

¡Saludos en el nombre de Jesucristo!

My friends, I feel joyous to be back in the Land of Enchantment after my vacation. My wonderful vacation took me across the pond to London with Dominic. We made some great memories together eating fish and chips, seeing the sights, and breathing in all the history of this magical city, but it is good to be back home. But while it is good to be back with you, today I must unfortunately address a couple of unpleasant things.

First, as you are probably aware by now, while I was away on vacation, the person who hacked into our church directory became active again. This person persists in texting and emailing people in our church, pretending to be me and asking for money for some charitable cause. I don't mean to sound like a broken record, but I wish to remind you again that **I will never text or email anyone in this church asking for money or anything of monetary value for any reason**. Also, please do not share the password to the church directory with any over email or text message. If you receive a suspicious text or email from someone, please report it and do not respond to their request. I don't want anyone in this church to be swindled out of their hard-earned money.

The second thing I must address today concerns troubling posts on the NextDoor website. These posts have contained misinformation about our actions at LPPC regarding Kids Day Out and a possible future daycare program. If you have read these posts, then hopefully you have also read my effort to respond to this misinformation. I believe that all of us at LPPC want a flourishing daycare program at this church filled with happy children, and to have this daycare program, it must in compliance with state regulations. Unfortunately, some people have misunderstood our intentions. If any of you have heard rumors to the effect that we have acted in bad faith at LPPC regarding any daycare program, then you are welcome to bring those rumors to my attention. In the meantime, let us all pray that we will resolve our misunderstandings with each other by talking *to* each other instead of *about* each other.

For our worship this Sunday, our scripture readings will be First Kings 3: 5-12 and Matthew 13:44. My sermon is titled "What is the Gospel Worth?". I look forward to being with you at 9:30am either in the sanctuary or over Zoom.

Blessings,

Pastor Rich