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The Pastor's Pen



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Dr Luke writes in Acts 4:13, “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized they had been with Jesus.” (ESV). What a great Bible verse we need to remember when it comes to doing Kingdom work.

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written: “The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor.”
Luke 4: 17-19
(Isaiah 61: 1-2)

Now let me make it clear. God certainly does not have anything against those with education and uncommon talents, ability, or pedigree. After all, Paul was certainly educated and without question was an uncommon man and God used him. God can certainly use whomever He chooses.

However, when it comes to doing Kingdom work, the truth is God uses a different measuring stick than the world. When I mean Kingdom work, I don’t just mean the work limited to ordained clergy and those serving in para-church organizations. This is not the Biblical perspective. After all, look at Acts 4:13. Peter and John along with James and Andrew were just simple fishermen; and yet, these men were part of Christ’s inner circle. They were simple men and uneducated men, yet Jesus choose them. Why?

Volumes have been written about this subject from Ph.D dissertations to church newsletter articles. I hope this article will not be redundant, but rather will be a reminder that God’s ways are not always our ways. When we apply the world’s standards to Kingdom work without first looking at that work through the mind of Christ and a Kingdom perspective,

then we are bound to flounder, to fail, and to become frustrated. The end result is we become the burned out and bummed out hands and feet of Christ. Why? Because we did not have the mind of Christ and eyes to see from a Kingdom perspective.

So, what does a Kingdom perspective look like? Why did God choose Peter and John as first round draft choices for Kingdom work and Paul had to wait until the second round to be drafted for Kingdom service? Well, it has to do with availability verses ability. Paul certainly had all the ability, but what he lacked was availability.

Acts 4:13 tells us that the religious leaders recognized Peter and John had been with Jesus. These men left their finishing nets and their families, and followed Christ. They made themselves available to the Divine Potter, Jesus Christ, and He molded, shaped, and equipped them with all the abilities to do His Kingdom work.

Paul had all the ability and talent, but lacked availability until his meeting engagement with Jesus on the Damascus Road. Galatians 1:17 tells us after Paul’s Damascus Road experience he went into the Arabian Desert to be with Jesus. Here is the point. When we meet Jesus Christ and acknowledge Him as Savior and Lord, our availability for Kingdom work will change.

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Deep Creek Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Ministry-focused community of faith committed to serving the LORD Jesus Christ.

Availability is more than just carving out a niche of time from our busy schedules for the Kingdom work of ministry. No, availability is really an issue of relationship and priorities. Sometimes God will use brokenness and contrition to bring us to Himself and to the place of availability for Kingdom work. A proud heart sure and secure in its own abilities without the right understanding of availability leads to selfish motives and puffed up service. In Kingdom work, humility always comes before honor.

Here is an application for us all. As we grow and go as a church family, it is important we not become enamored with this notion of ability over availability as we look to do Kingdom work. We have plenty of folk with ability to do many things, but we need to look deeper to those who are first and foremost

available to do the Kingdom work God has called us to as a community of faith. Those that make themselves available to be with Jesus will find that ability is no problem.

What about YOU? Are you resting in your own abilities to do Kingdom work? If so, check your motives and seek Christ's guidance? Are you available to do Kingdom work, but afraid to step up because you fear you don't have the ability? Look up, step out, and follow Jesus. He will give you ALL the ability you need to do His work, His way, all for His glory!

Selah!

In His Grip,
Rick Page

Prayer Requests *The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.* James 5:16



Nursing Home/Rehab

- Audrey Chewning
- June Blunk
- Dwight Leftwich
- Nell McKnight
- Beulah Stanley
- Lois Sencial
- Betty Shore
- Tobie Styers
- Mary Waller

Military and Families

At Home

- Brooks Blalock - Trish Todd's nephew
- Francis Fulk
- Melva Gough
- Jim Lundy
- Dixie Moncus - Nadine Moncus's daughter-in-law
- Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar's niece
- Pat Shurpe-Katrina Renegar's mother
- Whitney Todd-Bobby Todd's niece
- Sandra Vestal - Marcia D sister
- Zander Whittaker - Cheyenne's son
- Plumer Wooten-Sue Brandon's mother

Annie Maude Stimpson has a new address.

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She would love to hear from you!

*New
to the Creek*

Be sure to welcome our New Members!

