**Announcements:**

Women’s devotional in two weeks.

Parenting classes Wed 6/24 7/8 Brian and Karen Plymel Billy and Isis Kanga.

Our group of parents is small.

1. You need to be there!!!!

2. Invite visitors. Great evangelism opportunity.

3. If you have any questions you want our speakers to cover, send them to me an I will send them along.

Campus event: Fri 6:30 Tevis Park. BBQ, devo.

Sat. 9:00 God: [www.bakersfieldchurchofchrist.com](http://www.bakersfieldchurchofchrist.com) or my zoom

Sat at 12:00 Teen devotional. Please get your teens there!!! On Joelle’s zoom 856 354 6038 pswd 568399

Saturday All-church game event. Bible Bingo. Tons of fun for the whole family. zoom 342 225 5971 pswd 857096

Trulywed Game 7/11 Mike and Yesenia Mike needs three couples to volunteer to be the “contestants.”

Darr will be putting on a jazz for children event fairly soon.

**Comments:**

Special Contribution. 12x $16,000

New members: This is the principle financial way we raise money for missions—both in Scandanavia and the Baltic Republics, and here in Bakersfield—on campus.

Meeting Place Two options in play. July 5 or later. In both cases, rather strict social distancing measures will be in place. What you do at home…

Friday with campus we are having a dry run. No teens, just for this event.

Masks and social distancing will be enforced by the enforcer (me)!

On the racial justice issues raised by the murder of George Floyd…

Jamal met with campus. We hope to offer another venue for discussion. Yesenia and Jamal are in charge of this.

Midweek proposals for this summer:

Evangelism

How to study with people.

Christian evidence classes.

Faith stories.

Today: Evangelism.

Coming out of Covid-19 some of us have gotten spiritually lazy or undisciplined. We have gotten some bad habits. This is especially true of our evangelism.

**Evangelism**

Opening Question: How did you originally come to church/hear about the gospel/ come to study the Bible?

Shared with on campus.

Shared with by coworker.

Shared with by an old high school friend.

Shared with by my son/daughter.

Shared with by my mother/father/sister/brother.

Shared with by my neighbor.

Q: What is the definition of evangelism to you?

Def: *euangelion*: lit. good messenger, good news

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion: Your God reigns!

Q: Assuming you are a saved person, how much to you owe to the one who shared his/her faith with you—who gave you the good news?

Q: (and let’s get real) How do you feel about evangelism/sharing your faith?

Our Outline:

The Need for Evangelism

The Call to Evangelism

The Means of Evangelism

I. The Need for Evangelism

Romans 10:14-15. Q: Why is it important that we evangelize?

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of they have not heard? And how can they be heard without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach if they are not sent (ie given a lesson like this calling them to evangelize)?

If we do not preach…

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives.

Are you “wise?”

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: First to the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Q: What will you do to “bring good news” to those who have not heard?

II. The Call to Evangelism

Acts 1:8 How do you think they felt about this prediction/commandment of Jesus? How does it make you feel?

Matthew 10:32 Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

Q: Have you been acknowledging Jesus before others?

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; (BCOC for the people of Bakersfield) so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sins, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sins, but you yourself will be saved.

We are not Ezekiel and we are not in danger of losing our salvation if we do not share our faith with everyone, but how does this scripture apply to us?

Illustration: The person on the Connecticut Turnpike who was waving at people telling them to stop because the freeway in front of them had collapsed. One person gave him the one finger sign, and plunged to his death.

Q: How did he feel when the person gave him that rude signal?

People are on the wide road to destruction…

Illustration: If you were in a burning building and you knew that there were people behind closed doors (the word closed is a metaphor here), would you be obligated to let them know about the fire? What if they blew you off?

2 Cor 5:18-20 All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

Ministers of reconciliation. Message of reconciliation. Christ’s ambassadors.

III. The Means of Evangelism

Matthew 10:18 On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what you will say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

I do not know what to say.

What if they get an attitude or persecute me?

Open your mouth and start talking.

How is your day going? Check out the weather. I would like to invite you to this amazing church I go to.

John 1:43-46 Come and see…

Coll 4:2-6 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Watch for an opportunity

Pray for open doors

Proclaim Christ

Use wisdom

Take advantage of every opportunity

Conversation includes grace—loving and caring for people—and salt demonstrating the differentness of the kingdom ethic and life.

When and where to share?

Shared with on campus.

Shared with by coworker.

Shared with by an old high school friend.

Shared with by my son/daughter.

Shared with by my mother/father/sister/brother.

Shared with by my neighbor.

Assignment: We need to put this into practice THIS WEEK. Who will you share your faith with this week? 3 people? 5 people.

D-group. Let’s talk about our evangelism.