

SERMON NOTES ♦ OCTOBER 18, 2009  
"Being Civil in an Uncivil World"

SERMON TEXT

Romans 12:17-18 (14-21) (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> **Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.** <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

NOTES

1. What "being civil" means...

2. The loss of a civil world...

3. A Christian response and its implications...

For Younger Listeners...

1. How do we show respect to others?
2. How are we disrespectful of others?
3. What can Christians do about it?

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October 18, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Clay Brown

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.  
An asterisk (\*) marks when those who are able will please stand.  
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

INVOCATION

PRELUDE: "Allegro Marcato"

Franck

Christy Floyd

INTROIT: "Our Lord Reigns"

Pethel

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN 9: "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>

ANTHEM: "Seek and You Shall Find"

Wagner

Logos Choir

Knock, and the door shall be opened; Seek, and you shall find;  
Ask, and whatever you ask for, you shall receive in time. All  
good gifts shall be given to you, sent by your Father above... who  
walk in the path of His love.... All God's children who seek, shall  
find; all who ask, receive. All who have a want or need, God will  
help achieve

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Fred Coates

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! "Who is in a position to condemn? Only  
Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns  
in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**People: “Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and the new life has begun.”**

Leader: Friends, believe the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\***RESPONSE 734:** “Glory Be to the Father” GREATOREX

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

\***HYMN 482:** “Sanctuary” Thompson/Scruggs

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Lynelle Owen

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** I Samuel 24:1-16 Pew Bible, pp. 262

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON LESSON:** Romans 12:17-18 (14-21) Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON:** “Being Civil in an Uncivil World” Clay Brown

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

#### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY:** “As We Believe” Butler

As we believe, so let us live and give. Let us pray that others looking to us can observe in truth, “See how they love one another.” As we believe... Let us live so that where we walk the report goes forth that the poor are clothed, the hungry fed, and the sorrowful comforted, and all creation, proclaim God’s wondrous works. As we believe, so let us live and give and proclaim God’s wondrous works.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***THE DOXOLOGY 34** OLD 100TH

\***HYMN 600:** “In Christ There Is No East or West” (vv 1-3) MCKEE

\***SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Philippians 2:5-11

**Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

#### \*OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\***RESPONSE 600:** “In Christ There Is No East or West” (v 4) MCKEE

\***POSTLUDE:** “Praise Ye the Father” Gounod

**If you are our guest today, welcome!** We’re so glad you’re here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a “Welcome Home” folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with the pastor in the chancel area following the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Sam Sanders by Margaret Sanders.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Jon Telinger and family; Don Howie; Emily Kirkland; Helen Templeton; Angie Toma; Lottie Massey; Joan Gibson; Dick Fortanbary; Karen Shore’s aunt, Allene Shore; Pam Winters’ sister, Reaves Geist; Suzy Brawley; Bill Raffety’s father, Mick Raffety; Mary Voils Aven; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs.

**Saints Alive Luncheon:** The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, October 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Following lunch and devotions, the program will be presented by Carol Lindsay from Charlotte Douglas International Airport. Ms. Lindsay will discuss airline security and tips for smooth travel during these days of increased airline security. Come and bring a friend!

**Tuesday FOCUS:** The Tuesday FOCUS study schedule will be different for this week only. The C.S. Lewis class and the John Calvin class will **not** be held this week; the Have a New Kid by Friday class will still meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 300 on Tuesday, October 20.

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Jon Telinger and family in the death of his mother on October 15.

#### From the Budget & Finance Committee:

##### January –September 2009

YTD Budget = \$577,740

YTD Deficit = \$43,983

### Calendar for October 18-25, 2009

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. -- Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - First Family Celebration in the FH  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir  
4:00 p.m. Alpha PYF  
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - Logos Council Meeting  
6:15 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers  
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: **Newsletter Deadline**  
10:30 a.m. - *Exploring Our Reformed Faith* Study  
12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive Luncheon  
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee  
7:00 p.m. - Tuesday FOCUS (Ellen Auten’s group only)

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study at the home of Frommie Gardner  
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM *Nascar* Night  
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Taco Bell  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home

Friday: 10:00 p.m. PYF 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

Sunday 10/25 9:00 a.m. -- Early Worship with Communion  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion  
4:00 p.m. Alpha PYF  
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF  
7:00 p.m. - Session