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Receiving the call

The clouds formed the letters, PC. A farmer looked up from his fieldwork and saw this cloud formation and decided that PC meant preach Christ. He went off to Bible College and studied to be a preacher.

In time, the aspiring preacher appeared before a denominational committee, the task of which was to evaluate candidates for ordination on their preaching abilities. The former farmer turned prospective preacher delivered his best sermon for the committee.

After hearing the sermon, the committee adjourned for deliberation and shortly returned to give the candidate their findings. The chairperson asked the preacher of the sermon the committee had just heard what made him believe he should preach.

In reply, the onetime farmer told the story of how he was working in the field and looked up and saw the letters, PC, in the clouds and understood that to mean he should preach Christ.

In response to the story, the chair-

person reported that the committee believed that, in this case, PC meant plant corn.

Sometimes the evaluation is downright harsh, but it is necessary. Not everyone who perceives a calling is really called. The community needs to weigh in on that perception. The calling needs to be confirmed.

When it comes to preaching, if a fault is present, it is not always in the preacher. The Word preached in all its truth and purity will not always ring true with everyone

listening. Paul urges his protégé, Timothy, to be prepared to preach whether it is in season or out of season. That has occasionally been interpreted to mean the preacher should be prepared to preach on a moment's notice, but it really refers to whether the listeners are ready to accept what's preached or not. The point is to preach it anyway if it's really the Word of God.

However, the fault does not always lie with the hearer. Not everyone who decides to preach the Word is truly



Welcome

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HOLY HUMOR

The Pastor woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So ... he told the associate pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to preach for him that day. As soon as the associate pastor left the room, the pastor headed out of town to a golf course about 40 miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his church.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from heaven and exclaimed,

"You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then he hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 435 YARD HOLE IN ONE! Saint Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked,

"Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

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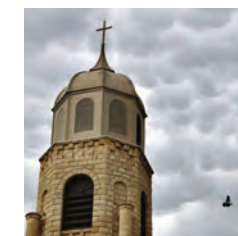


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Mammatus clouds move quickly across the sky behind St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hays.

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Christians are uniquely shaped, molded

This month as we focus on ministry appreciation, I want to share with you the idea that *all* Christians are called to ministry. Certainly not all are called to be pastors, but all are called to minister with the gifts, passions, abilities, and experience God has given them. Every Christian was uniquely shaped and molded by God for ministry!

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

I remember hearing Rick Warren of Saddleback Church once say that there are four pillars of ministry that the church is built on:

#1: Every Believer is a Minister

To be a Christian means being like

Jesus. Jesus said,

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

#2: Every Ministry is Important

There are no "little people" in the Body of Christ and there are no "insignificant" ministries either. Every ministry is important.

"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable." (1 Corinthians 12:18-22)



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#3: We Are Dependent on Each Other

Every ministry is interconnected with all the others. Like a jigsaw puzzle, every piece is required to complete the picture. When one part of your body malfunctions, the other parts

don't work as well.

"... you are part of the Body of Christ and you belong to him ... in order that we

might be useful in the service of God." (Romans 7:4 (GN))

#4: Ministry is the Expression of My S.H.A.P.E.

S.H.A.P.E. is an acronym to explain the five elements that determine a

person's ministry. Those five elements are:

- Spiritual gifts
- Heart
- Abilities
- Personality
- Experience

Each of us is uniquely designed - or "shaped" - by God to do certain things.

Napoleon once pointed to a map of China and said, "There lies a sleeping giant. If it ever wakes up, it will be unstoppable." Today the American church is a sleeping giant. Our buildings are filled with members doing nothing with their faith except "keeping" it. If we can ever awaken and unleash the massive talent, creativity, and energy found in the priesthood of all believers, Christianity will explode with growth.



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Fr. Jarett Konrade

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Fr. Barry Brinkman, Pastor

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A journey made to the ‘Little Apple?’

Manhattan: It’s not just in New York. That might sound obvious to those of you who grew up in and around Kansas, but for me, growing up in the Seattle-area, I only knew of the Big Apple, not the Little Apple! But I jump ahead in my testimony — let me backtrack a bit.

I grew up going to church. We had church on Sunday morning and Sunday night, and then again on Wednesday night. And we were there. We rarely missed a church service, and I grew up learning that church attendance is critical for our spiritual well-being and growth. While I have changed some of my doctrinal positions slightly from the church where I grew up, I’m forever grateful for the foundation that church laid for me.

