

Genesis Church begin. believe. become.

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TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study at the Church

The Community Group will not be meeting over the summer months.

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Worship Team Practice 6:30 Youth Group at Libby & Jon's Place 1276 44th Ave., VB

SATURDAY

No Ladies Reflective Walk this week.
We will be volunteering at the IR Habitat for
Humanity ReStore
4568 N. US Highway 1, VB
from 9 - Noon



Faith

Lynn Lindsey
Pam Bjorkman
Ken & Celeste Freeman
David & Gloria Thomas
Billie Brooks was at church this morning and
feeling so much better. She is grateful for your
thoughts & prayers

MaryJo Irvin's brother, Lonnie Paragon as he continues his chemo treatments & Pam Barker's mother, Charlotte Bradley as she heals from a fall.

Continue to pray for Pastor Derrick's father. He is stable for now; however, a complete diagnosis hasn't been determined just yet.

Also for those of you who have been asking for Pam Bjorkman's address - it is as follows: c/o Ernie Ladich, 3922 Doral Drive, Maryville, TN

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The Leper's Commission A Tale of Seven Lepers #6 - Simon the Leper Matthew 26:6-13

Humility isn't a character trait we should profess to have. For the moment we celebrate our attainment of it is the instant we lose it. Humility, therefore, can only come from an authentic relationship with our creator: a product of time spent with him in light of his mercy. Humility doesn't mean that we think less of ourselves; it just means we think of ourselves less. We choose instead to put our emphasis in life where it rightly belongs: onto Jesus.

In the passage of our discussion today, a man known simply as "Simon the Leper" does exactly that. He has no speaking parts or acts of service in the biblical record we will read today. He only did one thing that we can be sure of: he invited Jesus and others into his home to hear the Good News. And what he learned in silence about Jesus' nature and purpose is palpable. And his commission then is ours now. What will we do with Jesus?

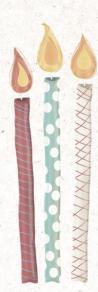
The Leper's Commission

- 1. An Open Invitation (6)
 - a. Who was present
 - b. What it took for Simon the Peter to host
- 2. A Humble Exaltation (7)
 - a. An exit from the story
 - b. An entrance to the story
 - c. A point to the story
- 3. A Duty to Discern Spiritual Realities (8-9)
 - a. The dual realties in the Scriptures
 - b. How it works
 - c. How we can get on the wrong side of it
- 4. A Quest for a Gospel Legacy (10-13)
 - a. All of us will leave a legacy
 - b. But the commission from Jesus is to sow a gospel legacy



Dates for Next Walk to Emmaus Men - October 3-6 Ladies - October 17-20

Call Art Alston - 407-973-4736 Jim Sanderson - 720-323-9677



- 09 Jackie Hiers Cheryl Sandor
- 10 Art Alston
- 12 Dorla Randall
- 18 Don Randall
- 19 Debbie Adrean
- 23 Melanie Lockhart
- 24 Ray Grochowski
- 25 Ron Rupchis
- 28 Hunter Parris
- 29 Kathi DeGroat Jim Sanderson
- 30 Kelli Gilbert



The Ladies will be Volunteering at the Habitat ReStore Saturday Morning from 9:00 - Noon instead. Meet at the Drop Off Point on the East end of the building at 9:00

See you there



a new Season of Men's Small Group September 12, 2019 (every 2nd & 4th Thursday with a

new start time of 6:30 PM Pizza & Beverages served at 6:30

Fellowship 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Discussion & Questions 7:00 - 8:00 PM Moderator & Discussion Leader - Art Alston

Topic: The Strength of Jerusalem

Scripture: Psalm 48: 1-14

Opening Question: Where is the best place to live in the United States or where have you lived?

All men are welcome to bring a friend or your son

In order to ensure that we have enough Pizza - RSVP to Art at 407-973-4636



One More Thing...

The Hymn That Invited Millions to Christ - cont'd from last week

According to How Sweet the Sound, a book by Billy Graham's longtime Crusade soloist George Beverly Shea, Mr. Graham once explained that "we have 'no plea'—no claim on God's love or forgiveness—except that Jesus shed His innocent blood to reconcile us to His Father." There's nothing we can do to earn salvation or freedom from sin; we simply must receive it through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

Ironically, we live in a world that screams for acceptance through careers, social media and peers, but we often have difficulty receiving acceptance from a Savior.

Like trying to stubbornly wipe a dirty stain off a favorite shirt, we attempt to fix our own problems, wanting to appear better than we actually are. We forget that God created us in His own image and doesn't desire our good intentions, but the very hearts that He designed.

Indeed, as the song "Just As I Am" says, He let us be "poor, wretched, blind," that He may become all we need, giving us "sight, riches, healing of the mind."

Behind the Music

Ninety-nine years after Elliott wrote "Just As I Am," a teenage farm boy heard the hymn while attending a revival. He then stepped forward in surrender to God while another hymn, "Almost Persuaded, Now to Believe," was sung.

That man was Billy Graham, who would eventually select "Just As I Am" to play during his Gospel invitations. Chosen for its lyrics of response, "O Lamb of God, I come," and strong Biblical basis, Graham believed the Crusade hymn reflected the choice to follow God. His autobiography would later be named Just As I Am.

Similarly, an 18-year-old George Beverly Shea came forward to accept Christ after repeatedly singing "Just As I Am" during a special week of evangelistic meetings. "I could hardly wait to stand with the congregation and sing 'Just As I Am," he said. "I could sing and comfort my heart, which was so convicted, rather than make that public confession. I was satisfied just to sing and not go forward." However, that Friday evening, Shea did move forward, placing his hope in Christ alone.

More Than an Emotion

In the 1960's, as thousands were responding to the Gospel at Billy Graham Crusades, the media reported it was due to "Just As I Am" playing on the crowds' emotions during the altar call. While certainly the forthcoming lyrics and gentle melody are comforting to one's mind, Billy Graham wanted to prove it was the Holy Spirit doing the work.

After praying through the situation and consulting with his music leader, Cliff Barrows, they decided to skip the hymn during his 1966 Crusade in London. For 30 nights, not a single note of the signature Crusade hymn was sung or played, but people still silently came forward.

"When the reporters began to write about the invitation at Earl's Court, they said that all they heard was a shuffling of feet on the floor," Barrows recalled. "Bring back Just as I Am! The silence is killing us! they wrote."

The key to a Gospel invitation is not within "Just As I Am" or any other hymn, but in the promises of God and power of the Holy Spirit. God's love doesn't change to the beat of a song, but is an unconditional, steady rhythm flowing through our hearts.

All we have to do is come to Him, just as we are.

From Billy Graham's Summer Soul Refresher Series