
Upcoming Events

Metro Church Picnic at Sandy Lake Park, Saturday, March 22nd.
(See Roy for details)

ICPF Camp at Waxahachie (Mar 20-23): See Stephen for details

Laugh out Loud

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time.

"I have good news and bad news," the owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman enquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful!" the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The guy was your doctor."

Weekly Schedule

No weeknight or Saturday night meetings are scheduled this week.

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Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Psalm 32:7,8

Welcome

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. Ps 29:2

The novel "A Time to Kill" by John Grisham is about a black Vietnam hero named Carl Lee who fatally punishes two white drug addicts for brutally hurting his daughter. The story takes place in Mississippi where there was a lot of racism. The book is a legal thriller, but it's the ending that clinches the story. Carl is on trial for punishing the white men. The majority of the jury is filled with white folks. As the jury is sitting together to find Carl guilty or innocent, the white jurors wants to hand-out a guilty verdict.

As the jury is deliberating, an elderly black lady in the jury asks everyone in the jury to close their eyes. She tells them to imagine Carl's daughter being cruelly hurt by the men. She walks them through the horrific scene that was inflicted on this little black girl. The turning point in the minds of jurors come when the elder lady concludes by telling the jurors, "...now imagine the girl is white and she is your daughter". The whole perspective in the minds of the jurors changed with this one little statement. They were able to personally identify with Carl Lee's actions when they thought about their own daughters.

This little example I wrote here is in no way to justify Carl's actions, but to point out an important point about worship.

The reason many of us don't worship, or feel a sense of awe as we come in the presence of God is because we don't personally identify with what God has done in our lives. As the worship team sings, we look around, let our minds wander, and basically at heart we say that the words sung in the song does not have anything to do with me, but it's meant for others.

I would like to encourage all of you as you sit here, to use your imagination (which is a wonderful gift from God when used properly), and think about what the Lord has done in our lives. Imagine the words that are sung and apply it personally to our lives. When we do this, our whole perspective changes and we can put away our inhibitions and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

May God bless each and everyone as you seek His face this day.

Yours in the Lord,

Abie

Sermon Notes

Words of Wisdom

This is a quote taken from former U.S. Presidential Candidate, Mike Huckabee, at his concession speech delivered on March 4, 2008.

"The apostle Paul wrote "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". I believe tonight that one of the things we will be able to say is not only that we have fought the good fight and finished the race, (we'd like to have finished it first), but we stayed in it until the race was over. But I think more importantly, we **kept the faith**. And that for me has been the **most important goal of all**. I'd rather loose an election than loose the principles that got me into politics in the first place."