As with many churches, our church invited missionaries to present to the congregation. Usually they would come with a slide projector, but always they would come with stories; stories about how the power of God was spreading in the world. These stories always excited me in a way I couldn’t quite understand. I sometimes would think that maybe God was calling me into missions, but then the missionaries would get to the part about what they had to eat and I knew God couldn’t be calling me to that!

In any case, as a kid, I told my parents that I would either grow up and be a radio DJ, the President of the United States, or

a pastor. While my political interests have never fully subsided, and I still like music of all kinds, I knew God had a special plan for me to be a pastor.

Until I didn’t.

Toward the end of high school, I, as teens often do, began to lose my fervor for the Lord. I sensed God was still calling me into full time ministry, but I wasn’t eager to sign up for that. Instead, I went to Washington State University the fall after I graduated high school.

While I was at WSU, I officially changed my major 4 times in one semester. I started with a double major in English and Math, with plans to be a high school teacher. Then I switched to just math. Then I switched to just English. Then I switched to Management Information Systems (which is basically a combination of Business and Computer Science). God was clearly causing me distress in my choices. I did not feel at ease with any of my majors, and I kept feeling that tug towards full time ministry.

During that first semester, I also faced many of the pressures I had not faced growing up in a Christian environment with Christian friends. I turned away from God’s plan at times, and finally came

to point at the end of the semester where I had reached my limit.

At this point I had dropped all but two of my classes (who does English Lit. at 7:30am?!) and I remember sitting in my room wondering what I was supposed to do next. I felt as though I was at a clear milestone of my life. I had to decide whether I would follow myself or follow God. I prayed in my dorm room for God’s guidance, (which probably tipped the

scales in his favor!), and I decided to fully surrender my life to God’s will. I didn’t really want to commit to making the sacrifices that I knew would come by entering the ministry, but I knew that my life wouldn’t mean anything if I wasn’t living for Jesus.

So I got online and searched for Bible colleges. I found many listings, but only one that I found had their application online. It was located in the state that I had always wanted to visit: New York. There it was: Manhattan Christian College. It was a clear sign from God — the application was online and it was in New York. How fantastic!

I filled out the application and printed it off. Then I went to address the envelope. “Manhattan, N.... wait... KS?? What had I gotten myself into? At that point I didn’t know anything about The Little Apple —

not even that it existed — but I believed that God had gotten me this far, so he was going to get me through moving to the Midwest.

It was Christmas break when I finally got a call from MCC, and all the admissions counselors were on break. I talked with the admissions secretary, and in the course of 3 weeks I had been accepted, been given a scholarship, had a dorm assignment, and was on a plane.

I didn’t know what to expect when I got off that tiny propeller plane in a small airport in the middle of a field, but I knew that God had a plan for my life and that I was in it for the long haul. Certainly there have been times along the journey when I’ve questioned my call, sometimes even doubted my call. But I think back to my dorm room in Goldsworthy Hall and I remember the choice I made that day.

Thankfully, God has given me encouragement and direction many times since that day, but that day was my turning point.

Sometimes people ask me, so do you like living in Kansas? My answer is that I love the people here. Sure, I’d like a few more choices in terms of retail offerings in Hays, but I wouldn’t change the journey God has had for me. I don’t know where tomorrow will lead me, but I know that I won’t be on this journey alone. God has chosen me to be a pastor, and he has my back all the way.



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FAITH BRIEFS

Hays Christian Church is beginning a new ministry to children and students from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings. Kingdom Kids is a fun, Bible-based program designed for children preschool through grade five. Kids will spend time in worship and then in age-based groups for deeper study. Kids also will spend time memorizing Scripture, earning prizes along the way. The program begins this week, and there is no cost to participate.

Youth group for students in grades

six to 12 also began Sept. 7 at the same time. Students will participate in worship and study Scripture relevant to their life. It will be a great way for students to connect with one another and grow in their faith.

For more information, contact **lori@hayschristianchurch.org** for Kingdom Kids, or **kevin@hayschristianchurch.org** for the youth group. More information can be found on the church website, hayschristianchurch.org, or by calling (785) 625-0094.

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Westview Church in Hays once again will be hosting Wednesday night activities. But this year, the church — located at 3000 W. 41st — is adding a twist to the night.

