PASTOR'S POINTS

Palm Sunday United Service:
Join us this Sunday for our Palm Sunday Worship Experience: “It was Finished on the Cross.” Mel and his team of accompanists, band, sound team, and choir, have been working hard for weeks preparing for this presentation. There is much for us to celebrate in life because, “It was Finished on the Cross.” Our sin was paid for, once and for all, by Jesus’ death on the cross. Because Jesus paid the debt He did not owe and the debt we could not pay, you and I can have eternal life. Join us this Sunday at 10:30 AM for the worship service. Sunday School begins at 9:15 AM.

Knocking on Doors in the Shadow of Our Church:
This past Sunday afternoon, seven church members gathered Sunday afternoon for a time of evangelism. We spent a few moments preparing for our visits and in prayer before dividing into three teams. Each team headed down their assigned street near the church and began knocking on doors. In total, we probably knocked on doors of thirty to forty homes. We encountered many great folks. Some did not want anything to do with us. One was a professing atheist. Others were already our church members or attended other churches. Still others were believers but did not attend any church. We explained to those neighbors “Sundays are way better with friends,” and then invited them to join us at FBC MW. It was a good afternoon of visits, but what made it fantastic was two people we visited heard the gospel and asked Jesus to be Lord of their lives. We have some more visits to make and more to lead to Christ. Who will go with me next time?

One Service Transition:
It is official, we will be moving to one service on April 28th. This means that on April 28th, Sunday Morning Bible Study (Sunday School) will begin at 9:00 AM. Donuts, juice, and coffee, by the way, will be served in the Welcome Center from 8:45 AM to 9:15 AM. Our one worship service will begin at 10:15 AM on April 28th. Please help us get the word out about these new times. We will be publicizing these new times in several areas soon. Please understand, this will take some getting used to, but I believe before long, we will feel right at home with our new times. Also, as we come together for worship, we will need to make some adjustments with greeters, ushers, etc. Putting two services together with several groups of volunteers will require a little give and take, but with some time, it will also all work itself out. This Sunday night, we will be having our monthly Ministry Team and Committee Chair meeting at 4 PM. At this meeting, we will talk through some of these transition details. If you lead a team or committee, please make every effort to be at this team meeting.

Serving Him Together,
Pastor Nathan
I came across these five elements while I was studying for one of my classes and thought it was worth sharing and reminding us of how we bless those around us.

Appropriate Meaningful Touch: Appropriate touch conveys in powerful, non-verbal ways, our love and affirmation preparing the way for our words.

Spoken Message: Biblically, a child wasn't left to “fill in the blanks” whether they were valuable to a parent or grandparent. Words were verbalized, including written words today, that can place unconditional love and acceptance into the heart of a child or loved one.

Attaching High Value: The word, “Blessing” itself carried the idea that the person you're blessing is of incredible worth and value – even as an imperfect person. In short, you're helping a child “get the picture” that you see things in their life today, that makes them special to you.

Special Future: The light going on in their heart and mind that the way God has made them, they can do more than they ever dreamed of living out a God-honoring future.

Genuine Commitment: “Blessing” a child doesn’t mean we never discipline them or point out areas of growth. Genuine commitment is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person that says as long as I have breath, I'll be there to seek to build these 5 elements of the blessings into your life.

~ Caleb Crouch

Please invite your family and friends to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for “It Was Finished On the Cross”. Written by Regi Stone and Kristie Braselton, this powerful anthem is the song that inspired the theme behind this Sunday’s worship service. This song reminds us that all God gave to us in Jesus was accomplished on the cross. Thanks be to God for His unspoken gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15) Your heart will be blessed as our Sanctuary Choir, Praise Team and musicians lead us in worship, and our children sing with us on two songs. Hope to see you this Sunday!

Blessings,
Mel