

SERMON NOTES/QUESTIONS

Luke 6:20-26 *“Sermon on the Plain 1: Signs of the Upside Down Kingdom”*

1. Read Luke 6:20-26. Compare verse 20 with Luke 7:1. To whom is Jesus really directing His words – the ‘disciples’ or ‘all the people’? Talk about the genius of Jesus’ teaching methods as He engages the disciples in conversation in a context where the larger group ‘overhears’. Can we learn from this about reaching people through ‘kingdom’ conversations in public settings?
2. Verse 20. What is your understanding of the term ‘kingdom of God’? Luke uses this phrase at least 31 times in his Gospel. Check out a few of them: 4:43; 7:28; 8:1; 8:10; 9:2. Talk about ways in which we might use this ‘kingdom of God’ terminology to help us understand what God is doing in our own lives; in our church; in our society today.
3. Notice the direct link between the 4 ‘blessed’ statements and the 4 ‘woe’ statements in this section. Given what you understand about the context of Jesus’ words (the disciples had given up career, home and everything to follow Jesus), what do you think is at the heart of these statements? In what ways is Jesus confronting the commonly held views regarding wealth and ease of life and the blessing of God?
4. How should we receive these words for our own context today? Are there some different decisions that we should be making both individually and corporately about our view and use of wealth? How can we put this discussion in the context of the whole of Scripture in order to avoid misusing the words of Jesus? What is one way in which you want to challenge or encourage yourself personally from these words?

WELCOME VISITORS: DATE _____

Please take a minute to fill out this form and put it in the offering bag or in the blue boxes on the wall at the back.

Name: _____

Family Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ PC: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Invited to Chapel by: _____

Would you like a visit? _____

Would you like to be added to our email prayer chain? _____

If you have moved please fill out the above for a change of address.

COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRAYER NEEDS:

I would like my prayer request on Oaklands email prayer chain.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.



Matthew 5:11

Our Teaching Series in Luke

“Discovering the Central Character of Salvation History: Walking beside Jesus for a while...”

Today

MARCH 29, 2009

10 am Family Service with Communion

Luke 6:20-26 Sermon on the Plain 1: “Signs of the Upside Down Kingdom”

Speaker: Phil Horton

Babysitting available, classes for Toddler – Grade 12 & ESL

After the service enjoy our library and stay for a coffee.

Noon - Student Luncheon

6:30 pm - New Beginnings -see note in bulletin



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WELCOME TO OAKLANDS CHAPEL! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If Victoria is your home, we would love to have you become a regular member of our fellowship. Please join us for coffee or tea after the service. If you have any special needs or requests please share this with one of the greeters or other members of the congregation. Or contact the office -Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm @ 250-595-1411.

AT A GLANCE:

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 5: 10 am Family Service with Communion
"Sermon on the Plain 2: Love and Mercy" Speaker: Rick Deveau

April 10, 10 am - City Wide Good Friday Worship & Communion Service at North Douglas launching 52 days of 24/7 focused prayer (from Good Friday to Pentecost Sunday).

April 12 Easter Sunday-Pancake Breakfast The kitchen will be serving from 8:30-9:00 am. Come and celebrate Easter and enjoy breakfast with Oaklands Family before the service. No ESL Lunch this day
How about a 15 minute egg blitz for the kids right after church on Easter?

We will host an **Easter EGG hunt** 12:00PM (immediately following services) on Easter at Ryan park down the hill. (across Ryan Street from Oaklands School) This is an event open to the community. All members, we need to bring foil wrapped eggs or a dozen candy filled plastic eggs to share with the children of our community. We can start collecting them immediately in a box in the foyer. The youth group will be canvassing the community with flyers a week before so let's make sure to come.

April 14 – Oaklands 24 hour prayer day

April 18 – Oaklands Chapel Workday @ Camp Imadene. Come and join in as we replace front porch and stairs in a couple of cabins. Contact Don England for times and car pooling.

April 23 7 pm - A Night of Choral Music with Victoria Police Chorus and PCS Chamber Choir @ First Christian Reformed Church.

May 24 (noon) - May 31 (noon) Oaklands Chapel participation in the 24/7 week of prayer. Watch for more details.

