

WHITING COMMUNITY CHURCH BAPTIST LIGHT

From the Pastor

Sermon Summaries

If you missed a sermon because you were out of town, or if you are just looking for a refresher, this article is for you. As always, sermons can be found by going to www.whitingcommunitychurch.org and clicking on the sermons tab. Below are message recaps from our "Pause and Consider" topical sermon series, as well as sermons appropriate considering the Sunday (Camp, Males to Timber Rattlers game, Holiday weekend, FCL).

5/10/15

Title: "Pause and Consider: Margin"

Scripture: Luke 14:25-34

1. Some do not have enough margin.
"577 million -- number of unused vacation days in the U.S. In 2013." (source: Details Oct '14)
2. Some have too much margin.
"How much does TV the average american watch?
4 hours 55 minutes per day
6 days 5 hours 17 minutes per month
2 months 12 days 15 hours 29 minutes per year
16 years 1 month 9 days 1 hour 21 minutes per lifetime"
(source: Bloomberg Businessweek 12/8-12/14/14)
3. We need margin in our life, so we can pause and consider the cost of following God taught in Luke 14:25-34.

5/17/15

Title: "Pause and Consider: Life is Short"

Scripture: James 4:13-17; Psalm 39:4-5; Psalm 102:11-12; Job 14:2; Isaiah 40:6-8

1. Illustration: rope analogy, if 1 inch = 1 year, best case scenario how far how you move down a 50 foot rope? Answer: Best case scenario 80-95 years.
2. Main Point: Pause and consider the brevity of life. What is a conversation God wants to have with you about this topic?

5/24/15

Title: "Pause and Consider: The Fall, and the Finish"

Scripture: Acts 20:24

1. Video: collegiate women's indoor 600m track. Runner falls, gets up, and still wins the race, going from last to first place.
2. Let's break down the race. How would you describe this race to your friend? What do you mention? What parts do you include? What makes this race remarkable? The finish, yes, but you have to mention the fall, don't you?

Financials

Our 2015 General Fund Approved Budget is \$80,710. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$6,725.83 per month in order to meet this budget. As of the end of June, we are \$50.78 over budget.

Gen fund income: \$40,405.78

Gen fund expense: \$35,301.47

August Mission

August Mission Project- Backpacks for the homeless

We will fill 10 backpacks with personal hygiene items and donate them to the Fox Valley Warming Shelter.

We already have backpacks, towels, washcloths and toothbrushes.

The FoxValley Warming Shelter is located in Appleton behind the St. Vincent de Pau; thrift store. The shelter is open daily from 5PM-8AM .

The mission of the shelter is to provide temporary shelter to adult men and women and to address other needs by collaborating with community resources. The program was started in February 2008 at St Joseph Catholic Church in Appleton and rotated among participating churches. The shelter was built and opened on October 24, 2010. The shelter has 60 beds (which are usually always full). It costs \$600 a day to run the facility.

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3. Don't try to hide, conceal, mask, or gloss over our falls. It grows our humility, and illustrates our continued reliance upon and need for the redemptive work of God in our lives.

4. If one of the American Ideas of retirement is to save so we can retire, and relax, so we can focus on ourselves, it is an anti-Christian view of retirement. Let us never seek to get a place and time in our lives where we finally just focus on ourselves. "Let me retire so it can finally just be about me," is not finishing the Christian race well.

5. Main Point: a) When we admit falls, faults, and failures it grows our humility, and points to our continual need for Jesus. b) "How will you finish?" For those of us close to death, "How are you finishing?"

5/31/15

Title: "Pause and Consider: Compelled by the Spirit"

Scripture: Acts 20:22-24

1. Compelled by the Spirit - versus - compelled by my own selfishness and sense of self-preservation.

2. When the task of testifying to the gospel entails sacrifice, what is our response?

6/7/15

Title: "Pause and Consider: Close the Gap" (relational gap with people in hopes of sharing the gospel)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Main Point: Don't have to love the activity (hunting, fishing, dancing) but you love the person. You accommodate your schedule and interests for the sake of bringing the changeless gospel message, and showing God's love.

6/14/15

Title: "Pause and Consider: God's Thoughts and Ways"

Scripture: Isaiah 55:8-9; John 9:1-11; Job 38:1-8; Exodus 32:19-35; Acts 5:1-11

Main Point: God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts. God's ways are higher than our ways. Is your view of God high enough you trust God with matters that baffle limited human minds?

6/21/15

Title: "God is at the Center of the Good News" (Sunday after Sr. High at Camp Tamarack)

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20; Galatians 3:1; Romans 7:24-25; Matthew 11:11; John 1:27; Matthew 5:3

Main Point: The enemy is ready and waiting to snatch away the seeds of a message that exalts God, and replace it with a message that exalts man.

Sermon Summaries (cont'd)

6/28/15

Title: "Trade Up" (Sunday of males going to the Timber Rattlers baseball game)

Scripture: Mark 8:34-35; Ephesians 2:8-9; Matthew 13:44

1. Salvation is free. (Eph 2:8-9)
2. Following Jesus will cost you your life. (Mk 8:34-35)
3. With joy the person gives up what he/she cannot keep to gain what he/she cannot lose. (Matt 13:44)
4. Main Point: Trade in the American dream and get God. What is more valuable in your mind, will determine if you make the trade.

7/5/15

Title: "Crescendo to the 7th Day" (4th of July weekend)

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-2:3| Psalm 132:7-8, 13-14

1. Does God "rested" on the 7th day of creation mean God took a much deserved nap, or that God took His place on the throne in the cosmic temple? The latter is the correct answer.
2. In the ancient near east, in the time of Moses, it was a common belief of people of the day that gods rest in temples. Temples were constructed for deities to rest. See how Ps 132:7-8, 13-14 sheds light on Gen 2:2.
3. Main Point: Acknowledge God's position on the throne of the universe, including on the throne of your life.

7/12/15

Title: "Families Connecting with the Lord Recap" (Sunday after the last FCL)

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

1. Do not compartmentalize God. God needs a place in your individual life, as well as your family life.
2. If you have an open door to bring up God at home, walk through that door.
3. If we truly see God as a treasure, God has such value and worth, we do not want to compartmentalize God. Rather, we want to bring God into every area of your life.
4. Main Point: When we see God's reign in our life as valuable and good for us, we want God in every area of our life.

7/19/15

Title: "Pause and Consider: Everyday Choices"

Scripture: Galatians 6:6-8

1. Consider the impact of your everyday choices on your future.
2. Junk food → poor health.
3. Poor spiritual diet → poor relationship with God.
4. Main point: Though a man may fool himself, by sowing little but expecting much, he cannot fool God. Sooner or later he will see the results of his poor sowing. Therefore, sow obediently.

Cleanup Project

Would you like to tackle a fun project? Bring a sandwich and join me on Sept 13 starting at noon, to clean and organize the craft room (this is the room off of the nursery) We will pull out all items from the room and re-organize, vacuum and dust. I am hoping we can paint before we put items back into the room.(this will most likely take more than 1 day, but we can get a good start.

If you have any items that you would like to make sure is kept, please mark them or mention to Kim Rose so we can be sure to keep and label clearly.