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Thoughts From Kevin

CHANGE

Change has to be the longest “four” letter word in the dictionary.

And inevitably, change leads to that other word — worry.

What changes are occurring in your life today? There are certainly aplenty going on at church. It seems as if everybody is moving away. Some even say God called them away!

What is God thinking? Doesn’t He know that, as a small church, we need everybody! How can He do this to us? I guess now is the time to start worrying.

Adrian Rogers was fond of a phrase that is very apt for this situation.

“Did it ever occur to you, that nothing ever occurred to God?”

God is still in control. God’s promise of all things for good is still in effect. Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father are not holding an emergency meeting, wringing their hands over what’s going on—and neither should we.

We need to rejoice with those God is calling forth. We need to encourage people on the path God leads them. Difficulties for us? What about them? It is in our weakness that we can see God’s strength. God is not doing anything *to* us. He is doing something *for* us. For us all.

So bless those that God is sending out! It is His gift to them for their

faithfulness. It is His, “well done good and faithful servants,” to all of us because we are a church that equips His people for ministry.

We will miss them, certainly. But this separation will be less than an eye blink in the course of eternity. We will be together again. In the mean time, the work of the Lord is going forth from our church, to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. Just like we’re meant to do!

For all of you who have moved and who are moving, know that our love and prayers go with you. Have no worries for the ministries you leave. As you are faithful to follow God’s will, God is faithful to His work. You can pray for God to send workers into His harvest, but don’t for a moment fret over it. If God, from all eternity past, had a plan for your life and ministry that has you moving now, then He has a plan to fill any shoes you leave. You will be blessing those you are going to serve, and you will be a blessing to those you leave who get the opportunity to know the joy you had in your service.

As you go, may the grace of God cover you. May the goodness of God watch over you. May the love of God prepare the way before you so all may know that you belong to Him—to the glory of His grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Young Adults

September is here and for the young adults that means back to the grind as well for many. Please pray them as they get back into school and/or regular work schedules and their demanding schedules. The biggest change in the young adult group right now is that Jake Henkel has headed off to Nashville. As many of you know, as we attended the worship conference he received a calling from God to go. So he has taken that step of faith and arrived there this last week. Continue to pray for Jake as he is out there with his truck and what he could fit in it at this point. Pray that he continues to seek God’s direction in this new endeavor. (continued on page 2)

Music Notes

Worshipping as David did!

The article I want to share with you is by Stephen Newman and is titled “David’s Lead.” He is a Pastor of Worship and Arts. It is fairly lengthy so I am going to break it up into two parts, with the second half to be in next month’s newsletter. I feel he has done a great job in talking about the ways David worshiped, and getting us to think about how we are using any of these things in our own lives. Here is part one of the article:

It’s captivating to read through the Psalms and see the variety of ways in which David worshiped. When we pause to ask ourselves what we are doing during our worship times today, we are often faced with several questions. How do we worship? What are we able to do and still be reverent before the Lord? What is God’s desire for our worship? Does God give us the right to pick and choose how we worship?

The Psalms have given us nine different expressions of worship, and these expressions stem from David’s desire to worship the Lord wholeheartedly and without reservation. Oddly enough, these expressions are not foreign to us, but we fail to practice them in our corporate worship for one reason or another. Listed below are the nine expressions of worship that we will focus on in this article. They can be broken down further into three physical expressions.

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YOUTH

My first memory of Ogden is leading Vacation Bible School for kids in the park when I was in middle school (yes all of you young adults that was a LONG time ago). This was about six or so years before OBC existed. I still remember a kid named Peanut. He captured all of our hearts, even the guys in our youth group who really didn’t want to be there. I still have some photos of him with our youth group and his huge smile. Over the years I suppose there have been times I forgot Peanut when I was frustrated with youth work in Ogden. I forgot that all youth in Ogden had a bit of Peanut in them. Look I know that sounds weird but it’s true. They are all young kids at heart who just love the attention we pour on them. They all want a place to go where people are just plain stoked to see their face and hear what is going on in their lives

One of the hardest and easiest decisions I ever had to make was to take this job at Virginia Tech. The thing that made it easy was because of God’s perfect timing. Over the past year some of the young adults have caught the passion of working with the youth in Ogden. Watching them build relationships with the students has been so cool. There is still a lot of work to do. Youth aren’t showing up on a regular basis and those that do haven’t expressed interest in a relationship with Christ. But they know us and they know we are there because we care about them and most importantly that we are followers of Christ. I thank God for these young adults every day. Pray for them and support them. Realize they are students themselves and have a lot of responsibilities. Ask them periodically if they need help and be willing to step in and fill the gap when they have exams and busy times. Don’t make them do this alone. One of the things I love about OBC is the support of the family of Christ. Make sure these young adults feel your support.

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The Spoken Voice

1. Speaking -

Psalm 34:1 says, "I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips."

2. Shouting - Psalm

27:6 says, "Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord."

3. Singing - Psalm

47:6 says, "Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King, sing praises."

Our Posture

1. Bowing -

Psalm 95:6 says, "Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

2. Standing

- Psalm 119:120 says, "My flesh trembles in fear of you; I stand in awe of your laws."

3. Dancing

- Psalm 149:3 says, "Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp."

Our Hands

1. Playing Instruments

- Psalm 33:2, 3 says, "Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."

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I will cherish all my memories of working with youth at OBC. I have been challenged more in my faith and my relationship with Christ because of their natural ability to hold me accountable. I have so many little brothers and sisters in Christ now because of this precious opportunity. I can't wait to see what happens next in both Ogden and Virginia!

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Bible studies do continue for the group. We have the Sunday night bible study at 6:00 at Andy and Vicki's house. We will be finishing an extensive study about Anger and not sure what direction we will be taking after that. The campus based study will be starting back up soon as they took a break during the summer. Details will come as to where and what time that will be. Please let us know if you want to be involved in the young adult group at OBC in any way, we would love to have you join us. If you have transportation issues, there is always someone who can come help you.

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