

# The Scroll

## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in the name of CHRIST!

As I write this article, Teresa and I are in the midst of completing a Lifeway Bible Study entitled "Simple Life Action Plan" by Thom and Art Rainer. The premise of the study deals with how to return to a simple life by balancing time, relationships, money, and our relationship with God amid all the whirlwinds of life's demands and the busyness of our culture. If your life is harried, off kilter, or you find yourself always falling short of money or time while your relationship with God and family is becoming less and less of a priority, then I highly recommend this study to you.

Let's face it, life can be a rat-race. The pressure of work, finances, family, church, hobbies, civic responsibilities, and relationships all vie for our time, energy, and resources. All this is compounded by easy access to information and a constant barrage of more products, more research, and more ideas. All this can make life complicated and harried. It sometimes feels like the rats are winning! Have you been there? Are you there now?

Here is some good news. God is just waiting for us to ask for His help, but we have to be willing to do our part. That part according to the Rainers involves: clarity, movement, alignment, and focus. Remember, God did not mean for us to live a life of confusion, chaos, or busyness. He is the author of order and His desire is for us to live an orderly and productive life. Satan is the author of confusion, chaos, and busyness. Take a moment and reflect upon this.

Neither time nor space allows me to cover each of the topics the Rainers discuss. So, I would like to simply share the four principals they use to help us learn to how balance time, relationships, money, and our relationship with God. You will find each of these principles amazingly simple, but not

so easy to live out in life. They involve change, effort, hard choices, and above all intentionality.

First, is clarity. Clarity means having a plan, a roadmap, a blueprint for implementing a simple life. Like the Rainers, I am amazed at the number of church folk that simply drift along in life without a mission or purpose for their time, relationships, money, or their relationship with God. Without a defined mission statement or purpose for these key areas in life, we are easily distracted by the busyness of life. Here are some of the key questions the Rainer's ask:

-How do you plan to spend time on the things that really matter in life?

-What is your plan for developing healthier relationships?

-How do you plan to get your finances in order?

-What is your plan for getting closer to God?

Notice the recurrence of the word plan. Living the simple life requires intentionality, and that means a plan. Like one of my old Army bosses would say, "fail to plan and you plan to fail."

With a plan in hand, the next step is movement. Movement means implementing our plan. In order to implement our plan, we need to be intentional. This means we deliberately act by taking the necessary steps required by our plan. Now, we need to understand we cannot take one giant leap and make our plan happen, we need to move incrementally. Rome wasn't built in a day. Strategic and tactical patience are required so that we don't become burned out and give up on our plan for the simple life. This means taking incremental steps towards fulfilling our plan.

The third step is alignment. Alignment requires we take a hard look at ourselves and the way we live. It means to

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)

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## FROM THE EDITOR

“Be still and know that I AM God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”  
(Psalm 46:10)

In case you have not noticed, I am an introvert. If you wonder why when I enter the sanctuary on Sunday mornings that I mainly ignore or just wave to you, let me explain. Adam McHugh in his book *Introverts in the Church: Finding Our Place in an Extroverted Culture* states “The point is that when introverts enter into worship, we are apt to come trembling before a God whose mysterious otherness often reduces us to silent awe. For us, quiet is often the context for heartfelt worship. For centuries a ‘sanctuary’ was not only a holy place for worship but also a safe harbor for refugees.

When introverts go to church, we crave sanctuary in every sense of the word, as we flee the disorienting distractions of twenty-first-century life. We desire to escape from superficial relationships, trivial communications and the constant noise that pervade our world, and find rest in probing the depths of God’s love. We want to hear God’s voice, which comes to us more often in whispers than in triumphant shouts.” (86-87% on Kindle) When I come into the sanctuary, I am truly entering a holy place, a sanctuary, to worship a holy, sacred, and extravagantly loving LORD.

