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The Preacher And People

2 Timothy 4:1b-4

*You are writing a gospel,
a chapter each day;
By things that you do;
By things you say.
Others read that gospel,
whether faithless or true!
Say! What is the Gospel
According To You?*

You might be saying to yourself, "That's a cute poem but I'm not a preacher and I don't have a pulpit." I beg to differ. You do have a "pulpit" and it is wherever God's hand of providence has placed you! In defense of this argument consider Paul's present "pulpit" is a dank, dark, dreary prison cell in Rome and yet he himself says "the Word of God is not imprisoned" and so he "preaches a sermon" with his pen! Beloved, you have a pulpit and it has not been given you by accident but by purposeful providence! And not only do you have a pulpit, you have a charge to "preach" from your pulpit. Listen to Jesus' charge (*not a suggestion but a command from the General to His soldiers on the field*) to all His followers...

"Let your light shine (*aorist imperative*) before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in heaven." (Mt 5:16)

So beloved, don't check out on me because we are all preaching a gospel

to both the lost and the saved. The question we all need to ask ourselves is what "Gospel" am I preaching in my "pulpit"? *What was my sermon like last week – dry and windy or wind driven by the spirit?* Am I letting my Gospel light shine like a city on a hill or a lamp on the lampstand or am I putting it "under a basket" (Mt 5:14-15)? Let me ask it another way so that you don't get caught trying to live by a list of do's and don'ts ("legalism"). Regarding whatever I am doing, ask yourself will it enhance God's reputation? Will those who watch me know that I know God from my behavior? Or will I have to apologize to them later? Ruth Graham defined a "saint" as "someone who makes it easy to believe in Jesus!"

Now, when we look at the text, it transitions to the audience and the sermons / teachings they hear. Look, no one wants to hear a 'hard' word. We could do without all the, what most call '*negativity*.' Preaching about things like sin, judgment, and the like is not considered a good day in God's house.

Most prefer to be told that everything is alright, or how good they are and definitely how good God is. Only there is a problem.

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Meet Your Staff

COR will be blessed with guest pastors, until we have identified the Pastor who God has already chosen for us.



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Leader**
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our church could not exist without our volunteers. ***We all are the church!*** We have several ministries where we could really use more help:

Facilities & Ground Maintenance: Contact Ken Rhode (928) 607-3253

TLC Meal Delivery to COR members and friends, taking turns on an as needed basis: Contact Polly Philpott (928) 773-1818

Thank you, Chuck & Kim!

Thank you, Deacon Chuck Thomsen & wife Kim, for your faithful volunteer service to the COR church family during your full-time stay here in Flagstaff. We wish you God's blessings and all the best for your new full-time RV lifestyle and are looking forward to your spending fall seasons with us in the future!



FaithWorks Mission to the Navajo Reservation

Sat., October 12, 2019

Light repairs, painting, window washing, household cleaning and organization of donated goods etc. This is an important Christian ministry to the Navajo People in the Southern part of the Navajo Nation Reservation. \$30 per person or \$50 per family. Covers lunch, snacks, water, and helps with materials and work supplies.

For more information contact the Trip Coordinator Amy Casali at (928) 699-8138 or via email at

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What about the difficult times? How do I deal with temptation or the more weightier issues of life? You can't deal with these types of things with just a simple smile, a scripture and a nice sounding slogan. **Tell me how to deal with real life.** Don't give me candy, or sweet sounding remedies. *Please, tell me what I need to hear, not what I want to hear!*

St. Paul warns that **the time will come** when they will not endure sound doctrine. We are there. I believe that now, more than any time in history, there has been an inundation of false doctrine that has entered the church. The verse then says that at that time **they will not endure sound doctrine.** Who are the 'they' in this verse? *Believers.* It says that believers will not be able to endure or bear or even put up with truth.

Many believers these days are hungering for something fresh, new and different. *'Don't give me the same old messages recycled. Tell me something that will excite me.'* Look, if the **WORD** doesn't excite you as it is, you've already veered off course. **No one needs to add a little spice or sugar to it to make you feel better.** The scripture goes on to say that **in order to fulfill this lust for more,** believers will **seek out** preachers and teachers who will **tell them** what they want to hear.

The itching ears referred to here is their desire to be audibly tickled. As we said, *'Tell me what I want to hear; make me feel good.'* What immediately happens when anyone desires to have their ears tickled? They automatically turn their ears away from the truth. They choose poison over medicine. Notice that final phrase in verse 4, 'and shall be turned unto fables.' If one turns away from what is true, they have only one recourse, that is to turn to lies, fables and myths.



