

HOMESPUN

A number of years ago while pastoring here at DFC I was told that I was “too blue collar” to pastor this church. At first I was a bit offended. I was sure that I had acquired at least a BIT of sophistication across the years. I wasn’t exactly sure what the statement meant. Then I remembered that my mom and dad were blue collar folks so it wasn’t too hard to realize that the apple hadn’t fallen far from the tree (in my friends opinion) and



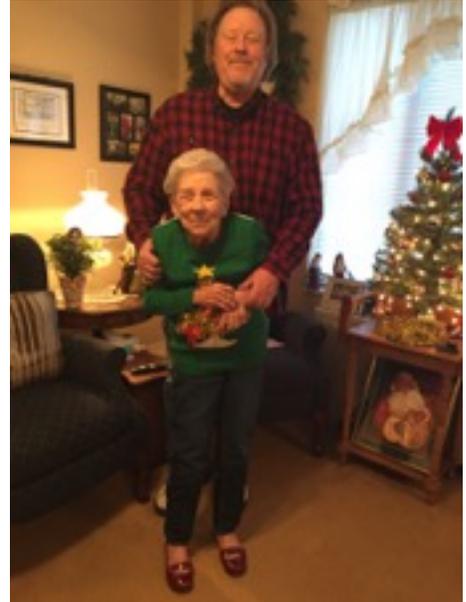
that, indeed, I am pretty “blue collar.” However, I think that there might be a better word to describe who I am. I think “Homespun” works pretty well. When I looked up the definition I realized that my friend was right. Homespun is defined as “Folksy, having plain or unsophisticated character, cracker-barrel philosophy.” Yep, that’s me. Homespun.

You hear it in my preaching and you know it for a fact when we visit. I’m more “down home” than “downtown.”

You’ll hear it again this Sunday. Some corny humor and yet a sincere effort to find truth from God’s Word and share it in a “folksy” way perhaps. You see, this Sunday is Mother’s Day. Mine will be 88 on June 20th. She now lives in a skilled nursing facility and how I wish she could be with me on Sunday. You might be doing a bit of math now and you’re thinking, “if she’s just 87 right now....and pastor Tim is 70....let’s see. Well....she was just 17 when she gave birth to

the big guy.” And you’d be right. Today she’s 4’9” tall and though needing a walker to get around she’s still a dynamo and I will honor her, not just on Sunday but every day that I’m allowed to call her my mom.

“Folksy.” “Homespun.” And LOVING the opportunity that you’ve given Jane and me to serve as your Interim Pastor. I find that when I’m driving the 75 miles from my home to the church (especially on Sundays) I’m running on high octane adrenaline. I can hardly wait to get there. That will be true this coming Sunday as well as the next.



On Sunday, May 20th, we will be emphasizing FAITH PROMISE. We will be giving each of you the opportunity to share in the efforts of DFC to care for people “across the street and across the sea.” Our goal that day will be to raise \$150,000 in pledges to be paid across the next 12 months. What will the money be used for? I’m glad you asked.

We will be using \$99,000 to help share the gospel of Jesus Christ in 162 different world areas as well as lend support to over 800 missionaries. To do that, we join forces with 5,000 other Nazarene congregations in the States and others in many countries who also participate. The money will be used to distribute “The Jesus Film” as well as participate in Work and Witness efforts around the world. Because of your participation churches will be built as well as health clinics and schools. Yes, you did that.

The remaining \$51,000 in our goal will be used for local missions. Things like working with the Navajo nation for both Work and witness/Vacation Bible school and 5280 which is our mission to the city of Denver.

We will work together on this goal and with God's help we will reach it and people will be blessed and lives changed.

One last thought for today. If you USED to attend DFC but haven't for a while I would absolutely love to have the opportunity to greet you some Sunday morning. DFC is still a vibrant community of believers and has great potential for ministry into this exciting and dangerous century. Would you at least stop in for a Sunday and worship with us and say hello? I'd absolutely love to see you. I'd even let you take me to lunch. (that's homespun, right there).

Anticipating,

Pastor Tim, Interim Pastor

P.S. My friend Earl Pike says "Hi"