The church will be hosting Westview Charging Station. The night will kick off with a simple supper from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. for a donation, followed by a lesson at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Wes Oakley will begin the first series titled “Running with Giants” for adults.

Also at 6:30 p.m., Elevate Kids will start back up, and R3 for middle- and high-school students will begin at 6:30 p.m. next week as well.

Nursery services will be provided to watch children if they are not old enough to attend one of the services as well.

Those wanting to participate in the events do not need to be a part of Westview Church.

For more information about the church, visit www.westviewchurch.tv.

Trust God enough to take the first step

In Genesis 12 we hear the beginning of the story of God inviting Abram to set out in faith with his wife Sari and their household, not knowing where they will end up. Through all their travels and travails Abraham trusted that God was with him. This summer marked the 15th anniversary of my ordination as a Presbyterian pastor. The story of Abram still resonates with me as it did when I first embarked on my journey of faith.

The journey that brought me to Hays as Pastor of Hays First Presbyterian is rooted in my 4th generation hometown of Marquette, Mich., a beautiful city on the south shore of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. My husband Dennis and I had fulfilling work, for me in medical case management and vocational rehabilitation, and a lovely home; we were lay leaders in a vibrant Presbyterian church that nurtured and encouraged our leadership, and we enjoyed the blessing of a warm circle of family and friends. Life was very good. By



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that point I had already lived in three different states and many cities. I was absolutely sure I would never leave my beloved home. I have come to understand that "Never" is a precarious word when you are talking to God.

One component of my work prior to seminary was helping people through the challenges of discerning new employment when they could no longer physically manage their previous job. My practice for the previous 8 years had been to try out a newly published vocational resource to point to areas of growth or training and to determine how this resource might be helpful for my clients. I was working through the then most recent edition of What

Color is Your Parachute, a popular 90's vocational resource. One suggested activity was to write about all the activities that bring joy or that one would do regardless of pay. A few hours later, reading back over the pages I had produced, I was stunned to recognize that virtually everything that made me feel most alive and whole was connected to my church

and ministry. At that point in my life I had barely heard a woman preach, much less seen any women in pastoral ministry. I had been an active part of church ministry closely enough to have no illusions about its downsides and pitfalls. In addition, saying "yes" to this calling would mean leaving my home for at least 3 years of seminary and almost certainly never serving a church in my home community. Even so, Ministry of Word and Sacrament as it is titled in my denomination, felt like a terrifying and joyful "Yes."

That evening I tearfully told my husband I had bad news; I believed I was called to seminary and pastoral ministry. After a moment he told me that if that was God's call he would support me in every way. I am truly blessed by Dennis' supportive care. I could not do what I do without him.

Three years of seminary 400 miles from home and 15 years as a church pastor in 3 different states, I have learned that living faith requires being willing to risk setting out, not knowing what the journey will hold. The great good news that keeps me joyfully in this ministry is that whenever I trust God enough to risk that first step, I keep finding God is already ahead on the road.



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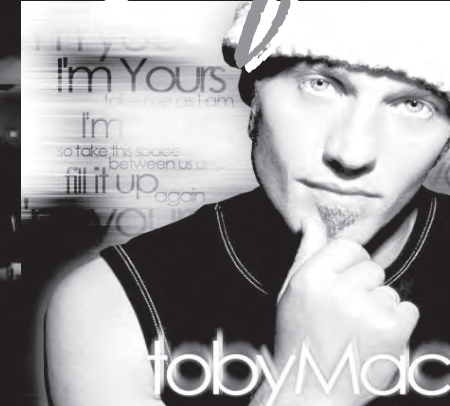
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- Romans 8:28



Pastor Ken Ediger,
North Oak Community Church

CALLED UPON TO LEAD

Congregations
share common
bond in love
for pastors

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Parishioners at Westview Church in Hays, North Oak Community Church and St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church might not have the same denomination, but they do enjoy common personality traits from their pastors.

According to members from all three churches, each pastor has a good — if not dry — sense of humor to keep the congregation involved during sermons. They also help keep people involved in the church outside regular worship hours. Each pastor also finds a way to connect and relate to

respective church members.

Of the three churches, St. Nick's has the newest and youngest pastor. Father Jarett Konrade has been in Hays for just more than a year, but his presence is seen by the members.

