



The Trumpet

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loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Our stewardship of love versus duty

Dear Friends,

There is an interesting story told describing the difference between how our joy of stewardship can be expressed as love to God rather than just a duty. Imagine a conversation describing this difference between an older, wise (pillar of the church) type of person, to a much younger seeker of the faith. Let's call the wiser person Sam Elder and the young seeker Kevin Kurious.

Kevin: "Sam, what does stewardship have to do with religion?"

Sam: "Very simple, let's begin with the Commandment, 'Thou shalt love thy God with all your heart, mind and soul.' Kevin, how do you think we express our love to a God who is so magnificent yet invisible?"

Kevin: "Should I say, very carefully?"

Sam: "No! One way we can do this is by worship in any or all of its forms."

Kevin: "I never thought of worship as being an expression of love; I always thought it was a duty."

Sam: "Another way to express this kind of love is by acts of service. You already know how pleasant it is to have someone do you a favor?"

Kevin: "Like the Bible says, faith without good works is a hollow faith."

Sam: "In the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, Christ advocates service to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Service to our church is a valued expression of our love for God."

Kevin: "I like what the Bible says about helping the less fortunate."

Sam: "Finally, a recognized way of expressing our love for God is by our giving. Including our giving of ourselves in our time, talents and treasures."

Kevin: "So that's all of it?"

Sam: "No, not all of it!" "Just think of it as a daily walk and journey of faith! Tomorrow is always a new day with new revelation from God! Stewardship is a process of giving and receiving God's love."

Let the journey continue!

Peace,
Bruce†

Sharing good news

by Fran Hart

On a recent Sunday, as I was getting ready for church, I was listening to the radio. An interview was in progress and as I listened I began to get very excited. They were talking about an upcoming Job Fair happening Wednesday. They described the event (75 employers! 100's of jobs! On-site interviews! Bring your resume and be prepared!) and provided the website and other critical details. I felt my energy level rise as I imagined sharing this information with several folks who are hunting for employment. What a blessing! This sounded like a great opportunity. I began to hurry. I wanted to make sure I got to church before the service began so I could tell people the good news!

At about that time the interview broke for a commercial. Before the interruption they recapped the pertinent information. "This Wednesday at the Expo Center," they said. Then they gave the date – it was the Wednesday that had just passed!

I was completely deflated. My "good news" had an expiration date. I was reminded of a day not too long ago when I merrily went to pay for my books at Barnes and Noble. I handed the cashier a 25% off coupon, delighted with the savings I was about to receive. Maybe you can relate to my feel-

ing of dismay when she informed me the coupon had expired the day before! I felt that same sense of deflation. I hadn't paid enough attention to the expiration date so the savings couldn't be redeemed.

How different that is from the Good News of our savior, Jesus Christ. Through Him the savings are immeasurable and redemption is available any time, anywhere.

John the Baptist was the first to tell of the good news coming in the form of the Messiah. Until then, lives were governed by the Law and the Prophets. Jesus came to preach the good news in fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah (Luke 4:17-21). Everywhere he went he preached "the kingdom of God is near! Repent and believe the good news." The kingdom of God was brought near to us through Jesus Christ. By his death, we are redeemed. Claimed like coupons; saved by God's grace. Our sins are forgiven. Eternal life is given to us through baptism and acceptance of life in Christ.

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life ... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect." (1 Peter 1:18-19)

And this is good news we can freely share.



For the redemption of your Soul*

100% Off Regular Price
No expiration date
Redeem at any location

* This coupon can be redeemed any time, any place. Bearer is entitled to forgiveness of sins and eternal life in the kingdom of God. Pass it on! Share the good news!

VBA WAS A LOT OF FUN!

35 children

15 jr. helpers

43 volunteers

4 nights

100 canned goods collected and donated to Hill Country Community Ministries

\$200 collected and donated to the Diocesan Hurricane Ike Relief Fund

THANKS TO OUR GREAT TEAM OF CONSTRUCTION ZONE VBA VOLUNTEERS

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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

Freedom To ...

by Raymond A. Foss

Ours is a freedom to,
not a freedom from,
a freedom to service others,
to live according to Christ's example
to act, in commitment,
not merely a freedom from sin,
or a freedom from the law, the ancient
law, the code of the people
God's given grace, the freedom,
the sacrifice of the Christ,
is a freedom to do, to be, to act
in this world, now

JULY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 5

10:30 a.m. Burl Judy/Jeanette Holahan: **Lectors**
Burl Judy/Jeanette Holahan: **LEMs**
Cindy Wells: **Altar Guild**
Alex Rogers/Adele Simms: **Acolytes**

July 12

10:30 a.m. Jan Buntebart/Suze Scanlon: **Lectors**
Jan Buntebart/Marilee Verdesca: **LEMs**
Jobie Guzman: **Altar Guild**
Elias & Elena Martinez: **Acolytes**

July 19

10:30 a.m. Charlie Cole/Carolyn Dupy: **Lectors**
Burl Judy/Carolyn Dupy: **LEMs**
Cathy Valucek: **Altar Guild**
Ronah Reeh/Joel Holliman: **Acolytes**

July 26

10:30 a.m. Wes Lowe/Kathy Lowe: **Lectors**
Wes Lowe/Kathy Lowe: **LEMs**
Travis Krischke/Cierra Abbott: **Acolytes**
Kathy Ashlock: **Altar Guild**

August 2

10:30 a.m. Joan Steele/Patty Craig: **Lectors**
Joan Steele/Jan Buntebart: **LEMs**
Suzie Scanlon/Emma Simms: **Acolytes**

8:00 Worship Leaders

July 5: Travis Krischke
July 12: Randall Holahan
July 19: Thelma Thompson
July 26: Kirsten Lynch
August 2: Thelma Thompson

Vestry Person for Month of July: David Enders
Offering Counter for Month of June: Barbara Alvarez

COMING SOON.....August 19 From Faith Partners

We hope you will mark your calendar for Wednesday evening, August 19, the last Wednesday before school starts. That evening at 6:30 Faith Partners will host two speakers from the Leander Independent School District, one for youth and one for adults. Mary Ann Kluga, RN, LCDC, who is coordinator for substance abuse prevention for the whole district, will talk with adults about how to talk to people who are abusing substances, especially in close relationships. Her colleague will talk with young people (ages 10-18) about self-esteem, self-image, and peer pressure.

And if you know people, adult or younger, who are wondering how to deal with someone whose use of alcohol or other drugs is worrying them, this is the time and place to invite them to come. Why not mark your calendar today? August 19 is closer than you think!

Zen and Contemporary Wisdom

1. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
2. If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
3. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
4. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
5. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat drinking beer all day.
6. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
7. Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
8. There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.
9. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
10. Never miss a good chance to shut up.

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Share your Epiphany in The Trumpet all year long

Everybody has those "Aha!" moments: epiphanies big and small. Those rare times when everything makes sense for a change. Those times when God is speaking to you and you hear the message soft and still ... or loud and clear. Share your Epiphany story in Trumpet newsletter each month. Send your Epiphany story by the Wednesday before the first Sunday of the month to: trumpet@cec-tx.org