“In repentance and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your  
strength” (Isaiah 30:15)

**The Sovereign  
LORD is my  
strength;  
He makes  
my feet  
like the feet of a deer,  
He enables me  
to ascend  
to the heights.**

**Habakkuk  
3:19**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

## At Home

Ivey Epley-Ken Epley’s father  
Ed Hoots-Sherry Leftwich’s brother  
Dwight Leftwich-Sherry Leftwich’s husband  
Dixie Moncus-Nadine Moncus’s  
daughter-in-law  
Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar’s niece  
Tommy Shore-John & Geraldine Shore’s  
son  
Pat Shupe-Katrina Renegar’s mother  
Whitney Todd-Bobby Todd’s niece  
Andy Willard-Ron and Lucille Shore’s  
nephew  
Plumer Wooten-Sue Brandon’s mother

## Nursing Home/Rehab

June Blunk	Betty Shore
Audrey Chewning	Beulah Stanley
Francis Fulk	Tobie Styers
Nell McKnight	Polly Todd
Lois Sencial	Mary Waller

## Other

Impact Yadkin 2013  
Upward Basketball Program

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## BIRTHDAYS

Sept 5 Polly Todd	Sept 21 Clyde Hoots
Sept 8 Benjamin Orrell	Ray Hoots
Sept 11 Trish Todd	Sept 23 JD Hutchens
Sept 12 Jack Blunk	Sept 28 Ebony Williams
Sept 14 Jerry Eller	Sept 29 Kolby Epley
Sept 15 Kelly Phillips	
Betty Spillman	
Sept 16 Sandy Long	
Sept 20 Debbie Hoots	

**For You created my  
inmost being;  
You knit me together  
in my mother’s womb.  
I praise You  
because I am  
fearfully and wonderfully  
made;  
Your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.**

**Psalms 139: 13-14**

**C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R I E S**

Nursery Workers

Children's Sermon/Church

**Jesus said,  
"Let the little children  
come to me, and do not  
hinder them, for the  
kingdom of heaven be-  
longs to such as these."**

**Matthew 19:14**

Sept 2 Bobby Todd and Kristy White  
Sept 9 Lisa Williams and Kelly Keation  
Sept 16 Alan and Ann Ray  
Sept 23 Jimmy and Tami Merrell  
Sept 30 Bud and Fran Kiger  
Oct 7 Judy and Hailey Brown  
Oct 14 Tammy Smith and Cindy Austin  
Oct 21 Debbie Hoots and Danita Disher  
Oct 28 Freddie and Rhonda Robinson

Sept 2 Collins Sisters  
Sept 9 Sherry Leftwich  
Sept 16 Charles and Ann Holen  
Sept 23 Tammy Smith  
Sept 30 Rick Page  
Oct 7 Collins Sisters  
Oct 14 Sherry Leftwich  
Oct 21 Charles and Ann Holden  
Oct 28 Tammy Smith

**Wednesday Night Meals**

Sept 5 Cookout by the Youth  
Sept 12 BBQ, slaw, baked beans, dessert  
Sept 19 Pinto beans and meatloaf,  
cornbread, dessert  
Sept 26 Spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert  
from Taste of Italy

You may donate funds to help defray the costs for our family meals; please note "meal fund" on your check or envelope before placing it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

**Youth News**

The youth will be preparing and serving the Wednesday evening meal on Sept 5, 2012. The meal will be free, but we will be accepting donations; the proceeds will be used for Youth Missions in 2013. Please make plans to attend this special night.

Impact Yadkin is underway. Please be in prayer for this mission and our church's roll in this huge undertaking. An information meeting will be held on Sunday September 2 following the worship service. All aspects of Impact Yadkin 2013 will be discussed at this time. If you are unable to attend and want to participate, please see Jody Smith for ways you can get involved.

***JOY Group***

*The JOY Group will be taking a tour of the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte on Tuesday Sept 11. The church van will leave the parking lot at 8:50am and return by 5:30pm. Lunch will be at a restaurant in the area. Please call Mae Burcham if you plan to attend.*

**Backpack Ministry**

The Deacons will pack backpacks in September and October. Workers are needed to pack the backpacks.

**He took a little child  
and had him stand among them.  
Taking him in His arms,  
He said to them,  
"Whoever welcomes one  
of these little children  
in My name welcomes Me;  
and whoever welcomes Me  
does not welcome Me  
but the One who sent Me.  
Mark 9:36-37**

**Ushers**

Sept 2 Clyde Hoots, Bud Kiger,  
Wayne Renegar, Harrell Todd  
Sept 9 Edsel Allgood, Barry Holbrook,  
Ann Holden, Rosie Lynch  
Sept 16 Lee Cook, Janet Epley,  
Robin Gough, Bobby Todd  
Sept 23 Kent Brandon, Clyde Hoots,  
JD Hutches, Randy Watson  
Sept 30 Youth

Ebony Williams and Janet Epley will be participating in the Walk4Hearing on Oct 13, 2012 at Tanglewood Park. This walk is to raise money for individuals and their families who have hearing loss. The money is used to help with funding for hearing aids and devices for people who cannot afford them, for seminars for family members, for assistive technology, college tuition, and for veterans with hearing loss. If you can help by making a pledge in any amount please see Ebony and/or Janet.

