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Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Simplicity

An old Shaker song goes, “’Tis a gift to be simple. ‘Tis a gift to be free.” We may agree with the sentiment, but there has never been a more complicated, cluttered, bureaucratic society than the one we live in today. In fact, the “good life” is often defined by how full, busy, and complicated our lives are. Modern life is not simple. It is always about adding one more thing. But the more we add, the more can go wrong: one car, one set of problems; two cars, two sets. Adding the latest, the biggest, and the best to our lives wreaks havoc in our souls as well as our environment.

The discipline of simplicity is the desire to uncomplicate and untangle our lives so we can focus on what really matters. Simplicity cultivates the great art of letting go. Simplicity aims at loosening inordinate attachment to owning and having. Simplicity brings freedom and with it generosity. Jesus teaches us that freedom is not found in having and doing but in keeping God and his will first in our heart. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21). Jesus wants us to know that we don’t need all the things or experiences that we think we do. What we really need is to keep first things first – Jesus and his kingdom. Life becomes much more simple when one thing matters most.

One day we will all have to let go of everything – even our own breath. It will be a day of utter simplicity – a day when the importance of stuff fades. Learning to live simply prepares us for our last breath while cultivating in us the freedom to truly live here and now.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt

Tim Taylor

Pam Aldrich

Dennis Rosenbaum

Nolan Adams

Crystal Emery (Gloria’s mom)

Enrique Lira

Linda Guthrie

Kay Kinnamon

Ryker Berens

Betty Peptone (David’s Sister)

Maverick Riegel

Katie Rosenbaum

Clay Mason

Miguel Devore

Ubaldo and Maria Cardona

Helen Coffey

Clint Kinnamon

Byer Family

Landon Marks

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

There will be NO youth group tonight.

Bible Hour and Ladies Bible Class [Wednesday]

Bible Hour will meet for the last time this school year on Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. Both the Ladies Bible class and Bible Hour will resume in September.

Memorial Service [Saturday]

A memorial service for Gayle Byer will be on Saturday at 11 AM here at the church building.

Save the Date:

May 10 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
May 31-June 6 - SMC Early Session
June 7 - Kolton Sizemore Graduation recognition
June 13 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
July 5-July 11 - SMC 1st Session
July 12-July 18 - SMC 2nd Session
July 19-July 25 - SMC 3rd Session
August 5 and 12 - VBS

Birthdays

Tom Turner - April 27



Worship Order

Welcome Table: Orrin & Meagan Feril

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #266 - Majesty

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Jerry Kinnamon (Deuteronomy 8:1-4)

Song: #176 - Lamb of God

Song: #315 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion: Tom Turner (James Harmon, JW Like, Chris Mansel)

*Song: #390 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Lesson #1: Carl Feril

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #15 - Step by Step

Lesson #2: Carl Feril

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

Closing Prayer: Gary Hornbaker

* During the final verse of this song, children will be dismissed for Bible Hour.

