

Rooted In Faith

January 17th

McKendree Methodist Church

Message from the Pastor

Recap of the Red Letter Sermon Series Kickoff

This past Sunday marked the beginning of our Red Letter Sermon Series. Although the snow kept us away, we look forward to revisiting the sermon next year, as Jesus' baptism is a crucial event for our faith.

Key Scriptures:

- The first recorded words of Jesus in the Book of Matthew occur during His baptism. In Matthew 3:15, Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness."

Key Points to Cover:

1. The Baptism Itself

1. Jesus traveled from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John.
2. John initially refused to baptize Jesus, but Jesus insisted, highlighting the need to fulfill all righteousness.
3. After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water, and the heavens opened. He saw the Holy Spirit descending on Him in the form of a dove.
4. A voice from heaven declared that Jesus was the Son of God and that God was pleased with Him.

2. Why Did Jesus Get Baptized?

1. Jesus was baptized to "fulfill all righteousness," publicly identifying with humanity.
2. By participating in a practice meant for sinners, despite being sinless Himself, Jesus demonstrated His commitment to God's will.
3. This act serves as an example for others to follow in submitting to baptism.

Upcoming Sermon Focus:

This Sunday, we will explore Jesus' time in the Wilderness and how He used Scripture to resist temptation from the devil.

Key Scriptures for Reflection:

- Matthew 4:4: "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- Matthew 4:7: "Once again it is written: 'You are not to put the Lord your God to the test.'"



- Matthew 4:10: "Go away, Satan! For it is written: 'You are to worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

We look forward to diving deeper into these themes together!

McKendree Mission Highlights! Christmas Caroling and C.A.R.E!



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 the Intro and Chapter 1:

1. What does being a Gospeler mean?

We are all called to be a Gospeler. What might be holding you back from this calling? If you are already on this path, what do you need to continue growing in this area?

2. Who is part of your Gospeler genealogy?

Willie discusses the family table in Duck Dynasty as a place where people came to know Jesus. Is there a place or people who you think of where you've either delivered or received the story of the Gospel?

3. What is the most important thing we can pass down to our family, friends, or anyone who knows us?

Hint: Rooted in Faith!

4. The preacher went to the bar to reach Phil.

He knew the Gospel and that no one is too far gone. Where can we go as individuals and as a church family to reach those who have not heard the Gospel or need to hear it again?

Photos from Advent Season!



Red Letter Sermon Series! Listen to our King!

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Jan. 19th - Worship at 9:30 AM and 10:45 AM; Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Kids. **Sermon Topic: "Wilderness"**

Jan. 26th - Worship at 9:30 AM and 10:45 AM; Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Kids. **Sermon Topic: "Preaching and Calling of His Disciples?"**

Feb. 2nd - Worship at 9:30 AM and 10:45 AM; Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Kids.
Topic: "Beatitudes"

Top 10 Sermon on the Mount- Count Down to Easter!



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