"What other priest would get up there, whip and nae nae to relate to the kids, and then follow that up with a very well laid out sermon after that?" Jenny Wittman said. "His jokes can get anybody."

"Our children (ages 7 to 11) would rather stay for the homily than go back for the children's time," said her husband, James. "He is so relatable that kids are entertained and learning. He throws a lot of history in there, too."

Due to Konrade's humor and reliability, St. Nick's has seen an increase in not only attendance at Mass, but increased involvement in other areas of the church as well.

"We have had to set up chairs for people at regular Masses, not just Christmas or Easter," James Wittman said. "Last year's parish picnic was the largest ever, and (the church) is anticipating a good turnout again this year."

"He is really focusing on getting the Junior CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) up and going," Jenny Wittman said. "I think he realizes the emergent situation to get the youth involved. He has a willingness to go beyond his normal duties. He is doing an extra Bible study class for adults on Wednesdays. We went, and there were 50 people."

According to the Wittmans, the adult turnout for bible study was approximately three times what the church and staff thought they would get when they offered the class.

Across town, there is a pastor with a few more sermons under his belt than Konrade, but his parishioners also enjoy the pastor's ability to relate to the entire congregation.

At Westview, Wes Oakley has been at the pulpit for 35 years. His parishioners enjoy his sense of humor as well. They also know they can count on him in a time of personal need.

"How is your family?" That was a simple question Oakley asked Abby Powell, a new member of the Westview community, at the time.

Oakley didn't ask the question before or after a service, he asked her during the annual Gerald Mitchell Hays City Shootout that takes place each year in November. Oakley was in attendance to watch his grandson, Isaiah Nunnery, play in the basketball tournament at the time.

Though she was a new member, Powell didn't feel shy or as if she couldn't talk to Oakley. She told him her mother in Hawaii recently had been informed by doctors that she had four months to live as she had Stage Four esophagus cancer.

Oakley had set the wheels in motion for Powell and her husband, T.J., to be able to fly back to Hawaii so they could be with her mother for the holidays without their knowing.

"The next weekend, we were at church, and pastor did a ministry help call," Powell said. "He said he felt there was someone out there that needs a little bit of help. We want to just be able to bless somebody for Christmas."

After the collection was gathered, one in which the Powells pitched in a few dollars themselves, Oakley announced the church would send the Powells to Hawaii for the holidays.

"He loves to tell jokes. He was like, 'I need to do this every week. What is there like three grand in there? All I had to do was ask. Maybe I will do this next week for me,'" Powell said.

Oakley called for her to join him.

"I was like, we have another Abby in here? He's like, 'Come up here. We are going to send you home for Christmas to see your mom.'"

It was the last Christmas Powell was able to spend with her mother. The trip also allowed her mother the opportunity to meet the Powell's son, Malachi, for the first time.

"It was nice to know that my mom got to meet my son," she said. "We had FaceTimed, but it was a lot different being



The Runnin' Revs' Father Jarett Konrade, left, competes during a basketball game fundraiser for the Salina Diocese seminarians last year at the St. Joseph Parish School gym in Hays.

home for Christmas."

Hays has another pastor with ample experience behind the pulpit and around the world.

Pastor Ken Ediger of North Oak Community Church has been a pastor for more than 25 years. Craig Smith and his family first met Ediger six years ago when they moved from Manhattan.

"People from our old church in Manhattan knew Pastor Ken and told us to look for him when we moved to Hays," Smith said.

Taking that advice, the Smiths' initial plan was to attend a service at North Oak Community Church, but they also wanted to attend other churches in the area before committing to one.

"We went one weekend and knew it was for us. We never looked for another church," Smith said. "We really enjoy

the family atmosphere and how the older generations look to help the younger generations at the church."

Smith noted how Ediger doesn't just want the congregation to be well-versed in the teachings of the Bible, but Ediger stresses for his congregation to put the teachings into practice.

"He inspires me to go and apply it (the teachings) outside the church walls," Smith said. "He inspires us to get into the word ourselves."

Smith also likes how Ediger involves and seeks young and new parishioners.

"Pastor Ed involves the college kids at Fort Hays. He has built a connection with the Chinese students," Smith said. "Pastor Ed' has set the example for all of us. I know he and his wife (Rachel) have traveled the world to help others and put the word into action."

