



“Greeting Team”

For Sunday, November 19th

Remember: Meet in the coat room @ **10:30 am** for brief prayer & then go “welcome” people! NOTE: Keep an eye on the auditorium for those who slipped past!

Greeters this week:

Randy Ehlers Monday Night

- 1st— Odin Dart Thursday Night; Ladies Group Thursday Night
- 2nd— Justin Taylor Sunday Night;
- 3rd—Randy Ehlers Monday Night;
- 4th—Curt Mastbergen Sunday Noon; Tackett Sunday Night

Small Groups @ MBC

Are Led By Biblically Qualified Leaders Who Receive Ongoing Support, Oversight & Curriculum Approval From Our Team Of Elders

Announcements

1. Coming Up On The Church Calendar: The All-Church “Thanksgiving Breakfast” November 19
2. Also On The Church Calendar: Our Annual “Christmas Eve Service” December 24th, 6-7:00 PM

Daniel: Taking Ownership Of Our Wrongs

(Note: This continues a series of posts on Daniel’s life) It’s been said that the 3 most difficult words in the English language are: “*I was wrong!*” Husbands, how hard is it to say, “*I was wrong*” to your wife? But, let’s be fair, ladies, it’s just as difficult for you to say those 3 words too, isn’t it? We’ll do almost anything to avoid saying, “*I was wrong*”— we’ll say, “*Man! I messed up*” or “*I fumbled that one*” or “*I goofed*” or “*I blew it*”. We’ll say, “*My bad*” or “*Oops! I made a boo-boo!*” All of those are easier to say than, “*I was wrong!*” They minimize our wrong! I mean, how bad can a “*boo-boo*” be, right? This post is about taking ownership of our sins. It’s about being transparent with God, and, with each other about our sins. If there is any hope for revival across our nation— and, God only knows how badly we need it— we need to learn how to say those 3 words: “*I was wrong!*” “*I was wrong, God! Here is my sin! I confess it! I agree with you about it!*” For the world to experience a revival, it has to begin with God’s people! The Apostle Peter wrote: “...*the time has come for judgment to begin with God’s household...*” It’s gotta start with those who claim to be Jesus’ followers! We can’t pray for national revival & ignore our personal need for repentance! We dare not call out the sin of the lost & wink at our own failure to confess our sin! As we turn to chapter 9 in Daniel’s prophetic book, it begins: “*In the first year of Darius, the son of Ahasuerus, a Mede by birth, who was ruler over the kingdom of the Chaldeans: In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the books according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet that the number of years for the desolation of Jerusalem would be 70.*” Let’s stop there, for a moment, and include some really important background! You might recall that Daniel’s story, in chapter 1, begins with Babylon’s King Nebuchadnezzar laying siege against Jerusalem & taking Daniel & many of the Israelites into exile! Do you remember why? They were being punished! They failed to confess & repent of their sin! They failed to tell God, “*I was wrong!*” And, God fulfilled a promise He had made to Israel 850 years earlier in Deuteronomy 28— Blessings, to Israel, for obedience! Curses for disobedience!



Don’t Test God’s Patience

Just as God had dispossessed the Canaanites & other people groups from the land because of their evil ways, God dispossessed Israel from the land because they became evil! One more thing to consider: Israel’s sinful disobedience was a gradual thing! Sin always is! As the nation, of Israel, became more and more evil, God sent prophets to warn them! He would extend grace & mercy if they would just repent & turn from their sin! But, there is always an end to God’s long-suffering; and, through the Prophet Jeremiah, God confirmed that judgment was coming! It was inevitable, irreversible & non-negotiable! He even told Israel to quit praying for revival; and, to pray for their captors instead! By way of application, it’s time Christ’s Church in America wake up! It’s time we confess our sin of idolatry! We’ve strayed so far from Jesus’ Commission to His Church; and, we’ve given great occasion for the enemies of God to blaspheme. Wake up, Church! Let us repent & return to the work of the Lord in faithfulness!