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**Newsletter submission**

If you have information that you would like to have in the church newsletter, please email it to Teresa Page at [teresa.w.page@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.w.page@gmail.com) or send it by snail mail to 309 Pine Valley Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055. The deadline for submission will be the 20th of the month prior to publication. Thank-you for your help!

**U P C O M I N G E V E N T S**

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| Sept 1     | \$100 deposit due for Youth participating in Impact Yadkin 2013<br>Team Kids 4-6 pm                | Sept 18    | AED training 7 pm   |
| Sept 2     | Information meeting directly after church for participants in Impact Yadkin 2013                   | Sept 20    | HIM class 7 pm  |
| Sept 4     | HIM class 7pm (day change)   | Sept 22    | Team Kids 4-6 pm  |
| Sept 6     | HIM class 7 pm   | Sept 23    | Homecoming and Covered Dish Lunch   |
| Sept 8     | Team Kids 4-6 pm<br>Back-to-school Block Party 6pm   | Sept 23-26 | Revival   |
| Sept 9     | Committee sign-ups and lunch   | Sept 27    | HIM class 7pm   |
| Sept 10    | HIM class 7 pm   | Sept 28-29 | Deacon's training at Look Up Lodge  |
| Sept 11    | JOY Group will visit the Billy Graham Library  | Sept 29    | Team Kids 4-6 pm  |
| Sept 13    | HIM class 7 om   | Sept 30    | Business meeting<br>Combined worship service/Impact Yadkin rally at 6 pm<br>at Union Grove Baptist Church |
| Sept 14-15 | Youth Yard Sale  | Oct 1      | Deposit due for anyone attending Look Up Lodge  |
| Sept 15    | Team Kids 4-6 pm   | Oct 7      | Church at Stone Mountain State Park   |
| Sept 16    | Deacon's meeting 8am<br>Baptist Women 6pm Please bring an inexpensive gift-wrapped household item. | Oct 9      | Children's committee meeting 7pm  |
| Sept 17    | HIM class 7 pm   | Oct 14     | Sunday school training 8:45 am  |
|            |  | Oct 21     | Deacon's meeting 8am<br>Baptist women 6pm   |
|            |  | Oct 27     | Harvest Festival  |
|            |  | Oct 28     | Church council 8:45 am  |

## Simple

align our daily habits and activities with our plan. The Rainers drive this point home, "You can't reach your goals if your daily habits and activities don't line up with your stated objectives." Alignment will cause us some pain because it means we will be forced to make some hard decisions and those decisions lead us to the fourth and final step.

That final step is focus and is perhaps the hardest step of all four. It is one thing to identify those habits and activities that take us away from the simple life, and quite another to stop doing them. Focus means we have to eliminate those things that are not in alignment with our plan. This may mean giving up some good stuff in our lives to concentrate on what is best for our lives. If our plan is to live debt free, it might mean cutting up our credit cards or giving ourselves a monthly allowance so that we live within our budget. If our plan is to spend more time with God, it might mean we have to spend less time on a hobby, playing sports, or socializing with friends. I think you get the picture here.

The simple life means living the life of Christ and is a balanced life with God at the center of our life. Let me tie all this together. One of the Spiritual disciplines found in God's Word is simplicity. Jesus exemplified simplicity. Christ never rushed anywhere; Christ was never in debt up to His eyelids; Christ never was a workaholic; Christ always had time for others; and Christ always spent time with God the Father. If we are to be Christ-like and if we claim to be Christ's disciples we can do nothing more or nothing less. Selah, mediate upon these things!

In "the Grip of GOD's GRACE,"  
Rick Page

## Revival Speaker

The speaker for our revival in September is Austin Reason. He is a dynamic young man who is currently serving as Associate Pastor for Youth and Children at Hillmon Baptist Church in Cameron, NC. I met Austin several years ago and have been following his ministry closely ever since. God is at work in this young pastor's life and is doing some amazing things in and through him to make a real difference in the lives of children and youth.

