

Conclusion:

A. What Was Paul's Purpose In 1 Timothy? In 2 Timothy?  
B. We're A \_\_\_\_\_!

PM: Can Everyone Understand The Bible Alike? (John 8:31-36)  
Neal Pollard

Remember In Prayer

Theresa Cowherd, Georgia Hudson, Pam Williams, Irvin Abney, Margo Bale, Margaret Breedlove, Ina Christy, Virginia Darmondy, Beverly Dunning, Stacy Eidson, Joyce Ennis, Laverne Furlong, Daphna Gilbert, Pat Hodges Jan Painter, Charlie & Ann Wolfe, Mary Stiles, Lee Swetmon, James Tabor, Helen Vanzant, Ed Whieldon, Edith Riley, Jeanetta Lawrence

Announcements

2023 College and High School Graduates:

If you are graduating from high school, vocational school, or college, please stop by the multipurpose room bulletin board and pick up an information slip provided, fill it out, and pin it back on the board. The annual Lehman Avenue graduate recognition will take place on April 30th.

Vision Group Leaders:

Will meet on Sunday, March 26th, at 4:00 PM for a “walk through” plan for Equipped.

Lads to Leaders Convention:

April 6-9, 2023, in Nashville, TN. If you plan to eat the meals served in the hospitality room, the cost is \$12 per person. Please give your money to Alicia Pennington by Sunday, April 2. If you would like to help those going to L2L by providing snacks and beverages. A list of items requested is on the MPR bulletin board. All items must be at the church building by Wednesday night, April 5. If you prefer to donate money, you may give your donations to Alicia Pennington.

L2L Reception:

April 16th at 4:00 PM in honor of our Lads to Leaders participants.

Cancellation:

The church-eat-church event normally scheduled for every fifth Sunday has been canceled for the month of April due to the month’s busy schedule that includes the L2L Convention and the Equipped Workshop. The next church-eat-church event will be on July 30th.

Ladies Bible Class:

Beginning April 11, a ladies Bible class will meet at the home of Kathy Pollard. This class will be held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. We will study “Strengthen Us for Such A Time As This” (Freed Hardeman’s newest Ladies devotional book).

Lehman Avenue Attendance/Offering	3/19/23	Lehman Avenue Schedule of Services
Bible School	219	Morning Bible Class.....9:30 AM
Morning Worship	301	Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
Evening Worship	184	Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	178	Wednesday.....7:00 PM
Offering Today	\$17,469	BUDGET.....\$14,264