



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - February 26, 2023

TO BE A DISCIPLE

by Ron Bartanen

*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."
(Luke 16:24)*

Are you a disciple of Jesus? What does it take to be a disciple? Simply defined, a disciple is basically a learner. He or she is one who responds to Jesus' invitation to "come...learn of me" (Matthew 11:29). But a disciple is more than a pupil. The one who would lay claim to the title must be an adherent to the word of Christ, an imitator of the Master. A disciple is one who continues in His word. Jesus said to believers, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." It was summarized by Jesus in Luke 16:24. What is it to be a disciple of Jesus?



GIVE UP.

"Let him deny himself." Personal desires must give place to the will of Christ. Those who denied Christ and put Him on the cross were represented as saying, "We will not have this man reign over us" (Matthew 19:14). When self is on the throne, we put Christ on the cross. The true disciple not only knows the will of Christ but will also be obedient to His word. Jesus made this clear: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)

TAKE UP.

"Let him...take up his cross." The cross was more than an annoyance: it was an instrument of death. He is speaking of death to ourselves, with all our false gods and corrupt inclinations. It is, as Paul declared, presenting our "bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is (our) reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). Discipleship involves more than putting away a few troublesome habits. It is also a matter of putting on other qualities. It is the putting on of the "new man" after having put off the "old man" (Ephesians 4:24, 22), which has been crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6).

KEEP UP.

"Let him...follow me." This journey of faith is a challenging journey. It will prove to be a test of our commitment to Christ, not only as Savior, but also as Lord. Disciples' eyes in this journey must be on Christ, undistracted by the world and false shepherds. He must have our allegiance above all others. We sometimes sing, "Where He leads me, I will follow." We will never pass Him up, but He does challenge us to keep up with Him. While this is not an expectation of perfection, it is a call to perseverance in the faith, as He both admonishes and assures us, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10b).

The cost is self. There can be no substitute. Religiosity will not do. Ritualism will not do. If we want the life that only Christ can give, self is not too great of a sacrifice. The life He offers is worth that and much more. There is no way that will bring us to the Father than He who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). Are you one of His disciples? --Ron

[Editor's Note: Ron Bartanen is a relatively new member at Margaret Street who recently relocated here from Illinois. He is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University (1953) and served as a preacher in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Michigan, with a total 12 congregations in 66 years. His most recent ministry was in Arthur, Illinois until his wife, Doris, became ill and then passed. Ron will begin teaching a class on Wednesdays, beginning March 1st in the Church Library, titled, "Jesus in Genesis." We're thankful to have Ron at Margaret Street!]

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10 Elements of Biblical Masculinity (Part 1)

Brad Harrub

Much has been said and reported about “toxic masculinity.” Gillette razors made the news by producing a video that soon went viral about men changing the notion that “boys will be boys.” The American Psychological Association (APA) recently released their “first-ever guidelines for practice with men and boys—pointing out that the notions of traditional masculinity are inherently dangerous, harmful, and unhealthy. (This is the same organization that took homosexuality and gender identity disorder out of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder [DSM-V]).

I think we would all agree that anything “toxic” is bad, but what about masculinity in general? Or specifically, what about Biblical masculinity? Here is part 1 of 2 describing what these elements look like in scripture -

1. Biblical masculinity means a husband loves his wife (Ephesians 5:25). It frowns on men objectifying or lusting after other women (Matthew 5:28).
2. Biblical masculinity means that a man helps train up his children (Proverbs 22:6). It frowns on men who abandon their children (Proverbs 29:15).
3. Biblical masculinity means a man provides for his family and widowed parents (1 Timothy 5:8). It frowns on men who do not work (2 Thessalonians 3:10).
4. Biblical masculinity means a man tries to be holy for God is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16). It frowns on crude jokes and immorality (Ephesians 5:3-5).
5. Biblical masculinity means a man gives to the needy (1 John 3:17; Hebrews 13:16). It frowns on men who waste money on materialism (1 John 2:15).

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Gulf Coast AREAWIDE 2022-2023

- AUGUST 21 @ CREEKWOOD
Community of Love & Life
- SEPTEMBER 11 @ SUMMERDALE
A Place of Acceptance
- OCTOBER 16 @ MARGARET ST.
A Place of Forgiveness
- NOV. 11-13 @ FUEL RETREAT
Real Coast Bible Camp
- JANUARY 8 @ SCENIC HILLS
A People of Sacrifice
- FEBRUARY 5 @ SPANISH FORT
Fostering Strengths
- MARCH 12 @ ROBERTSDALE
Empowering Personal Vision
- APRIL 16 @ REGENCY
Support Through Struggles

Whatever. Whatever.