June 5-7 Oaklands Family Camp @ Camp Imadene. Daniel MacDougall will be leading the teaching sessions. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan on attending.

Summer 09 VBS will start with a BBQ on Sunday Aug 9 and then continue Monday 10th to Thursday 13th from 9 am-noon. Call Clint at the office. There is a Planning Meeting Tuesday night 7 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

URGENT NEED FOR FOOD FOR OUR FOOD BANK. Please bring what you can on any Sunday and place in the bin in the foyer. Suggested items are pasta, sauce, juice, canned vegetables, canned soup and noodles.



LIBRARY: 1) We have added some missing titles to the "Left Behind" series by Tim LaHaye & Jerry Jenkins
2) "Letters from a Skeptic" ~ a son wrestles with his father's questions about Christianity. Written by Gregory & Edward Boyd and located in the 239 section on the shelves.

PRAYER AND PRAISE:

Prayer: Please continue to pray for Barb Horton.

Prayer: Please pray for the 30 hour famine this week - April 2/3/4.

Prayer: Camp Imadene is asking us to join them in prayer to fill up every bunk this summer. They are asking that we set aside one day a week for the next 3 months and pray that God will fill the camp. "Leave no bunk empty!!!" See poster on bulletin board.

Daily Bread –If you would like to order a large print subscription of these daily bible reading booklets please speak to Dave Deeprose.

Praise: Congratulations to Andrew and Sarah on their recent engagement.

Congratulations to Jenn and Nat on their new baby girl born Fri. Mar 27.

THIS WEEK:

TONIGHT: 6:30 pm All ladies are invited to come and celebrate another New Beginnings with moms and new babies (Tanya and Olivia, Chaye and Candace, Wendy and Ryder, and Julia and Sierra) **and upcoming weddings** (Caity, Anna, Tracy and Sarah). This is a presentation from the church, not an individual gift giving shower. Just bring a donation toward the evening.

Monday Mar 30 AWANA

Tuesday Mar 31 6:45 am Special Needs Prayer

7:00 pm VBS planning Meeting in Fireside Lounge

Wednesday Apr 1 Small Groups 10:

Thursday Apr 2 Small Groups

Friday Apr 3 7:00 pm Youth Group -30 hour famine

Saturday Apr 4 7:30 am - Men's Breakfast (now only on the first Sat. of a month)

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Pray for Dagestan. We reported in our February Prayer Calendar about the violence in the City of Makhachkale during the later part of 2008. Since that time almost weekly we read in the bulletins coming from that area that people are being killed in ethnic violence. We need to be diligent in our prayer for these people that God will allow the light of His Gospel to change hearts in Dagestan.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY:

NURSERY & TODDLER

Nursery with Sherri-Lynne Rathwell and Cindy Kaur.

After a small "drought" with no babies, I'm happy to report that the nursery is once again a thriving, happy (most of the time) place, full of babies. There's never a dull moment, with an average Sunday having four (sometimes more) children, all aged 13 months and under.

The volunteers who take a turn to come in and lend an extra pair of helpful hands are very much appreciated. Some of these young ones get tired, and require extra hugs and attention to either keep them going, or to help them fall asleep. It can be busy and chaotic, but it's a lot of fun, and the smiles, giggles, hugs and snuggles these children give back are very rewarding.

There are no specific needs for the nursery, although it would be ideal to have someone who is available as a back-up to come in if needed - if a scheduled person doesn't/can't make it, visitors increase our numbers, or we have more young babies that require more attention. There have already been quite a few weeks this year when this would have been very helpful.

Toddlers (up to 3 years) with Sandy McPhee and Sally Crowder.

We would like to thank those volunteers who come and help us each Sunday. At the start of this school year we had 3 children in our class so with our monthly rotations we didn't need helpers. Now we have grown to 6 energetic children and we appreciate our volunteers.

We have seen these little ones go from not speaking to saying a few words to coming out with complete sentences. What a blessing they are – a wonderful gift from God. The story time, craft, play, and snack time is simple but fun for the kids and the leaders.

For 2009 to 2010 we need new leaders in Nursery and Toddlers. Please speak to Sally if you are able to take on a monthly rotation.