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THE BIRTHDAY OF A PREACHER TEACHER

By Corey Sawyers

Today is a special day because it's the Lord's Day. It's also a special day for some of our congregation who are celebrating birthdays. One of those is a little boy named Gannon. As the preacher and daddy I teach and instruct my sons and others to grow in their relationship with God. But who teaches and instructs the preacher and daddy? Believe it or not, my sons have taught me a great deal in becoming the man I should be!

First, my boys teach me the importance of saying, "I LOVE YOU!" Gannon has to tell me he loves me when he gets up and when he goes to bed. He tells me he loves me when I leave and when I get home. Sometimes out of the clear blue while riding down the road, one of the boys will say, "Daddy, you know what? I love you!" We must show love. It is also important to tell others we love them. Some think it is a sign of weakness or vulnerability. Yet the Lord Himself shows us by example that we need to say, "I love you" (Jer. 31:3; Jn. 3:16, etc.).

Second, my boys teach me to WORK. One of the common misconceptions we have when we first become parents (myself included) is that when we spend time with our children it must be fun time to be quality time. My boys have taught me that they enjoy being with me no matter what we do. They really do enjoy working. They like using tools, sweating, digging, mowing, raking, and getting chores done - especially when we do it together. Gannon loves putting on his overalls and boots and proclaiming, "Well, let's get to work!" That's important when we look at all God's word says about our being good workers (I Tim. 5:8; II Cor. 12:15).

Third, my boys teach me about GOD. Yes, I am supposed to teach them about the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Yes, I am supposed to dedicate our home to being a Godly one (Josh. 24:15). My boys have taught *me* just how important that is! They are the ones that remind me when it is time for our family devo time. They are the ones that remind me we ought to pray about this or that. They are the ones that remind me of my Father's love for me.

Dads and moms, we are supposed to be parents! We have to set the parameters and make sure our children learn the lessons they should. But perhaps sometimes we spend so much time trying to teach our children the lessons they need to learn, we never realize the lessons they teach us. I am thankful for children and especially our three sons. Happy Birthday Gannon! And thank you for teaching this preacher so much!

THEME FOR 2016: A FAITH THAT STANDS

Sermon Topics:

DEC. 11: AM - Do You Know Him? (Matt. 25:14-30)
 PM - Closing Ephesians (Eph. 6:21- 24)

DEC. 18: AM - The Greatest Stumbling Block
 PM - Reason for the Season?

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am
 Worship-10:30am
 Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00pm

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 7:30am Preaching the Gospel- Channel 13
 8:00am Good News Today- Channel 13

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 7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way
 7:30am Preaching the Gospel
 8:00am Good News Today

STATE OF THE YOUTH

Hearing Voices: Sorting it Out (Pt. II)

Adam Currence

Last week we began thinking about the “voices” that we hear in life. Which voice are we listening to: the voice of God or the voice of Satan? Today we’re going to examine six ways to distinguish between God’s voice and Satan’s lies.

