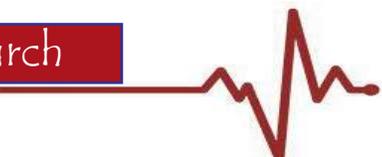


Service times:
9:00am - Blended Worship
10:45am - ZOOM Sunday School

June 26, 2020 ~ Will Rogers United Methodist Church



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“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2:38-39)

About 20 years ago, I read the book *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, by Jack Deere. In the book, he gives his testimony about his own encounter with the Holy Spirit. So, I was excited to join an online reading club this summer that is reading Dr. Deere’s latest book, *Why I Am Still Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*.

In Chapter 6, he tells the story of a healing service he was asked to lead at St. Andrews Church in Devon, England. The vicar of the church promised him that on Sunday evening, the church would be full of unbelievers who would be coming for healing. Jack writes, “Speaking about healing to unbelievers who never go to church could be fun. No one has ever told them that God no longer heals. You have to go to church to hear that God is no longer healing” (pg. 54). That last sentence jumped out of the page as if it was written in large bold type. “You have to go to church to hear that God is no longer healing.”

Cessationism is the formal name given to the belief that miraculous or charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (this includes speaking in tongues, healings, miracles and prophecy) ceased after the apostles died and thus are no longer available to the disciples of Jesus today. There are two types of cessationism. There are formal cessationist who, by conviction, believe that these gifts ended with the first generation of Christians. And there are functional cessationist.

Functional cessationist, don’t outright deny the miraculous gifts. They might even say they believe that in the gifts of tongues, healings, and prophecy. But they function as if these gifts are no longer available to every believer. So, if a friend tells them about a physical condition that needs healing, they will say, “I’ll pray for you” and if they remember, they will add that person to their prayer list. But they won’t offer to lay hands on that person and pray for their healing in the moment. They may believe that God heals, but they function as if God won’t.

There are a lot of reasons for functional cessationism among believers. But I think the primary reason is a negative feedback loop between experience and expectations. At one time you may have had the expectation that God still heals today. You prayed for one person. They weren’t healed. Because of that experience your expectation that God still heals went down. Maybe you still had enough expectation that you prayed for a second person. They weren’t healed. And now, because of your experience, you may still believe God heals, but you don’t expect God to heal. So the next time, you say “I’ll pray for you” rather than actually pray. In that moment, you have become a functional cessationist.

The test is to believe scripture over our own experience. In the book *Power Healing*, John Wimber tells his own story of having to counter his own experience with obedience to God’s word. As a pastor, he taught on healing and prayed for people to be healed every Sunday for over a year before he saw his first healing. And John’s is just one of many testimonies I have heard of persons who many would considered to have great healing ministries that prayed for hundreds of people before they saw their first healing.

The challenge is praying out of obedience even if you can’t pray out of faith. Jesus commanded his disciples to heal the sick. So don’t let low experience lead you to low expectations. Don’t pray for two or three people and say, God won’t heal through my prayers. Pray for 200 people, and you too will see the greater things that Jesus promised.

In His Grace

Pastor Brian



E-flat



Arturo Toscanini, the great conductor, was sitting at his podium before a concert one evening. As the orchestra warmed up just minutes before the performance, a bassoon player approached him in a fearful panic. "Maestro, I am very sorry, but my instrument has suffered an accident, and the E-flat will not sound. I am afraid I

will not be able to play tonight."

Upon hearing this news, Toscanini went silent and closed his eyes. The bassoon player cowered in fear of his fury. The great conductor put his hands to his head and continued in silence, adding to the poor bassoon player's agony.

At last Toscanini looked up and said quietly, "Do not worry. E-flat does not appear in your music tonight." Toscanini had played through the entire concert in his mind, reviewing every note the bassoon player would have to play. With his intimate knowledge of the music, the conductor was able to reassure the bassoon player that everything would be all right. Do you ever wonder about the future and what it might hold for you? Do you ever wonder whether you have what it takes to succeed, to do something important with your life? No matter what stage of life you find yourself in.

God knows the future. He has looked ahead at the score of your life and has good news for you. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). God has given you everything you need play your part in his grand symphony. So pick up your bassoon and start making music!

Pastor Greg

*Welcome
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In-person worship is back!

9:00am

(one service only)

Social distancing guidelines will be followed and everyone is asked to wear a face mask. If you don't have a mask, we will have some available.

Legacy

Student Ministries

1 Timothy 4:12

Thoughts To Ponder #2:

“Bless You”

To say “bless you” is to declare another to be happy, joyous and at peace. “Bless you” puts him in a good state of mind and less likely to be frustrated when communication seems difficult.

If a person disturbs us by his actions or faults loom up and we are looking at individuals from a limited viewpoint, a “bless you” can release the emotions allowing forgiveness, love and understanding to fill our heart. It brings harmony into our activities, purpose and balance to our affairs.

A silent “bless you” to one who is irritable or when an unpleasant situation seems inevitable will lessen the tension and the whole atmosphere takes on a new peace and serenity.

by Helen Rush

Steve



June 27th = Saturday –GARAGE SALE

---7:00am.—4:00pm.

July 1st = Youth @ 5:30---?:??

July 5th= Legacy Sunday School— MASK and SOCIAL
DISTANCING MUST BE FOLLOWED

July 5th = NO YOUTH ----- 4th of July Weekend

GARAGE SALE

June 27th 8am to 4pm

Sponsored by Legacy Youth

July Birthdays



- 3 – Wanda Ekhoﬀ
- 6 – Suzi Walker
- 9 – Rachel Strunk, Susan Thompson
- 13 – Mike Messick, Lynn Morgan
- 14 - Paula Goodwin
- 15 – Phillip Hickman
- 16 – Kaylee Rogers
- 18 – Barbara Payne
- 21 – Doris Stegeman
- 25 – Richard Walker, Jorryn West
- 26 – David Cannon
- 27 – Judy Davis
- 28 – Ray Maggard
- 31 – Marjorie Lawson, Betty Welch

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