Ryan Boles Becky Hobson

Birthdays in June

1 June Blunk	16 Kristy White
3 Jeannie Faircloth	23 Karen Disher
3 Lucille Shore	24 Ryan Disher, Jr.
6 Barbara Todd	24 Jimmy Merrell
8 Fran Kiger	24 Jody Smith

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

NURSERY WORKERS

- June 2 Bobby & Rosie Lynch
- June 9 Barry & Debbie Orrell
- June 16 Bill & Lisa Nance
- June 23 Kent Brandon & Bobby Todd
- June 30 Kristy White & Kelly Keaton
- July 7 Mickey Williams & Janet Epley
- July 14 Jimmy & Tami Merrell
- July 21 Bud & Fran Kiger
- July 28 Judy & Hailey Brown



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

CHILDREN'S SERMON/CHURCH

- June 2 Collins Sisters
- June 9 Rick Page
- June 16 Charles & Ann Holden
- June 23 Tammy Smith
- June 30 Sherry Leftwich
- July 7 Collins Sisters
- July 14 Sherry Leftwich
- July 21 Charles & Ann Holden
- July 28 Tommy Smith

June Events



Please be in prayer as we come together to minister to our community.

Sunday, June 9

Covered Dish Lunch following worship
We are expecting about 30 guests who are impact participants. Please plan to stay and visit with our guests. Be sure to prepare enough food for your family and our guests.

Monday - Friday, June 10-14

Party in the Park - 9 am until noon each day
There is a need for volunteers to demonstrate God's love help establish structure for the children who will attend this event. If you can help one or all five days, please see Trish.

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- CHURCH COUNCIL** meets Sunday, June 9, at 8:45 am
 - HIM** meets every Monday and Thursday at 7:00 pm
 - LONG RANGE PLANNING** meeting Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30 pm
 - TEAMKID** at Courtney Elementary each Wednesday at 5:30 pm
 - DEACONS' MEETING** on Sunday, June 16, at 8:45 am
 - YOUTH AT LOOK UP LODGE** June 23-28
 - JOY GROUP** meets on Thursday, June 27
 - SPECIAL MUSIC PRESENTATION** on Sunday, June 30, at 10:55 am

Summer Camp Fun

Remember to pray for our students and their counselors as they go to Camp.

- Youth** are at Camp June 23-28
- Middle Schoolers** are at Camp July 5-8
- Children** will be at Camp July 26-29



All our groups will attend *Look Up Lodge*. Pray that each one will experience spiritual growth and group unity during their time at camp.

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain
The majesty of a tree
The warmth of a summer sun
The calm of a quiet sea
The generous soul of nature
The comforting arm of night
The wisdom of the ages
The power of the eagle's flight
The joy of a morning in spring
The faith of a mustard seed
The patience of eternity
The depth of a family need
Then God combined these qualities
When there was nothing more to add
He knew His masterpiece was complete
And so, He called it...Dad

*Happy
Father's
Day*



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Ushers for June

Jun 2	Clyde Hoots	Wayne Renegar
	Harrell Todd	Alan Ray
Jun 9	Edsel Allgood	Ronnie Eads
	Billie Vestal	Bobby Todd
Jun 16	Lee Cook	Rosie Lynch
	Ronald Shore	Charles Holden
Jun 23	Clyde Hoots	Kent Brandon
	Woodie Gough	Bud Kiger
Jun 30	Youth	

June Deacon of the Month is Bobby Lynch (462-5450).

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	
Sunday School	10:00 am
Worship	10:55 am
WEDNESDAY	
Children's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Adult/Youth Bible Study	7:00 pm
Adult Choir	7:20 pm

Newsletter Information

Get it Published!

If you have an Event or News that the church needs to know, please get it to the church office no later than Thursday, June 24.

You can email info to:
 secretary@mydeepcreek.com or slide it under the door to the Pastor's Study.



Thank-you for your help!

ADVERSITY

When difficulties arise, how can you be sure you're responding in a way that would please the Lord? Here is an acrostic, based on the word ADVERSITY, that suggests the steps we should take:

- A**-ccept the events of your life as part of how God equips you.
- D**-ecide to follow Jesus' ways of responding to trials
- V**-eer neither to the right nor to the left from the path of obedience.
- E**-xpect the Holy Spirit to help you grow through your difficulties.
- R**-emember how the Lord has helped you in the past.
- S**-et you face like flint (Isa 50:7) to endure the trial without wavering.
- I**-nvest additional time in your relationship with God.
- T**-rust the Lord, especially when you do not understand.
- Y**-earn to be made ready for the return of our Savior.

Adversity will either harden or soften us. Some people become hardhearted and resist God in times of adversity, but those who know how to respond are softened by troubles and broken. But when it is of the Lord, brokenness is a positive thing that prepares, equips, energizes, and empowers us as children of the King. We will come to know the fellowship of Jesus' sufferings and proclaim with Paul, "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." (2 Cor. 4:17)

When we encounter trials, let's make it a goal to "consider it all joy" (James 1:2-4), since such testing of our faith produces endurance and perfects us.

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