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“so we do not drift away”

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Valentine’s Day is right around the corner. The day where we’re supposed to share our feelings of love for each other. Ever feel like that day is kind of fake? Sure we tell lots of people we love them and that we care for them, but do we really? The more you think about that question the more it makes me think people wonder that about God. Does He really love me? Does He really feel for me? Let me share with you part of an email I sent to my University class discussing our lesson in this very idea.

I thought I’d share with you a little tidbit from the teacher’s book. The first point in this week’s lesson is about Jesus having compassion for people. In your book it says that “Jesus felt for people.” That’s great, and we’re tempted to blow by that. But in scripture the phrase is “Moved with compassion”, and here’s what Charles Spurgeon tells us about that phrase: *“Moved with compassion is said of Christ Jesus several times in the New Testament. The original word is a very remarkable one. It is not found in classic Greek. It is not found in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament available in Jesus’ day). The fact is, it was a word coined by the evangelists themselves. They did not find one in the whole Greek language that suited their purpose, and therefore they had to make one. It is expressive of the deepest emotion; a striving of the bowels—a yearning of the innermost nature with pity...I suppose that when our Savior looked upon certain sights, those who watched him closely perceived that his internal agitation was very great, his emotions were very deep, and then his face betrayed it, his eyes gushed like fountains with tears, and you saw that his big heart was ready to burst with pity for the sorrow upon which his eyes were gazing. He was moved with compassion. His whole nature was agitated with commiseration for the sufferers before him.”* Jesus felt for people. Not like you and I feel for people, He really loved people.

How huge is that? When I think about feeling for people and I examine how I feel for people, it often is not that deep. Even for people that I care about I am often only caring so long as it doesn’t cost me anything. I feel bad for people, but that’s it. But Jesus? He doesn’t feel bad for us, he grieves for us. His heart is torn when we are hurt. He doesn’t just feel for us, he is literally moved from the inside out. And you don’t have to take my word for it, he proved it. He didn’t just love and hurt for us in our sinful condition, he was so moved he went to the cross and took our place. Keith Whitfield puts it this way, *“When Jesus considered His people—the weary and scattered “sheep without a shepherd”—He was moved with compassion to lead them as God’s anointed King.”* And He led us to the cross where His blood covered us and made us no longer lost sheep wandering aimlessly, it made us sons and daughters of the King of the Universe. Jesus felt for us, Jesus died for us, Jesus rose three days later to lead us as our King. Jesus feels for you. Don’t blow by that...stop and let it sink in. Jesus feels for you...

I can’t get someone to be your Valentine, or even to get people to feel for you. But this I can promise you, Jesus feels for you, Jesus loves you and really that’s all that matters. The cross was the biggest sign of love you could ever have received and it changes everything. Jesus loves you, and you are His. What more could you possibly hope for?

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:
 SS 9:45
 Worship 11:00
 FBCU 6:00
 Youth 6:00
 Praise Service 6:30
 Choir 5:30

Wednesday:
 Awana 6:00

Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry

Memory Verse

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”
 Col. 3:12

Kevin

“ANNIE’S ATTIC”

WHAT: Women On Mission Ladies Rummage Sale
WHY: To raise money for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
WHEN: Sat. March 29TH / 8:00 am to 12:00 noon
WHERE: FBCKC Fellowship Hall
WHO: All Ladies Welcome
WHAT WE WANT: Gently used & clean—women’s clothes, shoes and accessories (jewelry, bags, hats, scarves, etc...)



WHAT WE DO NOT WANT: Undergarments, Anything stained or torn, or random trash bags of the unknown! (Please help us out by knowing that what you’re donating is appropriate!)

***DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH WED. MARCH 26TH & SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!**

THANK YOU & HAPPY RUMMAGING!



This month’s donation is Canned Spaghetti Sauce. The special offering is on January 26th. Feel free to bring your donations to the church office anytime during the month if you prefer.

