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“...’Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’”

[Luke 4:14-21]

So, I guess I missed the Golden Globes award show the other night. I think I may have been watching ‘Worst Cooks in America,’ or maybe it was ‘House Hunters.’ Reading about the Globes show the next day made me wish I had paid more attention. I understand George Clooney received some sort of lifetime achievement award. (Seems like I always miss the finest moments of life...)

George Clooney’s resume includes some pretty remarkable things...

Born in Lexington, Kentucky

Studied a few years at NKU

Did not make the roster of the Cincinnati Reds

Moved to LA, where he became a star

Murphy Brown’s Dr., Bobby on Golden Girls, Kip on Murder She Wrote.

IT TAKES GRACE

All that propelled him to stardom as Dr. Doug Ross on ER, which ran 16 years from 1994 to 2009 – Oh, wait a minute...Dr. Ross left the show in 1999... George’s real stardom was revealed in the 37 movies he acted in. I’m sure you’ll never forget the classics like ‘Return to Horror High,’ ‘Return of the Killer Tomatoes,’ ‘O Brother, Where Art Thou,’ ‘Ocean’s 12 (and 13),’ and everyone remembers ‘The Men Who Stare at Goats.’

Wow! How in the world could they have overlooked George Clooney receiving a life-time achievement award year after year?!

If I may, I’d like for a minute to have you consider another person who received a life-time achievement award. He lived longer ago than any of you reading this can remember. But we take it on good authority what this man was able to do. In His own words...

Brought good news to the poor

Proclaimed liberty to captives

Gave sight to the blind

Liberated the oppressed

You can read more about this person, starting maybe with Luke 4:14-21. But there are many other things written of Him throughout the Bible. Generations of people have followed Him in their own lives. Have you?

The Lenten season of reflection begins February 18. Between then and Easter, I encourage you to consider following Jesus closer than you ever have in the past. See if it doesn’t make a profound difference in your own life.

Blessings,

RevLon

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP—
FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season – a time associated with self-denial, self-sacrifice, fasting, prayer, and meditation. It should not be seen only as a time of “giving up” something for the season. Lent should also be seen as an opportunity to take something on, or better yet, to take Someone on. Paul said to the Romans, “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” Spiritual discipline and devotion are the most effective ways to prepare for Easter. Sacrificial service and the yearning for a deeper spiritual experience should be our aim, not only

during the Lenten season of course, but at all times. The truest significance of the Lenten season is in deciding to die to self so we might be a blessing to God and others.

Our Ash Wednesday service marks the beginning of the Lenten season. We will meet together at about 6:00PM (after our 5:15 supper) for a worship service that will include the marking of ashes and communion. Please be sure to come, and by all means invite others to attend with you.

ANOTHER MISSION
SUNDAY COMING UP!

We’re excited to let everyone know that Sunday, February 15 will be another opportunity for us to connect with the mission efforts within our denomination. Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell will be here that day. Some of you have been around enough years to remember the Gartrell’s from Gordon’s days as pastor at First Church in Central City. They have spent many years since then serving as missionaries in large cities along with some more rural parts of Brazil. Mark your calendars now as we anticipate a great time of hearing how God has been working in that country through the dedication of Gordon and Dorothy.

“IDENTITY”

As we speed into another month of 2015 I wanted to point out a subject we are focusing on in Youth Group, an adult Sunday school class and a Marriage Enrichment class. Our identity as believers and followers of Jesus Christ defines us first and foremost period. The classic 80's movie "The Breakfast Club" has a lot to teach us of the teenage culture then and now. In a Wednesday night youth group we used a clip from that movie to help us evaluate how we see others and ourselves. Who are those we associate with and why? And who are those that we seem to put into categories of unapproachable or outcast. As Christians we see our identity in our creator, sustainer, teacher, redeemer, Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit the triune one God. It is the one most important part of our identity, our faith defines us. It determines what kind of spouse, parent, child, family, friend, employer, employee, and person we are.

In our Marriage Enrichment class we are using a series titled "From This Day Forward" which is a 5 part series helping us as spouses to seek God first, fight fair, have fun, live pure and never give up. All of these hinge off of that first session to seek God first. It is the starting point, the middle ground and the ending to all of our stories as Christians. No one can complete us other than the one who created us. We are seeing a lot of advertising now on the subject of Valentines and hearts are abundant wherever we look. But did you know that it began with a Christian who was teaching the way of relationship as God designed between one man and one woman in holy matrimony. This teaching that St. Valentine would be martyred for was to point people to the

truth of the Gospel and how it shaped all areas of their lives. The culture of Rome in the 3rd century was one of false gods and a lot of debauchery to put it in a censored and condensed way. But nothing could nor can destroy the Good News of the Gospel!

So as we walk out our faith in our moment by moment, day by day life let's focus on what is the most important aspect of our identity our faith. It shapes everything else in our lives into a proper perspective as we live it out. Let's be reminded as we enter into a time of reflection and faith as we near the time of remembering what our Emmanuel came and did for us out of an abundant and unconditional love. Jesus came to us, He taught us, He blessed us, He died for us and He rose from the grave for us and He now calls you and me to follow Him in all we do! What's most important?,

"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40

God is good all the time and all the time God is good! I love you!

