

The Word Goes Forth

Pastor Tim Peterson's Blog

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Mission: Leading People into a Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ

Our Core Values

The second core value is the Gospel. When Christians refer to the "Gospel" they are referring to the "good news" that Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for our sin so that we might become the children of God through faith alone in Christ. Everything about us must be filtered through this good news. Every ministry of Broken Bow EFree must align with the Gospel. Paul writes to the church of Corinth these words; "For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power" (1 Corinthians 1:17).

There is nothing in the world like the Gospel. The Gospel engages the mind, the heart and the will. Many in the church today fail to understand the greatness of the Gospel. These individuals are more vulnerable to a spiritual depression. Those who have not stopped and thought through the Gospel tend to view the Gospel in inadequate terms. Many stop at the point of knowing their sins are forgiven. There are those who view the Gospel in terms of morality and attempt to live simply by doing the right things. Others believe the message of the Gospel when things are going well, yet when a crisis hits them they fail to have a depth of understanding to live above their circumstances.

Through belief in the Gospel we are transformed into a right relationship with our amazing God. Through a deepening belief in the Gospel we are set free from habits that hurt us and those around us. Therefore, the Gospel is central to every aspect of our lives and our church. We allow the Gospel to inform and transform every aspect of our lives together to move us from orienting our lives around self to orienting our lives around Christ. (1 Peter 2:9; 1 Corinthians 1:17; Romans 1:16; Colossians 4:3-6)

About nine years ago I shared the Gospel with a 50 plus year old woman. After reading through Romans 10:9-11 Pat looked at me and said "is that all?" I, somewhat defensively, said "What do you mean is that all?" She clarified, "What I mean is that all I have to do?" Pat's life was radically changed and transformed as she embraced the Gospel. The months that followed were simply amazing! Her husband was an investigator for Buffalo County Sherriff's office and at the time was somewhat hardened against religion. I will never forget the day Jerry first really heard the Gospel. He came to the church and had to tell me he heard what his wife Pat had heard, he had new life! Pat and Jerry were on fire for Christ! Waitresses at Perkins have heard the Gospel; law enforcement officers in Kearney Police Department and Buffalo County Sherriff's office have heard the Gospel and every member of their family have heard the Gospel. In April of 2015, Pat was the anchor for her family as they said goodbye to their baby sister, Mary as she lost her battle with cancer. God used Pat to share the Gospel to Mary. Pat is the picture of living out the Gospel.

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It is a joy to serve with you and be a part of growing deeper in the Gospel.

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