The Apostle Peter tells us what we should be desiring. In 1 Peter 2:2 he says: **"As newborn babes,**

desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

Once again I say, **Don't Tickle My Ears - Tell Me The Truth!**

Elias R. Reyes
Ruling Elder; Oasis of Hope Ministries

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2019

October 6 - Ruling Elder Eli R. Reyes
October 13 - Ruling Elder Eli R. Reyes
October 20 - Guest Pastor Mel Brewster
October 27 - Guest Reverend Glen Allen

POTLUCK SOCIAL

In The Fellowship Hall

**Join us on Sunday, October 27,
immediately after the Service.**

UPDATE ON "THE PANTRY"

by Mike Bradley, Ruling Elder

As many of you know, the Pantry is ran by Golden Rule Charities. The lady in charge is our very own Sandy Berry. Pantry guests are primarily low-income, mostly families, who need help to put food on the table. Year to date membership is at 2205, and the total food given out was 26,742 pounds! The Pantry differentiates itself from other food banks by allowing its guests to shop as if they were in a regular grocery store, at no cost to the guests.

The Pantry is supported by the Flagstaff Family Food Center, churches (including COR), grocery stores, retailers, the business community and donations from individuals. The Pantry still needs more volunteers and donations.

I have had the pleasure of volunteering for the last couple of months. It is a little bit of work with a lot of Christ inspired fellowship. If you are interested in volunteering (there is something for everybody) please call (928) 440-5375. Don't forget, there is a table on the left-hand side as you enter our church; please bring in canned and boxed items and place them on the table... I will make sure they get there.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS...

by Mike Bradley, Ruling Elder

When we regard our money, rather than our faith in Christ as the basis for our security, we give higher status to an earthly resource rather than God. Personally, I believe it applies to everything we have been given. Our time, our money, our gifts, our blessings: all comes from God. One of the things that helped me keep focused on this issue was, that I came into this world with nothing and that is how I will leave it.

For God, tithing and offerings are not about a percentage. It has more to do with one's heart during the act of giving. We are all stewards. A steward is one who manages the affairs and resources of someone else. We are all stewards of the resources that God has put in our hands. We are accountable to God alone in terms of our stewardship.

Some of you have heard me say that COR is entirely resourced by our congregation. We do not receive money or resources from any other entity. Anything we receive comes from all of us, the congregation. At the present time we are very significantly behind on what we anticipated for annual revenue. We need your help. If you do not have a plan for tithing or offering, we ask you to prayerfully consider it.

2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

BELARUS?

That's where Hal & Pam Givens will be from Oct. 8-15. They will be trainers with KidZ at Heart, a "global Christian community that trains, partners with, and mobilizes networks of leaders to help children fall deeply in love with Jesus."

Please pray for them as they travel and present Modules 1 & 2 at a church in Minsk. They expect 150 people to attend!

FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

"God doesn't call the qualified He qualifies the called." (1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

I think Paul could have had your Pastoral Search Committee in mind when he penned those words. We are all aware that the mission you gave us is very important to the future of our congregation. You elected us to fulfill your desire for a godly man to teach us and shepherd us and show God's love to us and to the community. Knowing that, we are prayerfully executing the search.

Just this past month, the search committee completed several phone interviews, studied resumes for additional candidates, and listened to candidate sermons, which could include multiple sermons from each. We are looking forward to scheduling additional interviews, if necessary, with the goal of finding the best "fit". The next steps would be a second interview, then a recommendation to the Session, then a visit from that candidate to COR. A candidate visit would include delivering a sermon and an opportunity for all of you to meet him.

Whew! It seems the process is taking a long time. But we do see light at the end of the tunnel.

The most important step that the committee utilizes is prayer. We need all of you to partner with us in keeping the process in prayer. Help us find the man God wants to pastor here.

Your elected committee members, Janie Stanford, Polly Philpott, Chuck Thomsen, Elias Reyes, Roxi Ashurst, Debbie Barnard, Joan Stoner, Brigitte Bradley, Mike Ashby, George Nesperke and Karen Cooper are prayerfully continuing with the hiring process. If you ever have any questions in regard to that process, please do not hesitate to flag us down. We welcome your interest and want to share our progress.

The committee members are grateful for all your support thus far. We look forward to working together until God delivers the pastor we have all been waiting for.

With the Holy Spirit's help...

Blessings, *Karen Cooper, Pulpit Committee Chair*