Austin Reason has been married to his high school sweetheart, Keelie, since June 7, 2003. They have three sons: Corbin, Tripp, and Braden. Originally from Virginia, they currently live in Johnsonville, NC, near Ft. Bragg, where he serves as Associate Pastor to Children and Youth at Hillmon Grove Baptist Church. Keeli homeschools their two older boys and serves as an integral part of the children and youth ministries at Hillmon Grove. Austin has been following Jesus since 2000, and preaching since 2001. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Liberty University in 2005, and his Masters of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2009. He has preached for college students at conferences, middle and high schoolers at youth rallies and Sunday School, adults for small group studies and large Sunday gatherings, grade schoolers for children's sermons, and preschoolers at Easter Egg hunts, just to name a few! Our God is a God who speaks, and it's Austin's passion to communicate the message of Jesus to anyone God puts in his path. When people open the Bible, and God opens their minds, lives change!

## Committee Sign-ups

On September 9 we will have a catered lunch for committee meetings to jump-start the upcoming church year. Sign-up sheets for the committees will be available in the back of the sanctuary on August 26 and September 2. Each person is asked to sign-up for no more than 2 committees. Child care will be provided during the meeting time.

Here is a current listing of Church Committees:

Audio-Visual Committee	Greeters/Usher Committee
Bereavement Committee	Hospitality Committee
Building and Grounds Committee	Outreach Committee
Cemetery Committee	Recreation Committee
Education and Discipleship Committee	Visitation and New Member Committee
Finance/Stewardship Committee	Worship Committee
Flower and Decoration Committee	Youth and Children's Committee

Please prayerfully consider how you will use your spiritual gifts to minister within the body of Christ @ THE CREEK.

## Healthy Initiatives Ministry

The Bible is to us like nutrients and water are to a plant. The plant would be starved and fail to thrive. What would we be without the Bible?

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law does he meditate both day and night. He is like a tree planted by the streams of water which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” Psalms 1:1-3 (NIV)

Greetings to you from the Healthy Initiatives Ministry! As an update, HIM has been in action since January and has seen positive results with new participants on an ongoing basis. We average between 15 and 18 FAITH-full attendees every Monday and Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Our group has discussed what Jesus did while here on Earth and, in particular, what foods He may have eaten. His practice of teaching from city to city was probably most often done traveling by foot as was the custom at the time. In the Bible, it is stated that Jesus ate bread, fish, wine, and figs. It is also thought by scholars that He ate lamb as was the custom for Jewish people. One of the more popular healthy foods we enjoy today, quinoa, was probably available for Jesus to eat as were wheat, barley, corn, beans, pomegranates, meat (except shellfish), grapes, and other fruits. Since the Bible does not specifically mention other foods, we can only surmise what He ate on a daily basis.

Our other studies have included Healthy Eating Guidelines from the US Department of Agriculture, guidelines from the American Heart Association, and the American Diabetes Association. We have discussed stress and the often harmful effects of not managing it successfully. Our taste tests have included black bean brownies, ice cream of all flavors (yes, really), fruit cobblers, an authentic Greek meal, and lots of other interesting foods and seasonings. Our group has talked about vitamins and supplements along with the latest information about what to avoid. Many other topics will be discussed as we move into the latter part of the year.

Exercise class has been a tremendous benefit to most of us! We are excited about the energy God has given us and are even more excited about the benefits of living a healthful life. The group has discussed several mission outreach possibilities and will continue to be prayerful about where God will place us.

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has arrived thanks to the generosity of The Baptist Women and the HIM program. The training program for use of the AED as well as CPR will be held on Tuesday, September 18 at 7 p.m. Darren Todd and Bobby Todd will teach CPR. We ask that all health professionals plan to attend the training as well as others who are interested in learning how to use the AED. Those persons trained will be divided into two groups with names posted next to the AED as well as where those persons can be found in the church during Sunday School, Bible School, Bible Study, etc. I need three people to assist in the training. If you can assist in the training, please contact me at [fkiger@yadtel.net](mailto:fkiger@yadtel.net) or 463-5111.

Our new series of presentations and discussions about healthy lifestyles will begin on September 20 at 7 p.m. and we invite all of you to come and join us as we seek to live in the way we feel God would have us live. We will further explore ways we as a group can more fully participate in outreach ministries during the upcoming year. Events in the planning phase are a 5K Walk/Run with proceeds benefiting the Yadkin County School Classroom Supply Fund and a healthy HIM-sponsored meal after worship sometime in December. More will follow later but our efforts would be redoubled if you are part of HIM. God Bless Everyone at the Creek and the Creek Community!