

Members and Friends

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH NEWSLETTER

"I've Got Good News..."

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"I've got good news...." Those words are usually the start of the sentence: "I've got good news and bad news; which do you want to hear first?" Usually when asked that question, I'll take the bad news first. I prefer to get it out of the way. And the bad news for us spiritually is: we are sinners; the wages of sin is death; God is holy and just. But...the good news of Jesus Christ? Wow, it is glorious good news! Yet, most Christians are a little embarrassed by this news. The thought of telling others the good news causes fear and anxiety. Most feel totally inadequate to share the good news with others (or even articulate what the good news is). We must recover the glorious assurance that what we believe truly is good news – and be transformed from fearful to faithful in sharing it with others. We are in the midst of a six week sermon series in which we refocus our attention on the glory of the good news, and work toward growing in our willingness and ability to share it. I hope you will be prayerfully discerning how God can use you as his ambassador, gladly proclaiming in word and deed the good news of Jesus.



Upcoming Sermons

- 10-3-21 - Romans 10:9-10
- 10-10-21 - Revelation 22:1-6
- 10-17-21 - Matthew 28:18-20
- 10-24-21 - Acts 1:8



The story of Adam & Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby was most interested and drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat, behind the wheel was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman.

The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam & Eve.

But little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam & Eve out of the garden!"

The sin that separated us from God was forgiven at the cross. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

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I had been a Christian only a few months when I felt compelled to witness to my father. In the midst of the discussion, I remember a question which he blurted out in frustration. He said, "Well, if God exists, why doesn't He just blow a big hole in the ground or something?" In other words, why doesn't God just do something so big and so grand that his existence would be so obvious to everyone that no one could deny it?

And I remember thinking to myself, well, that's a good question. Why doesn't God do something like that? Why doesn't he ultimately reveal Himself to us once and for all in an absolutely unmistakable way? And if he has, why don't we know about it. And if he has, what's he got to say to us. What's He got to offer. And how did do it?

And this is actually what the Gospel of John is all about. The Gospel of John is all about telling us that God has indeed done something so great and so grand that nobody should ever doubt that God not only exists, but he offers us the solution to the biggest problem we have—the fact that we all inevitably in inexorably die. And John also tells us exactly how and when God made this ultimate revelation of Himself—and it is remarkable, it is truly astounding. And it is truly good news.

And it is this: The Eternal Creator has ultimately revealed himself by becoming one incredible man, Jesus Christ, who demonstrated the truth about God---that He is gracious & willing to save us from our sins.

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