

### February 6th

#### Message from the Pastor

# Week 3 Recap of Our Red Letter Sermon Series! Check your Beatitude (see what I did there) .

For years, I have shared with the teams I have coached and the employees who have worked with me that while we cannot control many aspects of our lives, there are two things we can always control: our A & E, which stand for Attitude and Effort. As I prepared for the sermon this week, particularly in relation to the Beatitudes, I



realized that I had overlooked the most crucial element we can control—keeping Christ at the center of everything we do. Therefore, I will no longer refer to A & E, but rather A.C.E! Just as God is at the center of our lives, we believe that Christ should be at the core of our values and actions.

#### A.C.E. Principles:

- Attitude: Embracing a positive perspective in all we do.
- Christ-Centered: Keeping Christ at the heart of our endeavors.
- Effort: Committing to give our best in every situation.

As we engage with the world, we cannot simply voice our concerns about its challenges. Instead, we are called to offer a transformative light—the light of Jesus. Together, we can make a difference, one conversation at a time.

Key Takeaways from Week 3.

-<u>Attitude Shapes Our Actions</u>. Our attitude is a powerful force that influences our actions and interactions with others. By maintaining a positive and Christ-centered attitude, we can become beacons of hope and love in a world that often feels negative and divided. This mindset not only transforms our own lives but also impacts those around us, drawing them closer to the light of Jesus.

<u>-Christ-Centered Living</u>: To live a Christ-centered life means to make Jesus the focal point of all our decisions and actions. This requires a daily commitment to seek His guidance and align our lives with His teachings. By doing so, we find purpose and direction, and our lives become a testament to His love and grace.

- <u>Effort in Faith</u>: While we cannot earn our way to heaven, our efforts and works are essential in demonstrating our faith and bringing others to Christ. Faith without works is dead, and our actions should reflect the transformative power of our relationship with Jesus. By putting in the effort to live out our faith, we become active participants in God's kingdom.

- <u>The Beatitudes as a Guide</u>: The Beatitudes offer a blueprint for the ideal heart condition of a disciple of God. Each blessing highlights a specific character quality that leads to divine favor and spiritual fulfillment. By embodying these qualities, we experience abundant spiritual blessings and draw closer to God's righteousness.

- <u>Perseverance in Persecution</u>: Following Christ often comes with challenges and persecution, but those who endure by faith are promised the kingdom of heaven. This Beatitude encourages us to remain steadfast in our faith, even in the face of adversity, knowing that our reward is eternal and far greater than any earthly suffering.

See you Sunday as we look at how athletes have been trying to change the world one conversation (interview) at a time!

# New Website Launch!



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About McKendree Methodist Rooted In Faith- Deep Roots in KW! McKendree Church has a rich history in King William, and as of Fall 2024, we proudly celebrated our transition from the United Methodist Church to an Independent Church that is Rooted In Faith . We are eager to focus our missions on serving our local community!

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#### **Event Information**

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 9th.

Join us for a soup-sharing event after our service on Super Bowl Sunday! Wear your favorite team's jersey or gear. Go Steelers, even though they're just watching like me. Haha! When?

Sunday, Feb 9, 2025, 11:00 AM

# Thursday Night Bible Study

### Gospelers in training! Thursday nights at 6:30 PM!

Weekly Update for our Bible/Book Study!

- Here are some **key takeaways** to consider while reading **Chapter 3**:
  - What is your "Gospel" Story?
  - Are you ready to share your story"
  - Where do we go when we break down? Willie used the analogy of a boat breaking its propeller on a log hidden underwater. Often, we don't see the dangers, and we are caught off guard. Knowing and being in God's Word is the key to not staying that way!
  - Scripture for this chapter: Luke 5, John 21:15-17, Matthew 4:18-19, Matthew 16: 17-18, and Micah 7:8-9.

Remember, anyone can come any week. It is designed for people to be able to come and go! See you on Thursday!

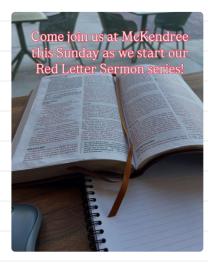
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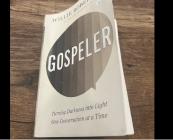
Red Letter Sermon Series (Matthew)

Listen to our King!

#### Schedule:

- Feb. 9th
  - Worship at 9:30 AM
  - Sermon Topic: "Salt and the Light" Super Bowl Sunday.
  - Fellowship to follow the service.
  - Wear your favorite jersey or team gear.
- Feb 16th Top 10 Sermon on the Mount Count Down to Easter!





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