



# THE VOICE

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### Who are you following? Who do you look like?

Last week we didn't get to have the Adult Sunday School time due to our Church Annual Business Meeting. As a result, we missed a great lesson entitled "Imitating Our Heavenly Father." The memory verse was taken from when the Apostle Paul said to the church at Corinth, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am for Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1 KJV) Or in other words "Follow me as I follow Christ!"

One of the most, if not the most, effective way of learning is kinesthetic or hands on learning. Our Lord knew this and as a result, I believe, chose to come to earth as a man not only to pay the price for our sins, but to role model for mankind how it should look like to live a life most pleasing to our Heavenly Father. Because, as humans, one of if not the most effective way for humans to learn is through the role modeling of another human.

Our Lord came to earth as a man and lived among us to show us what it actually looks like to live a life in right relationship with our Lord. What it looks like to be totally obedient, submitting our will for His Will, and to truly love others as ourself. In short, our Lord Jesus came to earth as a man to show us what it looks like to love with His love! He demonstrated this great love that while we were yet sinners, our Lord Jesus died for us on the cross! (Romans 5:8) He didn't just die, but rose again and paid the price our Salvation and gave us eternal life. Our Lord showed us what it should look like to truly love others!

As the Holy Spirit would have it, I was reminded of what I had recently read in reading the the daily Proverb on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the Month (which was Proverb 17). Verse nine says " Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling upon it separates close friends." (NLT) This reminds me that all love, especially God's love, prospers when a fault is forgiven.

If we are to truly be like our Lord and love others as He does, we must love others and forgive others when they commit faults against us! As the author R.T. Kendall writes in his book "Total Forgiveness" "When we forgive others, it is in those moments that we look most like our Lord Jesus." Think about this! We look most like our Lord Jesus when we are forgiving others!

The lesson begs the question of "Who am I following?" and "Who are you following?" May we take inventory of our selves and make whatever adjustments we need to make to ensure we are following our Lord Jesus! Like our Pastor Jerry always says, "we are a church that loves!" I pray this lesson encourages and challenges you as it has me! May we choose to love and forgive others, and may we LOOK MORE LIKE OUR LORD JESUS in the process!

With much love, respect and prayers for you all!

### Bible Trivia

1. Who was the first Apostle to be martyred?
2. Who doubted the resurrected Jesus?
3. Who prayed and a young man named Eutychus was raised from the dead?
4. Who did Jesus teach is the one who loves more?
5. What man of Bethany was raised from his tomb by Jesus?

### Upcoming Events

Fifty Plus Montly Mid-Day Meal and Service will be Thursday March 12, 2026 at the church at 11:30AM. Lunch will be served at 11:30AM with the service starting immediately afterwards. (usually around 12:15PM) Broher John Jelinek will be the speaker We hope to see you there!

Remember the fundraising effort of \$8000 to build a church in Madagascar, Africa. We have raised approximately \$2900, but still need your help! Please pray and consider what you would like to give toward this effort!

**Have an Anniversary or Birthday coming up? Let Cindy know your special date, so we can celebrate with you!!**

## On a Lighter Side:



"I can't run the  
worship slides anymore...  
**IT'S TOO MUCH PRESSURE!**"  
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### **FROM THE MOUTH OF BABES!**

A children's Sunday School teacher asked the question "Why was baby Moses placed in a basket?" Little Johnny quickly replied, "because the daycare was full!"

During the Sunday School lesson A little girl told her teacher, "Jesus fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. My mom can do that with one chicken."

The teacher asked, "What's the moral of Noah's Ark?" A little boy said, "Don't miss the boat."

Two little boys were sitting together in a church during a wedding ceremony. As the couple said "I do", one of the little boys leaned over to the other and asked, "I wonder how many wives a man can have?" The second little boy looked at his friend like he was an idiot and said, "He can have 16 wives." "How do you know that?" The first little boy asked. "Weren't you listening? The preacher just said it. Four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

## Prayer Needs:

**Ruth Elmore**  
**Chris Shepherd**  
**Carrie Hughes**  
**Jerry Colston**  
**Burl Ray**

### Trivia Answers:

1. James (Acts 12:1-2)
2. Thomas (John 21:25)
3. Paul (Acts 20:7-12)
4. The one who has been forgiven more. (Luke 7:43)
5. Lazarus (John 11:1-44)

## Happy March Birthday to:

**Larry Pierce - Mar. 1**  
**Silas Dimitru - Mar. 8**  
**Doug Wrentz - Mar. 8**  
**Francine Haley - Mar. 17**  
**Candus Reed - Mar. 22**

## Here's a Recipe to Try:

### Butternut Squash

3 -3 1/2 pounds butternut squash, peeled,  
seeded and cut into 1/2 " pieces (8-10 cups)  
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil  
Salt and Pepper  
1 tsp Za'atar spice blend  
1 small shallot, minced  
2 TBS lemon juice  
2 TBS honey  
1/4 cup fresh parsley leaves  
1/3 cup unsalted pepitas (pumpkin seeds),  
toasted  
1/2 cup pomegranate seeds

Adjust oven rack to lowest position and heat oven to 450 degrees. Toss squash with 1 TBS oil in a bowl and season with S&P. Lay squash in a single layer on rimmed baking sheet and roast until well browned and tender, 30-35 min. stirring halfway through roasting time. Remove from oven and sprinkle with Za'atar and let cool 15 min. Whisk shallot, lemon juice, honey & 1/4 tsp salt together in large bowl. Whisking constantly, drizzle remaining 3 TBS oil. Add squash, parsley, and pepitas and toss gently to combine. Arrange on platter, sprinkle with pomegranate seeds, and serve.

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