CREEKWOOD GIRL'S DAY 2023

MOMS & MENTORS SPEAKERS: TAMMY WISDOM CATHY SHELburnE MARY BETH CLAYTON	GIRLS SPEAKERS: SHELBY CAMP ERIN MOODY ANNA MAYNARD
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GRADES 6-12 AND UP | MARCH 25TH
STAFFED NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5.

March 17 – 19, 2023

SOAR YOUTH RALLY

WHAT IS TRUTH?

Prep Meeting on March 8

Upcoming Events / Info

February 26 – Workshop, PEARLS & Bible Bowl Tests

Also last day for Hotel changes

Upcoming Events / Info

March 1 – PEARLS & Bible Bowl Make-up Tests

March 5 – Away Speech @ Airport Rd. in Crestview

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Special

- Patricia Ann* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Kandi Armand - surgery, recovery (Bostwick*)
- Terri Baker - surgery (Farley* daughter)
- David Black - Baptist, heart issues (McGriff)
- Josie Coons - hospice (McReynolds*)
- Louise English's families - loss of Louise*
- Annie Favorite - hospital, health
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis, recovery
- The Godwin family* - birth of Annie!
- Annie Godwin - hip dysplasia, harness 6 weeks
- Zeb Hamilton family* - loss of Zeb
- The Hudgens' family - birth of Liam
- Lauren Kreis (Martin family) - prayers
- Donald McGriff* - surgery/recovery
- Richard McCool* - heart attack, recovery
- Jeffery Norman - lung transplant list (Nunes*)
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Jay hosp., health
- Edith Sullins - surgery, recovery (Blisse's gma)
- Gloria Vonada - recovery, new tests

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Laura Oliver* - Identified

Expecting Mothers

- Jennifer Cannon - March 2023

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute - Paul Discher

Students in College

- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Nick Webb
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health (past member)
- Winston Burnham* - health
- Sherryn Canniff* - health, pain
- WillieMae Cosby - health, recovery (McGriff*)
- Sherry Davis* - health
- Fatima Deem - pregnant, problems (Nunes)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Madeline Farley* - broken wrist, recovery
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Barbara Helms* - health
- Chris Hollis - (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Eddie Longmire* - health
- Cindy Marotta - paralyzed (Nunes*)
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Ella Parker* - health
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- August Eugene Smith - cleft palate (J.English*)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Julia Torpey* - health
- Gloria Vonada*
- Jan Whitney*

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kentucky
- Byron Solomon - San Diego

Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick*)
- Justin Barnhart - former member
- Ron Bartanen* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley* - lung cancer (Baxley*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - surgery (Hatcher*)
- Pat Deforest*
- Brenda Dunham - (J.English*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Keith Pabst - (Webb*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse*)
- Kevin Shanahan - operation (Scott's* dad)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)
- Donnie Turner - cancer (Helms*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Donna Dudley - Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Shut In (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Arcadia Senior Living
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom*)
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller* - Grandview Retire Center
- Ruth Phillips* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In
- Troy Vonada* - Sodalis House, Hospice

Planning Committee Meeting

TODAY @ 5 PM
ROOM 303

All are welcomed!



Lost and Found

Look in the foyer to claim any lost items!

All will be donated on February 27th!



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

MORNING

Opening Prayer Chris Davis
 Song Director Casey Bearden
 Sermon Nick Bartell
 "The Family of God"
 Scripture Reading Jak Gallagher
 Luke 8: 19-21
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion:

Comments Richard McCool
 Luke McReynolds Jim Loftin
 Bob Locklin Jake Armstrong
 Justin Davis

EVENING

Opening Prayer Jak Gallagher
 Singing Mason Chandler
 Scripture Jack Davis
 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 Comments Richard McCool

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Bozeman family
 PowerPoint Lori Mense
 Greeters: Jak Gallagher
 Secure Building John Pace

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Elliot Wilson
 Opening Prayer Nick Bartell

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 157
 AM Worship 191
 PM Worship 102
 Wed. Night Bible Class
 Contribution

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship ... 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!
You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.
 Or, ask any member for assistance.
Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**



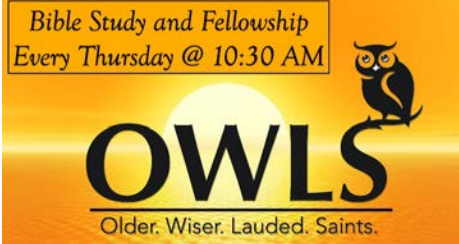
FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 3/7 @ 9:30 AM
 Preparing Boxes: 3/9 @ 9:30 AM
 Distribution : 3/9 @ 2:30 PM

Please consider donating travel size toiletries!!

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



Bible Study and Fellowship
 Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

OWLS

Older. Wiser. Lauded. Saints.

WORSHIP

- Service Rosters are available on the Welcome Desk and Margaret Street website (listed under "Archives")
- "LISTEN" devices available in the foyer, located in the Armoire.

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