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Simple, Eternal Acts

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus (John 1:40).

Not a lot is said in the New Testament about Andrew, the apostle of Jesus Christ. He is known as "the brother of Simon Peter" - one of the greatest apostles. When we read Acts, the first half seems to revolve around Peter. He was used by God to do so much for spreading the news of Jesus to a lost world.

But what about Andrew? What did he do? His "claim to fame" was that he brought someone to the Lord. He did not use pen and ink to write out a formal request. He was not a person of great standing to have servants to send in his place. His action was simple, to the point, and very personal. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

If God could reach a rough fisherman like Peter through a brother's invitation, could he use our invitations to reach a lost soul? If Andrew were here, he would say, "Absolutely."

Pray this prayer: "Please use me, dear Lord, this week to bring someone to Jesus."

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Leadership		Schedule of Services
Elders	Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey	Sunday
Deacons	Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney	Bible Class 10:00 AM
Pulpit Minister	Eric Welch	Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Associate Minister	Irvin F. Williams	Evening Worship 6:00 PM
		Wednesday
Panama Mission	Pablo Sanchez	Bible Class 7:00 PM

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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "I Will Build My Church" Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday Evening: "Giving Meaning to Monday Mornings"

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Matt Johnson	Announcements	Joe Sweeney
Opening Prayer	Hank Tincher	Bible Reading	Clint Smith Sr	Lord's Supper	Harold Tincher
Scripture	Rick Martin	Selection	35	Offering	Jerry Montgomery
Sermon	Eric Welch	Prayer	Leon Stocksdale	Usher	Marc Owens
Lord's Supper	Luke 22:14-23, 39-70	Sermon	Eric Welch	Count Offering	Art Patrick
Message	Robby Stocksdale	Closing Prayer	John Keaton	Assist Count	Hank Tincher
Attendant	Grover Blanton	<i>If you are unable to serve, please</i>			
Attendant	Nathaniel Welch	<i>call Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>			
Closing Prayer	Hayward Blanton	<i>or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511</i>			

Hamburg Pike Happenings

During the Fall Quarter volunteers are needed for our Wednesday evening devotionals. The Elders invite/encourage your participation for this important service to the church. Please see the sign-up list on the board in the foyer.

Our Bible class fall quarter begins Wednesday September 2nd and Sunday September 6th. Thanks to all the summer quarter teachers and to the upcoming fall quarter teachers. If you have any questions regarding the Bible class schedule, please see Clint Smith Sr. Please remember our teachers and students in prayer and may God continue to bless our congregation.

Thanks to Hank Tincher for organizing our fellowship groups. Please pick up a copy of the new group list in the foyer. Thanks to our group leaders; Clint Jr. & Ashley Smith, Irvin & Norma Williams and Hank & Cassie Tincher.

First Pray!

The urgency of the work might seem to demand that each worker run into the field and begin the harvest. However, we are impressed by the fact that Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest." This verse hits the cruciality of prayer. Prayer is not a substitute for reaping, but a companion activity. The workers are urged to pray and then go to work. In our day let us pray earnestly that there may be more workers to help harvest billions of souls who need to know Christ. The task can be accomplished only if every Christian takes seriously his daily duty, personal responsibility to teach, to preach concerning the kingdom, and help all manner of people in need.

All of us want to be as much like our Lord as possible. We want to think like He thought, speak like He spoke, and to live like he lived. If we will work as He worked, we can make great strides toward becoming like Him. Let each of us prepare himself to teach, privately or publicly or both. Let each of us prepare himself to speak in some appropriate way concerning the kingdom and salvation.

First Pray! "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." (John 4:35-36)

Paul wrote, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Rom. 1: 14-16).

Someone wrote, "Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered. Thanks for what thou doest deny. Thanks for storms that I have weathered, Thanks for all Thou doest supply, Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure, Thanks for comfort in despair. Thanks for grace that none can measure, Thanks for love beyond compare."

Today most of us pray for more things than we are willing to work for. YET, PEOPLE MUST NOT PRAY FOR GOD TO DO WHAT THEY WILL NOT DO.

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Faithful in a Very Little

Eric Welch

One of the hardest issues in English grammar even for the best of grammarians is the use of the comma. I recently received an email message from an organization that greeted me with "Good morning Eric." Do you see the mistake?

Why is such a small detail so important? It can change the meaning. In written English, a comma must offset the name to show who is being addressed. Thus, "Good morning, Eric Welch" is the correct way to write the greeting. Otherwise, you would have to wonder when people began seeing me as a good morning. How would the meaning change in this sentence if you left out the comma "Let's eat, Grandma?"

If correct punctuation is not used in a paragraph, I have to waste time rereading the sentence until it makes sense. Moreover, not only does correct punctuation save time in written communication, it is also an exercise in self-discipline. The extra energy it takes to stay focused on small details in any endeavor can ultimately build character. Where am I going with this English grammar lesson? I find in it a great illustration about a principle Jesus taught in Luke 16:10: "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much."

In the context of that verse "very little" refers to money. Jesus is saying that money is a little thing. That truth turns the values of society upside down. To our society "mammon" is mammoth. The mark of a successful man is often determined by whether he has money or not. In God's eyes, money is a little thing; if you can be faithful in that, you can be faithful in all of God's blessings.

This principle can apply to many other things. One thing that stands out to me is Paul's teaching about the eldership. One of the qualities a man must have to be considered for the role of an elder is whether he is already the spiritual head of his family. The Bible says in 1 Timothy 3:5, that if an elder "does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?" If the elder is faithful in the smaller thing, he will be faithful in the larger one.

If God specializes in small things, things that the world sees as weak and insignificant, how much more should we.