

Wildwood Church of Christ

October 4, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Song: # 820 On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Song: #135 On Zion's Glorious Summit

Prayer

Song: #314 Lead Me To Calvary

Lord's Supper

Song: #795 This World Is Not My Home

Sermon: The Garment Of A New Man

Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 3:12-13

Song: #994 Who Will Follow Jesus

Song: #842 There Is A Habitation

Four Ways To Encourage Your Young Minister

As I reflect on the many blessings, challenges and learning experiences I have had during my first several months of full-time ministry, I would be amiss to discredit the profoundly positive impact my current congregation has had on me as a young minister.

Not every young minister shares this same experience. We have all heard of those who burned out early on because of a harsh first experience in ministry. Most congregations aren't malicious but are simply unaware of some small things that contribute to a young minister's encouragement – or discouragement.

Here are four simple things churches can do to encourage young ministers:

***Affirm their calling:** "Ministry can be such an unstable career. Shouldn't you have something you can fall back on?" Young ministers often are told this, and many approach their first ministry job with trepidation. Paul told his young protégé Timothy to "fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands" (2Timothy 1:6). To deeply encourage a young minister, a church should verbally recognize the gifts God has put in his

***Spend meaningful time with them:** Seeing church members on Sundays and Wednesdays is great, but there's something about getting outside the wall of the church building with others that makes us feel truly integrated into the church. Some of the richest conversation I've had has been on the golf course with a retiree who invited me when we first arrived. Take your young minister to your favorite restaurant or a ballgame. Include them in your hobby, or let them accompany you on the job.

***Reach out to their spouse:** Perhaps the biggest factor that contributes to a young minister's encouragement has to do with how their family is adapting to ministry life. My wife has been invited on coffee dates, ladies retreats and home Bible studies with other women in the congregation. She truly feels welcomed, included and valued.

*** Pray for them:** Pray for their families, their ministry and personal spiritual growth. Pray that Satan will not get any foothold, whether it be in the form of temptation or negative people. Be sure to regularly tell them that they are a priority on your prayer list.

~Phillip Bates

Phillip Bates has served as preaching minister for the Sunset Church of Christ in Springfield, MO. since May 2019. He is a graduate of Harding University. He and his wife, Alayna, have one daughter.

I enjoyed this article from the Christian Chronicle and thought it gave some good advice for all congregations, to help all of your ministers, whether new or seasoned, whether the pulpit minister or youth and family minister. I am very thankful to Mike and Meagan and Kabri for being here with us and I appreciate Mike's work and love for the Lord and the church family here at Wildwood. Let us all encourage each other. 1Thessalonians 5:11

~ David

Prayer List

Brother **John da Silva** was recently diagnosed with lung cancer in both lungs. Please keep him in your prayers as the doctors decide the best treatment for him.

Martha Pope had a bad reaction to some medicine and became very unsteady. She is doing better now.

Charlotte Martin is home recovering from shoulder surgery, healing well but it's a slow process.

Howard Alls still cannot drive and has a doctor appointment in 2 weeks for a scan to see if his brain bleeds have stopped. His drop foot is getting better and he is feeling better.

John Yarborough has many more doctor appointments and more surgery coming up.

Guy Grove came through his shoulder surgery well and is recovering at home.

Ila Jean Locke is going to have a heart ablation on October 21st to correct her AFib.

Gloria Murphy was in the hospital due to dehydration. While in there, she had to have her gall bladder out. She is now in The Villages Rehab on 466, room 524. She is feeling much better.

Joyce Freeman was just recently diagnosed with COPD. Please continue to pray for her.

Linda Jones is not doing well and has been moved to hospice care.

Millie Tudor remains in the south campus of the Leesburg facilities. Please remember **Don** also.

Ken Scott continues to deal with several serious health issues.

Steve Higginbotham, a minster of the Lord's church in Tn., has stage 4 cancer.

Alba Cherena continues to recover from her eye surgery. If you would like to send her a card her address is: PO Box 396, Summerfield, FL. 34492

Monroe Haltaman, Sarah Myers' brother-in-law is very ill and was in the ER and admitted to Mayo last week. He is home and doing some better at this time but with his liver not functioning, he will continue to deal with these serious health issues.

Also remember: Peggy Murphy; Linda Grove; Leigh Workman; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Tara Strickland; Teresa Broyle

Announcements

-Remember, if you need the bulletin or communion supplies, they will be in the foyer for you to pick up on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you have any questions, please call David or Mike on their cell phones and they will be glad to help you.

-Hope Children's Home – Enmore, Guyana Building Fund: THANK YOU! What a wonderful response we have had to help the children in Guyana. We raised \$33,650 along with \$25,000 that was already set aside, bringing the total to \$58,650 that we will send to help finish the second floor and put the roof on the children's home. This will allow them to occupy the first floor when other important structures are finished. There have been a few more checks given that have not been totaled yet and of course, we will always be glad to receive more funds towards this effort.

October Birthdays

Bud Byers-4, Mryna Human-4; Andy McKay-4; Linda Jones-6; Millie Tudor-6; Tara Strickland-8; Cali Thanyer-8; Jim Routzhan-11; Cheryl Botts-12; Zac Egner-12; Alex Chase-12; Waylon Hileman-13; Sam Blankenship-14; Gavin Pope-16; Jack Kyle-16; Melissa Young-28; Haylee Slaughter-29; Nathan Myers-31

October Anniversaries

Gabe & Kirsten Williams-6; Wayne & Joyce Freeman-11; Don & Millie Tudor-11; Kevin & Jennifer Freeman-13; Ernie & Mary Wise-16; Cherri & Eddie Gould-29

It's time to restock our **PANTRY** - **Items needed:** Creamy Peanut Butter; Grape Jelly or Jam; Canned meats; Tuna kits; Plain Ritz crackers or Saltines