



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Wade Allen, Lead Pastor

What does it mean to be a man? I'm considering this question because my youngest child is turning 18 this month. My goal has always been to train him to be a godly man, but what does that look like?

Dennis Rainey identifies five biblical themes that describe what a real man looks like. He explained that a real man: 1) controls his emotions and passions, 2) provides for his family, 3) protects his family, 4) serves and leads his family, and 5) follows God's design for true masculinity which is described in Micah 6:8.

"He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?"

It takes courage to be a real man! It takes courage to stand for what is right (justice). It takes courage to show vulnerability and humility. How do you measure up to God's design for manhood?

MAN UP!
ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

AUDITORIUM REMODEL

I want to give you an update on the progress of the remodeling of our auditorium and commend all of the volunteers that have been working vigorously to get the work completed. The first week of work was a whirlwind—removal of the pews, deconstruction of the old stages (all of them), and construction of the new stage. The second week of work slowed considerably, but that wasn't a problem since we were so far ahead of schedule!

The Building Committee was asked to make a difficult decision about the flooring for the stage. The old pew backs are very hard and there was concern over whether this lumber could be used. It was decided to install engineered wood flooring for the stage and use the wood from the pews for other projects.

The Decorating Team chose a wood floor that coordinates with our carpet choices. They are also choosing paint colors and painting should begin in the auditorium in the near future. Once all the painting is complete, the new carpet and stage flooring will be installed.

The projected timeline for this project is to have everything finished by Palm Sunday. We again want to thank everyone who is helping to make this happen!

Derrick Bremer, Student Ministry Intern

I have been trying to trace down exactly what happened to get me to where I'm at. After high school, I thought I would end up teaching English or theater; instead I ended up working in statistics in a corporate environment before finding myself in ministry.

As I consider everything between then and now, I'm amazed at how God has arranged my strange progression. Reflecting, I fondly remember my first apartment in Bentonville, Arkansas. There were three pieces of furniture throughout the entire 1000 square foot town home and my favorite place was out on the back porch. The view was best in spring when leaves blocked the busy traffic along Walton. Honestly, the decorating and apartment itself was dismal. At the end of the day though, it was my apartment and I was proud of it.

I see something special in how we view the church in that same regard. And that is becoming a priority in our youth curriculum—creating an ownership that contributes to taking charge of our ministry as individuals. I love seeing the example set by our church recently as we've pulled together to make decisions throughout the sanctuary remodel. I wish we were setting the same example by our ownership and concern of seeing people come to know the Lord in our community.

As we prepare for the summer curriculum, I pray that we have the courage to recognize the potential of our student ministry to reach our community. I believe we will see the impact of continued investment in intentional discipleship from our students as they develop an ownership of their youth ministry.



John O'Connor, Pastor of Community Engagement

I have been reading a book called "Creating Community" a resource from the 'North Point' Church in Georgia. The first section of this book is about how lonely people are today.

In the first couple of chapters it compares the differences of our community of today verses the one the author had growing up. "Back in the day" people would come home, sit on front porches, and talk to their neighbors. Today we retreat to our back decks and living rooms, hiding away from being caught by that one annoying neighbor that wants to talk.

With the technology we have today, the world has never been more connected, but



we are lonelier than we've ever been before. It's lonely when we hide away from the people God has put in our path. It's lonely when we ignore God by not seeking Him. It's lonely when we hide from the Will of God, seeking our own satisfaction and glory. Building community really is easy, just "Do Life" with people.

When people come to my home, we don't stop "Doing Life". We eat, work on school projects, home improvement, play games, or watch TV. Opening your home to 'Do Life' with others can be scary at first. I promise the amount of Godly love you can show across a dinner table, folding clothes, or drawing a giant crab for my daughter is unbelievable. Love someone today, it's not hard or complex, it's just doing life.

Senior Adult Ministry

Ron Fields, Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

There are some mistakes that can readily be admitted and some that we try to avoid talking about.

Recently Norma and I called a particular household to sing Happy Birthday. When the phone was answered we did not inquire as to the person's name but just went immediately into the song. As we finished there was an awkward pause. Something was not quite right. With profuse apologies we acknowledged we had reached the wrong number. However, before hanging up Norma said to the gentleman on the line, "Well, whenever your birthday is remember you've been wished a Happy Birthday!"

This was one of those mistakes that I have no qualms about admitting. It was little embarrassing but somewhat humorous.

So what do you do when the mistake is something that you don't want to admit? What about when the confession would bring ridicule, censorship, rejection, a jail term, or maybe a cash payment?

I am glad the Bible lets us know that our sins are forgivable. 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..."

Now if only we could be as forgiving. Perhaps we could take a lesson from Joseph (Genesis 50:19-20a) "And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good..."

We want to invite you to join us March 7, and again on April 4, at 12 noon, in Fellowship Hall for Christian Seniors!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

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| March 7 | Christian Seniors - Noon |
| March 10 | Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| March 12 | BMAO Mission Rally - Cave Springs
Speaker: Paul White - BMA of Arkansas Director of Missions |
| March 15-16 | TSM Lock-in 8 PM to 6 AM |
| March 18-22 | Spring Break |
| March 20 | Awana/TSM Dismissed |
| March 31 | 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal
Evening Service Dismissed |
| April 4 | Christian Seniors - Noon |
| April 14 | The Lord's Supper |
| April 21 | Easter Sunday |
| May 2 | Christian Seniors - Noon |
| May 5 | Spring Piano Recital
Students of Joanna Allen and Jerene Reddin |
| May 6-8 | BMA of America National Meeting
John Q. Hammonds Center
Rogers, Arkansas |
| May 6 | 7:00 PM - Worship Service and
President's Message - Jeff Swart |
| May 7 | BMA Women's Ministry Conference
8:30 AM - Temple Baptist Church |
| | 2:00 PM - "What It Means to Be On
Mission" with John David Smith |
| | 7:00 PM - Worship Service and
President's Message - Jeff Swart |
| May 8 | 3:00 PM - BMAA Missions
Commissioning Service |
| | 7:00 PM - Worship Featuring
CBC Choir & Guest Speaker |

Opportunities for Worship & Service

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Worship Service 10:45 AM
 Children's Church 10:45 AM
 Student Life Groups 6:00 PM
 Kidz Choir/Preschool Praise. 6:00 PM
 Alpha Sigma Bible Study 6:00 PM
 Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM

MONDAY

Ladies Bible Study (1st & 3rd Mon). . . . 6:30 PM

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tues). . .10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY

Awana 6:00 PM
 TSM (Temple Student Ministry) 6:00 PM
 Men's Bible Study. 6:00 PM
 Adult Bible Study. 6:30 PM

THURSDAY

Christian Seniors (1st Thursday). NOON
 Alpha Theta Bible Study 6:30 PM



Its that time to
 gear up
 for
LOCK-IN 2019

Temple Student Ministries
 Friday, March 15, 2019 @ 8PM
 to
 Saturday, March 16, 2019 @ 6:30AM

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