WHY I ANSWERED THE CALL

What is “the call?” I believe it to be a unique, divine assignment given by God for his purposes. I believe it requires faithful and active obedience, unwavering commitment, and devotion from the one who is called.

I am not a pastor. I didn’t go to seminary. I am, however, a Child of God and a devout Christian. I was baptized as a young child at the First Presbyterian Church in Hays, KS. I grew up in the pews and with the programs and people of this church

family. Little did I know then that HE was preparing me for later use in the leadership of this place so near and dear to my heart.

My journey took me out of Hays for college, graduate school, and my twenties and early thirties. I studied journalism and psychology with the intent of being

a high school teacher and maybe a college professor. Some early twists and turns (now seen as part of

HIS master plan) switched my career goals to early childhood special education and left me with a master’s degree in Family Studies and Human

Service.

I spent the first twenty years of my career as an educator – with experience teaching newborns through college students. I felt this was where God wanted me, as I was always told what talent I had for it and how my compassionate side complemented my skills.

I spent the past eight and a half years working with the elementary students at Westside School. It was the perfect “fit” for me and I was able to share my love of learning with extremely appreciative students and with a staff I considered my family. I loved every minute of my time there and never planned to leave. Some doors “I” thought should open for me, HE kept closed. I really questioned how things were going for me and prayed heartily for answers. Little did I know what HIS bigger plan for me was!

I have heard in religious circles before of “hearing the call”, but found it to be a little aloof and even a little spooky.

However, during one of our church’s session meetings in April (shortly after another door had closed on me), I literally had the heavens open up and reveal my purpose to me! I had been serving as our clerk of session for the past two years, so knew there was definitely something different happening during this particular meeting.

Our office manager, who also held the Faith Development Coordinator position, had resigned to take another position out-of-state. Plans for

the future of our church were being discussed and talks were leaning toward just replacing our “secretary” and letting the rest fall into place. As I was taking notes on the discussion, I started to have visions of a family-centered, cross-generational approach to faith development that would bring full-circle ALL my past training and experiences. Out-of-turn and completely against Roberts Rules of Order, I told the Session that I thought maybe I was the person they were looking for.

Those who know me can tell you that I tend to thoroughly think things through, am somewhat quiet during meetings, and don’t jump without thinking things through *big time*. I believe the Holy Spirit had *much* bigger plans for me, ^for First Pres that night! I went home and prayed it over. I also put pencil and paper to it to make sure I was able to walk away from a very nice benefits package at USD 489. I then went through the application and interview process and was eventually hired as the two-titled position of Office Manager and Faith Development Coordinator. Leaving Westside was extremely difficult. There were *lots* of tears, but I felt no regrets. After all; when God is speaking, who are we to say “NO”?

I am enjoying my “new career” more than I could have ever imagined! I am able to utilize *every* past experience and college class! I love giving back to the church that has given me *so* incredibly much throughout my life.

This move to me is expressed so well by this quote from Ephesians 2:10: “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

I feel God has put me *right* where we wants me — not just *now*, but for my entire life, while preparing me for the work I am currently doing in HIS name.



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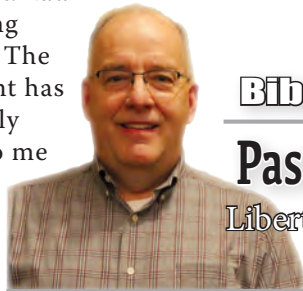
Christmas is right around the corner, and once again ONE is hosting a coloring contest for children. The theme for this year's contest is "The birth of Jesus." The deadline for submission is Nov. 8. The winner of the contest will have the artwork appear on the cover of the December issue of ONE. Participants should put their name, age, grade and church on the back of their submission. They can be dropped off at your church or at The Hays Daily News, 507 Main.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Prepare yourself for some captivating reading

Hello Bible reading-plan reader. Fall is upon us, and the end of the year is just around the corner. If you've been reading with us all year, you had quite a reading pace to keep. The Old Testament has been unusually captivating to me this year. I hope that the Holy Spirit has been teaching you life changing truths as you have been reading along.