1. **Satan Lies—Christ Does Not.** God says one thing, but Satan says another. It is up to you to decide who is telling the truth! Satan added one word to God’s command in Genesis 3:4, assuring Eve that if she ate of the fruit she would surely NOT die. Satan wants you to doubt God’s integrity and question his word, just like Adam & Eve. It’s bad enough that Satan outright lies to us (after all, he is the father of lies), but he never lets us in on just how destructive his lies really are. Sin always destroys. Sin always brings pain. Jesus is the truth (John 14:6).
2. **Satan Offers Shortcuts.** One thing I’ve learned in life: valuable things cost SOMETHING. There’s no shortcut to valuable things like financial security or fitness. It takes time and effort. The same is true with spiritual maturity. Satan would have us believe that God is pleased with our halfhearted obedience. This was the exact same temptation he used when tempting Jesus in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11). Another example is when God commanded Saul to destroy the Amalekites completely. Saul obeyed... but he spared the king and the finest livestock (1 Samuel 15:7-9). Ironically, Saul still expected praise from God (vv. 13-15). If you are tempted to take a “shortcut” in following God’s words or bypassing his directions in order to be obedient, that shortcut has Satan’s fingerprints all over it.
3. **Satan Justifies Sin—God Calls for Repentance.** What happens when we are caught in our sin? We justify it. We’ll come up with some of the most amazing excuses to make it seem not-so-bad. After all, it was just once; I was under a lot of pressure; I couldn’t help it. God doesn’t see things this way. Sin is sin. Our sin separates us from God (Isa. 59:2). Instead of trying to justify sin, why not admit your failures and allow yourself to be lead to repentance (Rom. 12:9). Satan thrives when we sin; he flees when we repent.
4. **Satan Divides—God Unites.** Once Satan convinced Adam & Eve to sin, it wasn’t long before the first family feud erupted, resulting in the world’s first murder (Gen. 4). Satan loves to stir up pride and division between people. God does not divide (1 Cor. 14:33), but instead draws people together (James 3:13-18). The next time you are tempted to do or say something divisive, consider where that divisive spirit could be originating. Some even brag, saying things like, “I tell it like it is and hurt people’s feelings sometime, but that’s just how I am!” Be careful!

You might be getting fooled by Satan.

5. **Satan Fosters Pride—God Brings Humility.** Satan’s downfall was pride, and he seeks to bring others down to his level. Satan will tempt you to do and say things that make you look good. God will lead you to set aside yourself for the glory of God. Satan encourages you to exalt yourself at the expense of humility. God will lead you to bring glory to Him. Pride will ultimately destroy you, but the way of God is the way of humility (Micah 6:8).

If you are ever unsure what voice is leading you, I urge you to consider some of these characteristics as a “test” of sorts. After considering these few examples there should be no doubt whose voice you’re listening to. May it be the voice of God!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Progressive Dinner and Gift Exchange: December 16 @ 4:30 P.M. Keep gift and / or gift card to \$20.00 or less.

Evangelism University: January 13-17th. Please let Adam know by December 14th. Cost is \$40.00.

***Events will be updated in the Bulletin as needed.**

To join the Remind 101 EWYG Group for text updates:

1. <https://www.remind.com/join/ewyg> --- go to this link and follow the instructions.
2. text "@ewyg" to the number 81010. You should receive a welcome text from remind. If not, you did something wrong.

This is a simple and easy way to communicate with parents and teens.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Evie Figurelli	December 2
Gannon Sawyers	December 11
Jade Bucy	December 18
Noah Millraney	December 29

<p>GREETERS</p> <p>December 18 Rebecca Thomason Janice Wade</p> <p>December 25 Stan & Sheila Wilson</p>	<p>OUR ATTITUDE</p> <p>Sunday AM Bible Study.....216 Sunday AM Worship.....284 Sunday PM Worship.....175 Wednesday PM Bible Study.....194 This week's contribution.....\$8294 Weekly Budget.....\$8472</p>
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<p>BIBLE TRIVIA</p> <p>Last Week's Trivia Answered: Paul (Acts 17:22) <i>WHO SAID THAT?</i> "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor."</p>

