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Mission Or Ministry? Or Both?

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Jesus told the crowd who murmured against His acceptance of Zaccheus, "the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Lk.19:10). What is the mission of the church? The same as Jesus' mission. Why is this so important to know? Because some Christians can become confused.

Some will say, "That's not my gift" or "This is not my ministry" when referring to seeking and saving the lost. The problems can be alleviated if we know the difference between ministry and mission.

Ministry is done for a purpose and mission is that purpose. Ministry is the means toward the end which is the **mission** of seeking the lost.

Fulfilling the mission involves all kinds of activities of service. We all are to use our gifts and talents to serve (I Pet.4:10-11). Whether one is involved in singles ministry, youth ministry, the education ministry, benevolence ministry, or all the many areas of service, the objective must be the mission - seeking and saving the lost.

As the body of Christ, we work together to accomplish the same mission (Eph.4:11-16), and we must never lose sight of the fact that *making disciples* is our mission! Therefore, ministries in the church must not become the end, but rather the means to the end redeeming the lost. So if someone asks, "What is your mission?" you can answer, "Seeking and saving the lost." If someone asks, "What is your ministry?" you can answer, "The ministry in which I am presently engaged is ..."

Our ministries are for the ultimate purpose of bringing people to Christ. Else, why be involved in a **ministry** that does not have a **mission**?

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Schedule of Services:

		Opening: Jack W
Sunday		Closing: Bob Rid
Bible Class	9:00 A.M.	Sunday P.M. Pi
Worship	10:00 A.M.	Opening: Ron N
Worship	5:00 P.M.	Closing: Duncan
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Serving Communion/May North Side: South Side:

- 1. Anthony Williams
- 2. Trenton Talkington
- 3. Wallace Hood
- 4. Robert Davis
- 5. Miles Daniels
- 6. Aaron Hosak
 - Alternate: none
- 1. Mark Seay, Sr. 2. Keith Flowers
- 3. Duncan McGeachy
- 4. Dan Fleeman
- 5. John Johnson
- 6. John Milligan

Communion Thoughts May 24 Travis Talkington

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Tanya Williams had gallbladder surgery Monday, May 18. She is in Baylor All Saints room 318. **Bob Wallace** is dealing with health issues. **Angela Smith** requests prayers for her cousin Jean Powe who is struggling with serious health issues.

Undergoing chemotherapy: Alice Holland, Jackie Zimpelman and David Wilson's mother.

Continue to remember: David Wilson's grandson; Moyer Zimpelman's borther; Tanya Williams; Ernest Collins; Janelle Parker; Margaret Williams; Ron Norman; Jack Warren; Bob & Dorothy Middleton; Susie Burchardt; Alice Warren; Ruth Scott; Naomi Ruth Owusu-Ansa; Douglas Garrett; Sharon Nolen's sister; Angela Smith & family, especially her uncle, Freeman Williams and her cousin; Jenny Dollar; Betty Miller; Cindy King; Jim Kite; Bette Boydstun; Emillee Schorn; Darlene DeBose and family; Sherwin Nelson and family; Kathryn Daniel; Jackie Woods; Bettye Herring; Hazel Kelly; Kay Stalcup; Jennie Skidmore; Chris Fry; Jeanne Moore; Richard Hill; Merle Ferguson; Dorothy Allen; Don Simpson & family; Kim Crader; Cynthia Beasley & family.

SERMON TOPICS 5/24/2015

A.M. – Ed McGeachy speaking "The Making of a Holy Nation" (Deuteronomy 6:1-9) P.M. – Jerry Coffey speaking "The Perils of Prejudice" (James 2:2-9)

SERMON AUDIO

Our audio archive of sermons is now up to date for 2015! You can now listen to any sermon you missed, go back and review one, or share a sermon you really enjoyed at http://bridgewoodchurch.org/audio/

SPECIAL NOTE FOR 39ers The 39ers <u>WILL NOT</u> meet for fellowship and games on Thursday, May 28th. We will meet again on Thursday, June 25. Till Then!

Comíng up...

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL Sunday, May 24

> OFFICE CLOSED Monday, May 25

5th SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP Sunday, May 31

COORDINATING ELDER/MAY Bob Milligan

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP MEALS



Hosts/hostesses are needed for the Wednesday evening meals during our Summer Series June 3 – August 26. Hosts will select a date, collect the money from the box on the table on their

particular week, choose the menu, prepare and serve the food. A sign-up sheet is available at the welcome center in the foyer. For more information see Jeff Wilhelm.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL POSTPONED



Our family devotional schedule for this coming Sunday will need to be postponed. Buddy Fry scheduled an all staff meeting for camp for this Sunday evening. The camp

staff will worship together in Grandview then discuss our upcoming camp session. We will work to find another date for a family devo. Every Sunday evening has a scheduled event in June.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES MEAL

Bridgewood is pleased to host the first Summer Youth Series event of the summer on Tuesday, June 9. We expect 250 to 300 teens to be with us. (Attendance will be down a bit since several of the larger groups will be away on mission trips or doing VBS.) As we have in years past, we will provide dinner for everyone in attendance since many drive an hour or more to attend.

The Dorito casserole worked out very well last year and is a great option for freezing if we have leftovers. If you would like to help, there will be a sign up sheet in the KITCHEN on the island. We need help making casseroles, beans, and rice. For the casseroles we will provide the recipe and disposable pans. We ask that all volunteers make 2 casseroles which will serve approximately 40. Those making beans or rice will be asked to use their favorite recipe and to make a quantity that will serve around 50.

A sign up sheet, pans, and recipes will be in the kitchen starting this Sunday. We ask that you deliver the finished casseroles, beans, or rice no later than 5pm on Tuesday, June 9. If you have any questions, please see Jon or call him at 817-437-2236.

Next Week's Birthdays...

May 24 - 30

5/25 Ray Ferrell

- 5/25 Pete Lamberson*
- 5/26 Chris Fry
- 5/28 Jeanne Simpson

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