

OUR MISSION – Be The Church

VISION – to call the Bayfield church of Christ to a deeper commitment of discipleship

Family Matters

"There was a man named Nicodemus who came to Jesus."
John 3:1-2

Give Up!

Luke 9:23-25 (NCV)

The two words that title this article, "give up", are not very popular words within our culture, especially with men. The reason for this is because it usually is synonymous with quitting, surrendering, or failing, and because of our pride, we find these difficult to do. Yet, when it comes to following Jesus, this is exactly what we must do.

In Luke 9:23-25 the NCV translates Jesus saying, "If people want to follow me, they must give up the things they want. They must be willing to give up their lives daily to follow me. Those who want to save their lives will give up true life. But those who give up their lives for me will have true life."

Within this text, Jesus points out that if we want to truly follow him, there are three ways we must "give up."

First, we must give up the things we want. We serve and worship a God who gives us everything we need. He has given us people, food, and clothes. Beyond that, including shelter, everything is just a want and sometimes these wants get in the way of following Jesus. To get what we want, some lie and steal or others become so driven and focused that they lose focus on Jesus. If we keep our focus on Jesus and the things that he wants, our lives will be blessed because we will have everything we need.

Second, Jesus tells us that we must give up our lives daily. Following Jesus isn't just a Sunday morning or Wednesday thing. Let's not be fooled into thinking that just because we are here when the doors are open that it means we are following Jesus. We must be willing to live our lives in a sacrificial way on a daily basis just as Jesus commands us to, if we want to be his followers. We are called to carry our cross daily and the last time I checked, the way of the cross had nothing to do with comfort and safety. Comfort and safety is what we have on Sundays and Wednesdays. David Platt says, "If you want a life of safety and comfort then stay away from Jesus." I agree because following Jesus isn't always safe and comfortable, but it's a life of daily sacrifice.

Last, Jesus tells us that if we want "true life" we must be willing to give up our lives. This is a switch from the daily, everyday life, to the life that is spiritual and eternal. And Jesus tells us that if we want eternal true life with him, then we must be willing to die to ourselves, bury our old ways, habits, toxic behaviors, and rise up, living for Him in grace, love, and freedom.

Following Jesus wasn't ever meant to be easy. It means giving up what we want, sacrificing daily, and dying to the things of this life so we can have true life. May we give up what we want, sacrifice daily, and die to ourselves and live for Jesus. We must give up, if we want to follow Jesus.

~ Brian



Today's Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Monty Cundiff

SONG LEADER – Tyler Whitt

OPENING PRAYER – Joe Layton

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Table Talk – Russ Haga
Servers – Mark Huffmyer, Joe Layton, Aaron Speaker, Kevin Sutherland

GIVING

SERMON

The Book of JOHN
"From Darkness to Light"
Brian Williams

INVITATION SONG

CLOSING PRAYER – R.W. Yarbrough

Evening Services

SINGING NIGHT!!

Devotion – Monty Cundiff

Thank you!
To all the ladies who helped with
the Goodie Boxes!



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Ron Swift – had a bicycle accident, concussion, broken ribs and collapsed lung that required a chest tube for 1 day. He was released home, so please keep him in prayer as he heals and for Jackie as she cares for him.

Roland Pack – had knee replacement surgery Tuesday morning

Dr. Harry Baxtrom - stomach cancer & melanoma, scheduled for surgery soon

Travelers – Killough's

Local family of 7 - lost their home and all their belongings to a fire (employee of Stroheckers)

Allen Killough (Kevin's uncle) – passed away, prayers for his children & family, and Kevin & Lana

Catherine Cundiff – recovering from surgery for skin cancer that was removed from her nose

Frank & Ginger's granddaughter – fell at work and broke her leg in 4 places

Amy Davlin (Kelly Sutherlin's friend) – she is battling rare kidney disease, the chemo she was taking is not working, looking into medical trials

Baby Ace & Keseandra – foster children of Brian & Tammy, prayers for the Williams' and the kids' parents

Mike, Rachel (Speaker) London's father-in-law – heart attack, not doing well

Faye McIntyre & family – prayers of comfort and peace with Don's passing

Frank & Ginger VanTassel – both are battling daily pain, prayers for relief

Hunter (Linda Cundiff's nephew) – suffered brain damage in a car accident

Shawna (Kevin Killough's sister) – battling pancreatic cancer with ongoing health issues daily, please pray also for Shawna & Kevin's mother who cares for her

Nathan, Lauren, Hannah & Emily Harris (Ed & Penny's son & family) – Continued prayers for all as they navigate thru major changes

Katie (Van Tassel's granddaughter) – eating disorder

Cancer Treatment: Gene Chapin (Hodgkin's lymphoma in throat & abdomen), Joe Herrera (pancreatic tumor), Mary Orbison (pancreatic cancer), Chuck Sullivan (brain cancer), Alma Evans (taking chemo), David Walters, Judy Norton, Doug Sutherlin

Military and law enforcement - our own and those around the world keeping our country free. **Joe Schmidt family** – (Jeannie Barnes' brother) his wife is in the Air Force in London.

All of us - as we become stronger Disciples of Christ, and that we serve God daily to carry out His purpose for us

The Lost – that they will receive God

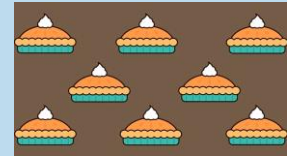
Encouragement Opportunities

Family, let's remember to reach out to one another and comfort one another. *"For they will know us by our love..."*

- **Kevin & Lana Killough** – Kevin's uncle Allen passed away, his sister Shawna is battling pancreatic cancer and daily health struggles
- **Faye McIntyre**
- **Frank & Ginger VanTassel**
- **Our Bayfield church family** – keep one another in prayer, meet together, check in on one another...



EVENTS



PIE AUCTION!!

Saturday February 23rd @ 5:30pm
Family Bldg. The Pine River Valley Heritage Society is hosting a Free Chili and/or Soup and Pie Auction. See the flyer on our bulletin board for more details!

Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10am, *Beth Moore's James – Mercy Triumphs*

Tom's Tours

Saturday March 9th @ 10am, for an afternoon in the snow and fellowship potluck at noon.

Montrose Ladies Day 3/16/19

"The Woman behind the Mask"

Bayfield Ladies Day 4/27/19

More info to come

Body & Soul Fitness

Located in the Family Building

Mon 8:15am - Willow Tree Yoga

Tues 8:15am - Full Body Fit

Tues 5:30pm - HIIT

Wed 8:15am - Willow Tree Yoga

Thurs 7:15am – HIIT Sprint

Thurs 8:15am - HIIT

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

9 Brad Pierce

14 Micah Odoms

14 Lincoln Williams

16 Joe Layton

19 Jessica Welsh

21 Addison Williams

22 Asher Speaker

For additions to the Prayer Concerns, updates to the Bulletin, or changes to your contact information, contact Crystal Whitt at (970)799-2711 or bayfieldchurchofchrist@gmail.com