

A word from Senior Minister, John Plunkett



I appreciate so much those who spring into action when there is an immediate need. Again, someone was in need of medical attention during our second worship service. Three nurses and two former military medics sprang into action. I appreciate the response of the rest of the congregation for entering into a prayerful attitude and letting our worship progress while this person was attended to.

I want to borrow from this experience. When a person is in distress or there are compelling circumstances that demand immediate action, I appreciate people who quickly respond. There are some compelling circumstances that demand immediate attention and quick response. Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is bursting at the seams, especially in the preschool area. We need extra hands on board now to help with this area. This is a growing area in our church. I want to challenge you to consider this as your Great Commission.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:19 - 20, Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and

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of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. There is no better way to make disciples than to start when they are young.

Rainbow's End Preschool continues to be a strong evangelistic outreach. Many of the children who came to the "For God So Loved the Word" Party were preschool contacts that continue. Vacation Bible School is an area where we reach lots of kids. We had kids and more kids at the Block Party. They keep coming and wanting to come back. So what are we going to do? What are you going to do? We have a mission field coming through our doors and all you need to do to obey Jesus' great commission is volunteer.

We have a dichotomy in our church family. By definition, a dichotomy is a division into two especially mutually exclusive or contradictory groups or entities. That can be bad if each group remains exclusive and / or contradictory. Or it can be good when the one comes along side the other to work together. We have a dichotomy of young and old. We have a dichotomy of new Christians and seasoned saints. There are some people who are not going to be able to keep doing what they are doing physically. Recently, I was told by someone they could no longer serve as they have

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because it was becoming harder and harder physically.

In the Biblical order of things, elders are revered for their leadership and wisdom. Elder often defines age and age brings experience. I have always served under the leadership of a plurality of elders who were older than me. In chronological age, four of our six serving elders are younger than me. That is both scary and exciting. But I am willing to submit to their counsel and leading because they are the men God has called to serve. They meet the first qualification of an elder in 1 Timothy 3:1. They have set their heart on being an elder.

Speaking for my generation, our time is limited. Speaking to each generation behind us, it is necessary for you to step up now. Come along side of us to serve lending the physical strength some of us are discovering we no longer have. Let us come along side of you to mentor you. Let's work together to be obedient to the great commission.

I am going to borrow a tactic from former colleague. I am putting you on notice. No one is exempt. You will be asked to volunteer to our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. Faye and I are passionate about this. It is a reflection of our mission and vision.

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