<p>FOOD PANTRY</p> <p>Canned soup, Spaghetti sauce/pasta, Cereal, Canned ham & tuna, Beef stew, Pop tarts, Dry beans <i>{Please place in the pantry pig}</i></p>
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<p>FUTURE WORSHIP LEADERS</p> <p>If unable to serve, please contact Lance Winders @ 336-2421. Participants in the A.M. service are asked to please meet in the library following the second bell.</p>
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<u>SUNDAY A.M.</u>	<u>DECEMBER 11</u>	<u>DECEMBER 18</u>
Announcements	Steve Delaney	Steve Delaney
Song Leader	Adam Currence	Adam Currence
Opening Prayer	Dan Patterson	Daniel Williams
Scripture Reading	Rick Moody	Mark Brown
Closing Prayer	Michael Williams	Steve Delaney
Lord's Supper		
Presiding	Jerry Olive	Jason Smith
East Side	Jerry Shobe Jerry Peale Bobby Barton Mike McDaniel	Bobby Barton Troy Buttrey Reed Shepherd Adam Killion
West Side	Jeff Figurelli Patrick Peale Jimmy Wynn	Craig Brown Rayburn Thomason Titus Winders
Nursery	Ned Morris	Ron Brown
Balcony	Micah Sutton Dominic Figurelli Joe Millraney	Charlie Morton Blake Morton Silas Winders
Alternates	Herman Jackson Ron Brown Bobby Sadler	David Belisle Kelly Burke Zach Golson
Overhead Projector	Caleb Griffin	Caleb Griffin
<u>SUNDAY P.M.</u>	<u>DECEMBER 11</u>	<u>DECEMBER 18</u>
Song Leader	Philip Davidson	Adam Currence
Opening Prayer	Jerry Scarbrough	Bob Comer
Scripture Reading	Clay Durham	Fred Grosbeier
Lord's Supper	Alan Shaffer	Bob Perry
Closing Prayer	Nathan Foster	Charles Clark
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 14</u>	<u>DECEMBER 21</u>
Song Leader	Bob Perry	Gordon Sawyers
Invitation	Zach Golson	Garrett Sawyers
Closing Prayer	Jerry Riggs	Edwin Carrington

KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Janice Story: home after tests in Nashville pertaining to existing medical condition; 308 Paris Harbor Dr. Unit B / Paris

Ray Tucker: had an accident with his table saw. He had 10 stitches in his right thumb; 1211 Memorial Drive / Paris

Julia Jannell Warren: (attended East Wood several years ago) requests prayers for her family, son-Kevin, Loren and Mia Morris.

Ted Hyer: (Patsy Davidson's brother in law) Vanderbilt with respiratory distress. Improving though still in serious condition.

JoAnn Griffith: ; 5644 East Antioch Road / Springville 38256

Paul Atkins: Paris Health Care room 121; 129 Dogwood Hills Dr. / Paris

Wilma Brown: St. Thomas Midtown Hospital room 5104. please send all cards of encouragement to home address; 412 N. Willowbrook Drive / Paris

Ralph Shelton: (Jordan William's paternal grandfather) diagnosed with cancer. No surgery to remove mass on kidney. Starts chemo in two weeks; 2180 Skyline Drive / Pacific, MO 63069

Sandy Shelton: (Jordan William's grandmother, Ralph Shelton's wife) diagnosed with cancer; 2180 Skyline Drive / Pacific, MO 63069

Martha Shobe: improving. Paris Health Care Room 106; 31 Lancelot Ln. / Paris

Nancy Madden: (cousin to Luane DeWees and Laura Wynn) biopsy last Monday. Requested prayers.

Georgene Guerrero: (friend to Laura Wynn) colon cancer. Requested prayers on her behalf.

Sherry Cook: prayers requested over concerns for prognosis; 5470 Hwy 77 / Mansfield TN 38236

Carla Currence: (mother of Adam Currence) December 21 to have a scan to follow up on progress of treatment; 210 Browning Street / Monticello, AR 71655

Melvin Arnold: 390 Clifty Creek Road / Paris

Micah Hart: (Wayne and Patty Hart's grandson) leukemia. Jason and Jennifer Hart, parents; 121 Approach Drive / Harrison, Arkansas 72601

THANK YOU
 Brothers and Sisters of East Wood, Thank you so very much for your kind generosity to help with all the medical expenses we are experiencing with Micah's battle with leukemia. We thank and praise God for what He has done in Christ through you. But mostly we thank you for your priceless offers of prayer and support. Love, Jason, Jennifer, Daniel, Micah, and Jaycee Hart

Dear East Wood church family, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and the food prepared for our family. Your cards, calls, and especially your prayers during Kenneth's illness were so appreciated. Please continue to remember us in the days to come. In Christian Love, Lydia, Bryon and Leigh Ann