In Christ's Love,

Rob, Romans 12



YOUTH NEWS: February 18th, Ash Wednesday, will be a youth group fundraiser meal. We will be having homemade soups and sandwiches plus desserts. Please make sure you're there for the meal before our Ash Wednesday service. We so appreciate all your support of our youth and the activities we do with them!

February 27-29 is the West Kentucky Presbyterian Youth Winter Retreat hosted by Franklin Presbyterian church. Signups will be in the youth room and the cost is normally around \$15-\$20, more details will be sent out to youth and parents as Rob receives them.

FROM THE INSIDE

Charles Swindoll in his book "Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back" tells a story about a farmer who wanted to impress his hunting buddies. So he went out and bought the smartest, most expensive hunting dog he could find. He trained this dog to do things no other dog on earth could do---impossible feats that would surely amaze anyone. Then he invited his neighbors to go duck hunting with him. After a long patient wait in the boat a group of ducks flew over and the hunters were able to shoot a few of them down. Several ducks fell in the water. The farmer looked at the dog and said, "Go get 'em!" The dog leaped out of the boat, walked on the water, and picked up a bird and returned to the boat. As soon as he dropped the duck in the boat he trotted off across the water again and grabbed another duck and brought it back to the boat. The owner kind of swelled up with pride as his dog walked across the water and retrieved each of the birds one by one. Kind of smugly, he looked at one of his buddies and

asked, "Do you notice anything unusual about my dog?" One of them sat back and rubbed his chin and thought about it for a little while and finally said, "Yeah, come to think of it, I do! That stupid dog doesn't know how to swim does he?"

Many give Peter the same reaction. Instead of recognizing that he was the only disciple who even stepped out of the boat, he's criticized for his lack of faith. He draws close to Christ while 11 other disciples sit in the boat, content in their perceived safety.

A lot of Christians today are only satisfied with doing little things for God, but not Peter. Out of the 12, only Peter asks to join Jesus in "walking on the water." And all it took was Jesus' Word. Jesus said, "come", and Peter was obedient. Peter climbed out of the boat, stepped on the water, and walked on the sea toward the Lord. Now we don't know how far he walked or how many steps he had taken before he started to sink. But we are sure that he did walk on the water.

And sure, everyone points out that Peter sank. But let me

ask you a question, would you rather sink being obedient to God? Or stay in the boat even though the Lord has told you to come?

One of the biggest problems in the church today is that Christians are afraid to get out of the boat and answer the Lord's call. Sure Peter sank; he sank because he took his eyes off of Jesus and began to look at what was going on around him. But the other 11 disciples never even had their eyes on Jesus but were looking at the storm from the get go. Peter was the only one who had faith enough to step out of the boat.

Be a wet water walker, not a dry boat talker. Please.

On a personal note, I thank you for the monetary Christmas gift; it has been invested in the HCJ Ministry for communion supplies. Thank you for your support in our ministry.

On the inside, Pete

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4th	Burl Milligan	18th	Maggie Pierce	24th	Stuart Sherrell
7th	Bettye Riddle	19th	Susanna Lee	25th	Folmer Starr
11th	Joe Phelan	20th	Jim & Janet Agin (A)	28th	Nancy Franklin
14th	Charlie & Shirley Hoskins (A)	21st	Josh & Holly Pohlman (A)		
16th	Kay Hall	22nd	Serenity Agin		
17th	Lyndi Bryan	23rd	Glori Cope		



February 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 9:30 Norma Siria Circle	3 7:00 Session Meeting	4 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8	9	10 Presbytery Mtg Hopkinsville FPC	11 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 
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PRAY FOR YOUR SESSION IN 2015!

Here are a couple of assignments for everyone connected to FPC:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7...

One lesson our new Session will need to apply in 2015 is exactly what Paul is teaching here: "You cannot do it all." All of our elders have committee assignments; they are to oversee the work of various activities in the church. They are to lead by example, but if no one is following, they are not leading and none of us are making an adequate attempt at being the body of Christ. It is not the work of the Session to literally do all the ministry of FPC. By Paul's definition, they are to lead the church family, all of us con-

nected to one another, in some part of our ministry. They have the benefit of all the Ministry Menus the congregation has filled out. Those are helpful, but some of you didn't fill one out, so they'll need to contact you personally to see where you would feel best about serving Christ. The elders job is not easy. There is much to accomplish in our corner of the world for Christ's sake. The degree of difficulty, though, will be lessened as Each part of the body (you, me...all of us) makes known what we are willing and able to do. (It's not arrogant for you to let us know what you are gifted and comfortable at. It is lazy, though, and not very scriptural, to assume it

will all get done by others without your involvement.) We are a church family filled with talents and gifts suitable for the Kingdom of God...*"the same God who empowers (those gifts, services, and activities) in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

2. Pray for our Session – and the individual elders of the Session. Pray for wisdom and skill in carrying out their efforts, but pray even more that they may simply be able discern what it is that God has in mind for them and for us all in this new year.

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