There’s no question that college is a big and important step in the life of anyone and is one of life’s most defining moments. It’s full of new discoveries, eye-opening experiences, and personal challenges. And students don’t want to stumble into college blindly, without clear direction or know-how. That’s why I am so excited for our annual ministry opportunity called *College Ready—Living Past the Moment!*

This program helps high school seniors map out and understand the college experience and allows students to draft a plan and personal vision to help make the most of those all-important college years. Most high school seniors and college freshman are so busy living in the moment, but this high-impact program empowers the high school senior with a clear direction for starting college right and finishing well. It offers sound biblical wisdom, eye-opening insight, and practical advise for what’s ahead— and thriving and winning there— *and living past the moment.*

Statistics show that nationwide 30% of college freshman drop out their first year, and that figure is even higher in Texas. But our high school seniors can be successful in their college careers. It all starts with vision. That is the goal of *College Ready*, to develop a vision for college. Proverbs 29:18 states, “*where there is no vision, the people perish.*” And it’s the same in the lives of our students, where there is no vision, college life gets out of control. Vision also helps students to recognize opportunity and make the most of it. This is best emphasized in Ephesians 5:15-16, “*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*” Vision keeps students focused and disciplined to “win big” in college. “*Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way that you may win*” 1 Corinthians 9:24. And this is where *College Ready* further focuses, looking at the five “Big Win” areas of college: empowering friendships, excelling academically, dating right, having fun, and growing spiritually.

College Ready is open to any high school senior in Karnes County. The one-day seminar will meet on February 15, 2014 at 8:00 AM at the First Baptist Church in Karnes City and should conclude at about 1:00 PM. The cost for each student for the entire program is \$5.00. We also know that college is a financial challenge, as well as a personal challenge, and so we are offering each high school senior who attends the opportunity to compete for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship. The winner will be determined from the judging of a 1,000 word essay that each student will write about what they learned during the program. There also will be prize drawings during the seminar with the prizes being CD’s, books, t-shirts, movie tickets, and more.

You have the opportunity to join me in this great ministry opportunity by praying for each of the Karnes County high school seniors that take part in this program. If you would like to have a more active part in this ministry, please contact me. College should be one of the best experiences of these students’ lives, a launch pad to the future, but they have to be *College Ready—Living Past the Moment!*

~Will Johnson

Sound Bytes

Each of us has a battle raging within us over what we love most—God or something else. Whenever we love and serve anything in place of God, we’re engaging in idolatry. We love our idols because we think they’ll provide the joy that comes from God alone. We think having them will truly satisfy us. We think they’re worthy of our worship.—Bob Kauflin,

“Worship Matters”

Have you ever considered what worship actually is? Webster’s defines it as “the act of showing respect and love for a god”, and we would change it to say love for big-G God, not little-g. The more interesting definition I saw and the one that I think applies more to our daily lives is the one a few other meanings down which say: “[the] extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem”. I love how this definition says “*extravagant*”, but am also saddened and convicted when it says “*object*”.

It reminds me of this verse in Job—“those who upset God seem to live safe and secure; **they carry their gods around in their hands.** When I read this initially the picture in my head was of a small idol that would fit in someone’s hand. The more I considered it though; I began to realize how much we carry our gods around in our hands today. We’re so connected to our phones, tablets, and other electronics that they can very easily become gods that we treat with extravagant admiration. Think of a time when you’ve dropped your phone, or of someone stealing your tablet. These scenarios reveal our hearts of worship more than we would care they did.

So, how do we change to where our hearts desire only God? If I had a complete answer to that question, I would probably not still be on this side of heaven! There are some things we can do daily to focus us in to where our hearts should reside. Pray, read and study the Word, confess and repent with fellow believers, get involved with a ministry. These are all things that we know are good and right and will force our flesh nature to get in line with God’s designs since we belong to Him.

Finally, when it comes time to worship in a corporate setting, sing in an extravagant way. Raise your hands, lift your voice, and let the God of your salvation hear your voice!

~Nathan Jones

Stewardship

	Budgeted	Received
Month:	19,368.42	20,941.73
Year:	19,368.42	20,941.73

Announcements

- The Music Worship Night has been rescheduled for Friday, February 28th. More details to come as the date approaches.
- Women on Mission is collection Seed packets through the month of February for the Rio Grande River Ministry.
- Contribution reports have been mailed out. If you did not receive one and would like yours, please contact the church office.