We wish to thank our East Wood Family for the beautiful flower arrangement and the get-well cards sent to Paul during his hospital stay in Jackson. It is heart-warming to know how much our church family means to us. Keep us in your prayers. In Christian Love, Paul and Betty Atkins

To my East Wood family, I would like to say thank you to everyone who donated to the college care packages recently. It was a huge encouragement to receive something so thoughtful from my church family as the semester begins to come to a close. The stress of finals can be overwhelming and it is such a nice reminder to know that my family at East Wood continues to keep me in their thoughts and prayers every day. Thank you again. Sincerely, Harrison Foster

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Return Service Requested

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIA Team 2: will meet after evening services at the home of Debbie Pace for finger foods; 117 Bucy Circle / Paris

Henry County HealthCare Singing: Today at 2:00 P.M.

Joyland Christmas Program: December 16th @ 11:00 A.M.

Youth Annual Progressive Dinner: December 16 begins at 4:30 P.M. at the church building. This also includes a gift exchange. See Youth page for more details.

Deacons Meeting: will be held on Sunday, December 18th after evening services.

Host Devos for 2017: sign-up sheet on the Teen Bulletin Board!

Christmas Day: Bible School and Worship Services will be on regular schedule with evening services being abbreviated.

Life Line Screening: Monday, December 19th. If you are interested in having these non-invasive tests, please be sure to pick up a flyer at the exits and call for an appointment.

We express our sympathy to the family of Ryan Parnell. He was an assistant basketball coach at Freed-Hardeman University who passed away December 7th, 2016.

ELDER'S CORNER

REMINDER: The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, the elders would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 16: Joyland Christmas Program @11:00 A.M.
Youth Annual Progressive Dinner & Gift Exchange @ 4:30 P.M.

December 18: Youth Devotional 3-6th gr. @ S.Claxton
Youth Devotional 7-12th gr. @ Belisle
Eiffel Garden Singing @ 2:00 P.M.
Deacons Meeting after P.M. Services

December 19: Life Line Screening

December 20: Adult Ladies Ornament Party @6:30 P.M.
At Danette Delaney's home.

December 21: No Wednesday Morning Bible Class

December 25: Regular A.M. service/Abbreviated P.M. service

December 26: OFFICE CLOSED Christmas observance

January 1: New Years Day

Morningside Singing @ 2:00 P.M.

January 2: OFFICE CLOSED New Years Holiday

THE LADIES' CORNER: **RISE AND SHINE!**

Edited from an article by Kathy Pollard

"Rise and shine, friend. Everyone you meet today is on heaven's Most Wanted list" Charles R. Swindoll). I love this quote. It's a reminder and a challenge for me. My attitude affects my ability to impact others for Christ. I need to see each new day as an opportunity to think souls (Phil. 2:14-15). Rise and shine!

There are many reasons to grumble I know. (politics, the high expense of health care, job insecurity). Maybe Monday mornings are on that list for you. We all have personal reasons to grumble. But what are any of these in light of a soul? Let's lay aside our grumbles and look for ways to shine. The people around us need Christ. Does grumbling lift Him up for all to see? Rise above the earthly annoyances (Col. 3:1,2) and shine the Light (Matt. 5:16). May God bless our daily efforts to share His love this week.

Suggestions for the Week: 1. Be mindful of your face. It's the first thing people see. Smile warmly as you interact with EVERY person. 2. If your list of reasons to grumble seems overly long, remember that your list of reasons to smile is even longer. Write down your blessings and keep adding to that list each day this week. This would be a fun family activity. 3. Your cheer will be obvious in an unhappy world. Some will comment on it. Be ready to give a thought provoking answer for "the hope that is within you" (1 Peter 3:15). 4. My son, Dale, said, "We can Think Souls all day long but we need to get beyond the thinking and start doing something about it." What specific way can you reach souls this week?