

For The Church



In Luke 9:49-50, the disciples see a man who is not part of their larger group of disciples who is rescuing people from demon possession, and he is even doing it in Jesus' name. The disciples get jealous. The disciples seem to be still thinking about worldly power and authority. They don't seem to care if people are actually being healed from demon possession. They seem to want to protect their "brand:" their sense of prestige and identification with godly power. Their hearts seem to say, *who cares if he's helping people, he's not going through the proper channels.*

This passage shows the wideness of God's kingdom. We can't judge someone purely on how they are doing things just because they are outside of our church or specific ministry.

This man stands in contrast with the sons of Sceva. When Paul saw success teaching, healing, and casting out demons in Ephesus, seven sons of a Jewish high priest tried the same. They attempted to expel demons by saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims" (Acts 19:13). The evil spirit they confronted responded, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" (Acts 19:15). The demon then proceeded to beat the men, who ran out of the house injured and naked.

The underlying theme of both stories is motives. The sons of Sceva were itinerant Jewish magicians who thought they had found a new money-making power. The disciples didn't want to share the glory of their position in God's kingdom. Before we confront anyone we see as a threat to God's truth, the first thing we should do is consider whether we're acting out of pride and jealousy.

Pride is pretty much the root of all the evil that is in us, we must be careful.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Zeb Carter
Juanita (Abby's Mother)
Tim Taylor
Linda Fry
Pam Aldrich

Terry Nash
Vance Wendelburg
Dennis Rosenbaum
Brenda Reno
Merry Lynn Weatherby
Jack Bailey

Nolan Adams
Orvalee Aldrich
Terry Sallee
Bryce Gaines
Cole & Katelyn Kinnamon

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

The Youth Group will meet tonight at 7 PM at Carl & Janet's home.

Young Family Ministry [Tonight]

Our young family ministry will be next tonight at the Stafford Church of Christ starting at 5 PM. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

Congratulations

Aliya Carter and Maxx Gunter were baptized at camp Friday evening. Be sure to welcome them to the family of God!

Save the Date:

July 6-12 - SMC First Session
July 13 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
July 13-19 - SMC Second Session
July 20-26 - SMC Third Session



Giving Link

Birthdays

Jerry Kinnamon - June 8
Marisa Mansel - June 10
David Rice - June 11

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Richard & Shelly Brensing

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #4 - To God Be the Glory

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Hunter Marks (Luke 9:49-50)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #147 - I Stand Amazed

Song: #902 - Nothing But the Blood

Communion: Chris Mansel (Jayce Feril, Zach Marks, Jerry Kinnamon)

Song: #509 - I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Lesson: Carl Feril

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Chris Stott

Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am
Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril
Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril, Zachary Marks
Minister: Zeborah Carter