



From the Pastor's Pen

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Psalms 119 : 33 -40 says: "Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness. Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way. Establish Your word to Your servant, who is devoted to fearing You. Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good. Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness."

Would you agree with me that revival is needed in our world today? It is needed in our families, in our churches, and even in Kentuckytown Baptist Church! Our study of Jeremiah is bringing me back to the place where I am reminded that revival must start with me. I cannot blame the lack of revival on anyone else. It is my heart that needs reviving! We cannot be revived on our own. God is patiently waiting for us as His people to hear His voice, accept the grace He offers, and return to follow Him so that we are strengthened by his Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus' love. This is how the gift of salvation can be seen and heard in our world. Isn't that amazing?

Part of returning to God is learning repentance as a lifestyle. When calling for repentance in the New Testament, it is almost always in the present active tense. Meaning we are to actively repent and keep on repenting. Repentance is not a one-and-done thing. It is an ongoing surrender to God. Repentance is allowing God to show us what we need to repent of even when He asks us to surrender over good things or things that we really like. If He asks us to repent, it is because He has better things for us. Disbelief comes in when we refuse to acknowledge that His way is always better.

In the coming weeks we will be studying about responding to God in faith. Including: acknowledging sin, grieving over sin, confessing sin, repenting of sin, and returning to God. These actions come out of believing that God's path is better than our own paths we make for ourselves.

Will you join me in praying through Psalms 119: 33-40? As a congregation, this is a good place to start in our journey of repentance. I am praying it will be real in each our lives so we can experience the revival God knows we need.

In HIS grace,
Bro. Greg

Music Notes

A Word from the Minister of Praise



Greetings KBC!

I echo the salutation of Paul to the Ephesians, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” What an amazing September it has been! It is always good to see fellow brothers and sisters in Christ come back who have not been able to join us in person due to the pandemic. It was also good to see Rodney and Vickie and have a chance to visit with them and to hear Vickie on the piano. What a blessing!

As we head into October, the worship team has been working on a new song that we hope to share with you soon. It is called “Thank You Jesus for the Blood” It is a beautiful reminder that without the shedding of Jesus’s blood we would be hopelessly lost in our sin, destined for hell BUT because of the blood of Jesus, He has redeemed us and brought us from darkness into His glorious light!

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday and participating with you in the worship of our great God! As always, it is a privilege to be your minister of praise.

In Christ,

Ted Pierce



KTB KIDS & YOUTH SCOOP

Often when we hear the word "identity" (especially in the context of gender) we have a tendency as conservative Christian adults to scoff. We hear the terms "transgender" or "non-binary" and often respond with some form of revulsion and judgment because it not something that existed or at least was never talked about when we were growing up. Consequently, the topic and the individuals stayed isolated at the margins of society. Well, I'm here to tell you those days are over. It's a very real, present, and pressing topic and whether we want to acknowledge it or not and it is having a dramatic impact on our youth and children. It even exists here in our community.

The topic of gender is at the forefront of many of the conversations that our young people are having with each other. Most likely they know people who don't identify as just male or female or know people who want to be identified as the gender opposite of what they were born. So, the question becomes what do we do about it? How can we equip our kids to live biblical truth and not the foolishness that is being put so passionately and positively before them by the modern culture?

Here is a list of ways we can remind our children and students:

1. First and probably most importantly, we need to remind them that they will never find any real sense of identity in their gender or anything else, but that true and complete identity is found in God through their relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Remind them that they were and are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14).
3. Remind them that they were created the way they are for a purpose (Ephesians 2:10).
4. Remind them, especially if identity is something they are struggling with, that God doesn't make mistakes (Deuteronomy 32:4). And since God doesn't make mistakes then Genesis 1:27 is and must be true. "So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female."
5. Remind them that we are living in a broken and twisted time. That the confusion and brokenness they are seeing, and may themselves be feeling, is all part of being in a fallen world (Romans 1:18-25). So we need not judge and condemn those lost in sin but we should mourn for them and seek to show them the truth that is found in Jesus. That includes those suffering from Gender Dysphoria and other identity issues. Our students and ourselves are all are created in the image of God and created in the gender that he meant for us to be.

Ultimately, the culture is caught up in the lies of man-made definitions of gender and gender stereotypes that are contrary to the teaching of the truth of the Gospel. So let's remind our children and students with these Gospel truths and encourage them to be the light, not just by words but also by showing them through our own actions as fellow light bearers.

David Landy

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S GOING ON AT KENTUCKYTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH?



SUNDAYS (UNTIL NOV 21)
2:30-4:30 PM

K-TOWN U

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30
MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE
AT THE WELCOME DESK.



PICK UP EMPTY BOXES ON OCTOBER 10.
DROP OFF GIFT FILLED BOXES ON
NOVEMBER 14.



OCTOBER 24 AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE.
PLEASE BRING A SALAD, SIDE, OR
DESSERT TO SHARE.



NOVEMBER 15
A FUNDRAISER FOR THE YOUTH.

SG2 GROUPS

SMALL GROUPS AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS
AND YOUTH.

Churchwide Family Dinner

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:45.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



OCTOBER 15 6PM-10PM
KBC IS RUNNING THE CONCESSION STAND
AT THE WHITEWRIGHT FOOTBALL GAME.



OCTOBER 31 6PM-8PM
MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN-UPS AT
THE WELCOME DESK IN THE FOYER.



DECEMBER 5

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR K-TOWN YOUTH



ALLEN AMERICAN'S HOCKEY GAME
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23



OCTOBER 31 6-8PM
THE YOUTH WILL PARTICIPATE BY
DECORATING DAVIDS TRUCK.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
DARE TO SHARE CONFERENCE



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
UGLY SWEATER CONTEST
& CHRISTMAS PARTY



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



JANUARY 15-17
ARISE YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
AT FALLS CREEK.