This month's Old Testament plan takes up in 1 Samuel as the people have just asked the Prophet Samuel



Bible Reading Plan

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to give them a king, like other nations have. With a warning from God that they would regret the request, He honored their wishes and anointed Saul as the first king. It is important to remember that 1 and 2 Samuel, 1

and 2 Kings are all one book. They are most likely divided because of their length (scrolls were only so long

so the story had to be divided in shorter works). This is the story of the establishment of Israel as a nation, and then a monarchy. It is the story of Israel's failed attempt to remain

October	
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8&9.....Weekend Review	
10.....□ 1 Sam. 21-22.....	□ 1 Peter 1
11.....□ 1 Sam. 23-24.....	□ 1 Peter 2
12.....□ 1 Sam. 25-26.....	□ 1 Peter 3
13.....□ 1 Sam. 27-28.....	□ 1 Peter 4
14.....□ 1 Sam. 29-30.....	□ 1 Peter 5
15 & 16.....Weekend Review	
17.....□ 1 Sam. 31.....	□ 2 Peter 1
18.....□ 2 Sam 1-2.....	□ 2 Peter 2
19.....□ 2 Sam 3-4.....	□ 2 Peter 3
20.....□ 2 Sam 5-6.....	□ Jude
21.....□ 2 Sam. 7-8.....	□ John 1
22 & 23.....Weekend Review	
24.....□ 2 Sam. 9-10.....	□ John 2
25.....□ 2 Sam. 11-12.....	□ John 3
26.....□ 2 Sam. 13-14.....	□ John 3
27.....□ 2 Sam. 15-16.....	□ John 4
28.....□ 2 Sam. 17-18.....	□ John 5
29 & 30.....Weekend Review	
31.....□ 2 Sam. 19-20.....	□ John 6

faithful to the Covenant that God had made with them. This month's readings will carry us almost to the end of King David's rule.

Prepare yourself for some captivating reading.

Our New Testament readings will conclude the Apostle Peter's writings,

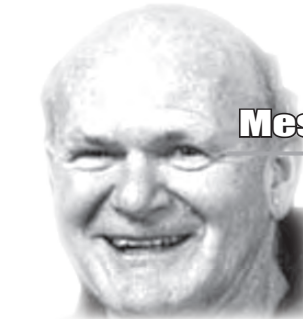
and begin the Apostle John's books. Enjoy the passion and the character of these works, they also communicate that God loves us, even though we fail, and the times are difficult. God is consistently good to us, and reminds us that Jesus is coming (2 Peter 3). Read on!

I GOT ALL I NEED

Using Jesus' words, "Sell your belongings and give alms," together with Sia's words, "I got all I need," one produces a pattern for a true Christian. Jesus is exhorting his followers to stay away from too many material things and give them to those in need:

Jesus said: "Seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides. Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father

is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:31-34).



Message at the Top

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Sia is giving the reason to give them up, namely, because we have all we need to have a happy life:

"Come on, turn the radio on. It's Friday night and I won't be long. Gotta do my hair, I put my make-up on. I won't be long till I hit the dance floor.

I got all I need. No, I ain't got no cash. I don't need dollar bills to have fun tonight. I love cheap thrills. I don't need no money as long as I keep

dancing."

Granted, they are speaking of different things altogether, but the overall message is a good one. Even something as enjoyable as dancing which can be done without too much money, is part of a simple formula for happiness. As we think of what is truly important in

THE GOSPELS IN FR. MIKE'S TOP 5

(as of Sept. 15)

- 1 – "Cheap Thrills" / Sia Luke 12:31-34
- 2 – "Send My Love" / Adele Mark 10:40-45
- 3 – "Can't Stop the Feeling" / Justin Timberlake Luke 5:24-26
- 4 – "Ride" / Twenty One Pilots John 10:1-5, 11a
- 5 – "Just Like Fire" / Pink John 3:1-5

(See www.frmikescully.com)

life, material goods and money should play a minor part; our real treasure must lie in the realm of treasure in heaven, that is, a good life.

At the same time, celebrating a good life must include a time to relax, and often dancing can supply such a moment.

Dancing, the subject of Sia's song "Cheap Thrills," usually has nothing to do with money, but it is a means of enjoying life. Spiritual happiness interestingly enough has nothing to do with money either. In fact, Jesus knew that

too much money could easily block the path to the real treasure that we should be working toward, namely eternal life. Consequently, he tells his followers not to worry about material goods as they seek their treasure--"Sell your belongings." He also gave what might be called the essence of the spiritual life--namely to "give" to others.

If one adopts the attitude of "having all we need" and therefore giving away the things that are "more than we need," we are well on our way to the true treasure in life.



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