



The Proclaimer

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Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

I have been thinking quite a bit lately about being “instruments/tools” in the hands of a mighty God, and this prayer from Saint Francis of Assisi speaks to the type of instrument that he was asking God to make into. An instrument that is used for God and by God to bring about peace, love, faith, hope, light, and joy. So, for this month’s article I wanted to share with you some things God has been teaching me about being an instrument for Him.

The most important part in being “used” as an instrument is the person who wields the instrument and not the instrument itself. If a hammer does not have someone using it, chances are it is sitting at the bottom of some random drawer in someone’s garage. Definitely not being used at all. There must be outside forces at work in the life of an instrument for it to be effective.

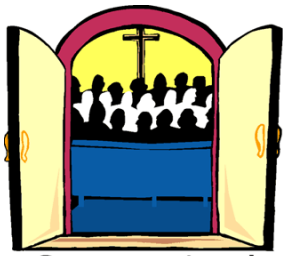
Another thing to distinguish is WHO is doing the wielding. I could give a hammer to my toddler and watch her destroy the house, or I could give the very same hammer to a skilled carpenter and he would use it to help create a house. Or take a knife for example. In the hands of a surgeon it can make the most intricate incisions to save a person’s life. In the hands of a criminal with evil intent in their heart the same knife can be used to end someone’s life.

Even the best made and most expensive instruments are literally useless unless the person using them knows what they are doing. You can let an experienced novice drive a million-dollar piece of farming equipment and watch them mow down telephone poles or crash it into a ditch. Or you can let an experienced farmer drive an old John Deere tractor without a cab and no air conditioning plow perfectly straight lines in your field. Which one would you choose?

Our lives should be instruments in the hands of a mighty God. Yet, so often we want to be not only the best and most expensive tool, but we also want to be the one who wields the tool. We want to think of ourselves as the best hammer ever made, and the best person to use the best hammer ever made to do the best work ever done! We think that we can do a better job than God.

You can put your life in your own hands. You can put your life in the hands of another person. You can put your life in the hands of Satan. Or you can put your life in the hands of God. The big question is... WHO IS HOLDING YOU?





Congregational
MEETING

Congregational Meeting for Business with Potluck Lunch

Sunday, July 16th. The Potluck will be at 12:15 and the Meeting will begin at 1:00pm.

Please bring a main dish *and* a salad or dessert to share.

We invite everyone to stay for the Potluck and the Meeting.



Metolius Friends All Church Campout

July 28-30 at Walton Lake

Group Site 2, large area



**BROWN
BAG
FOOD
DELIVERY**

Friday, July 7

Volunteers come at 3:00pm.

Registration at 4:00pm.

Food Delivery at 4:30pm.



1st - Karen O'Hara
3rd - Sophia Chavez
7th - Mona Hardman
Michele Quinn
12th - Sandy Cloud
14th - Elijah Powell
16th - Angel Phillips
19th - Jim Struck
20th - Susie Messinger

21st - Margaret Drahn
25th - Mike Macy
26th - Barb Hutchins
Norm Winters
Deanne Comfort
27th - Charlotte Ross
29th - Brenda Vigil
31st - Bob Bozarth

1st - Melvin & Rosalie Hoke
2nd - Jim & Barb Hutchins
9th - Gene & Naomi Smith
10th - Ray & Hilda
Stephens
11th - Ray & Betty Fretheim
18th - Kevin & Tanya
Canaday

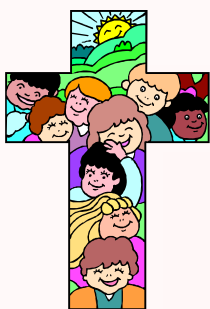
Family Fun Night



July 9th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Bring your favorite game to play
and a snack to share.

This is for all ages so bring the entire
family and invite your friends!



Ramblings from Minister of Children's Programming

I received in the mail a copy of a book from Life Way titled "Gospel Centered Kids Ministry". It begins with a startling statistic of how many children upon graduating for High School leave the church. According to Life Way Research, roughly 70% of young adults drop out of church. The article goes on to say that about 2/3 of these drop outs return on their own later in life. So that means about 20% drops out for good.

We have a daunting task as a church to do what we can to change what is happening to our children as they reach adulthood. The book is not all doom and gloom but has some great chapters with scripture that helps us take a close look at how we approach teaching our children and families the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I firmly believe that it is a joint effort between the Church and the home! Scripture makes it clear that we are as parents to teach our children and I believe we need to as a church to equip parents to teach their children who God is and the great things He has done. We need to learn from the second generation that came out of Egypt. "That whole generation was also gathered to their ancestors. After them another generation rose up who did not know the Lord or the works He had done for Israel. The Israelites did what was evil in the Lord's sight." (Judges 2nd Chapter)

When it comes to following our Lord it is each generation's responsibility to tell the next what great things God has done.

Over the next few months I will be presenting articles that hopefully will stimulate thought and a desire to see that this generation will be equipped with the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Allow me to finish this article with the following scripture and ask ourselves are we living up to it.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24, 25

Dayton Durley

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I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

(1 Timothy 2:1-2, [NLT](#))

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| 9 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:00 pm Family Fun Game Night | 10 | 11 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's | 12 5:45 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting | 13 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen | 14 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church | 15 |
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