

WORD FROM THE CREEK

“It’s a Matter of Family ” by Pastor Kevin Taylor

It seems hard to believe but we are only about three weeks away from Thanksgiving! My, how time flies. If your family is anything like mine you may have already made plans for your family gathering. Having two brothers who also serve in ministry we have made our Thanksgiving holiday a major deal because everyone has Christmas Eve services to lead making travel much more difficult for each of our families. Even as our kids have begun to enter adulthood they seem to really enjoy the large family gathering. We converge on one home whenever possible for as much as three full days of food, games, movies, football and fun, lots of fun! But let’s be honest . . . whenever you get that much family together under one roof there is bound to be some conflict, some drama, maybe even a fight or two. So what do we do? Well, most families just try to survive by sweeping the issues under rug, burying their feelings just enough to get through the family gathering or simply living in denial that a problem exists at all. That may be an accurate description but it is certainly not a good prescription of what to do in order to help our relationships become healthy.

You may be surprised the Bible refers to the sum of all believers as the “family of God.” Like any other family, conflict does arise from time to time. The important question then becomes, “What do we do when conflict arises within God’s family?” Well, the Bible places the responsibility initially upon you. In Matthew chapter 18 Jesus says, “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church.” The goal of such actions must always be restoration and reconciliation. Jesus calls that “winning a brother over” or convincing he, or she, of the importance of being restored to fellowship. If a brother or sister in Christ sins against us we cannot simply sit there and stew in our offendedness. It is our responsibility to go to that “family member” and lovingly confront the issue.

Maybe your situation is different. You hold no offense but you know that someone holds an offense against you. In Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5:23-24 he tells his listeners, “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something

against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.” Once again the responsibility is first given to you and secondly the goal is restoration and reconciliation of the relationship. We would do well to remember that in the body of Christ we are a family, the family of God. Families will have conflict, it is inescapable. The way we handle such conflict makes all the difference in the world. Whether we have been offended or whether we have offended someone else Jesus places the responsibility for reconciliation upon us! This does not alleviate the responsibility of the other individual but it does make certain that reconciliation will be accomplished!

This family relationship in the family of God is so important that Jesus said, “All men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35) When a family is dysfunctional and disconnected relationally it becomes difficult to identify those in conflict as family. Restoration in situations of family conflict makes it possible to walk in love with members of our family. Remember we are the family of God!

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Dates of Interest:

- **Nov. 2nd
Mpac Girls
Ministry Begins**
- **Nov. 6th
Worship Night**
- **Nov. 14th-20th
Operation
Christmas Child
Collection**
- **Nov. 24th
Thanksgiving**

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Youth Group, Mpact Girls, Royal Rangers, Elevate 7:00 pm	3	4	5 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00 pm
6 Java Connection 9:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am Worship Night 6:00 pm	7	8 Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	9 Youth Group, Mpact Girls, Royal Rangers, Elevate 7:00 pm	10	11	12 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00 pm
13 Java Connection 9:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am	14	15 Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	16 Youth Group, Mpact Girls, Royal Rangers, Elevate 7:00 pm	17	18	19 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00 pm
Operation Christmas Child Collection						
20 Java Connection 9:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am Final day for Operation Christmas Child Box Drop off	21	22 Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	23 No Wednesday Activities	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25	26 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00 pm
27 Java Connection 9:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am	28	29 Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	30 Youth Group, Mpact Girls, Royal Rangers, Elevate 7:00 pm			

Youth Ministry

October was a great month. We got to spend a lot more time outside thanks to some beautiful weather. I was able to attend my first sporting events at Marquette to watch some of the youth group kids in a variety of sports. It was fun and encouraging to see so many kids and parents that attend to support their high school. I will add that the football team won their homecoming game and the volleyball team beat my old high school (Stephenson) while I was there so I'm going to attribute at least part of the wins to my presence. Also a few of the kids and leaders were able to go to the Hayes Corn Maze and enjoy one last outing before the cold weather sets in.

God has been faithful to the youth group and it has shown through some amazing spiritual growth in some of the kids and leaders. It is almost like being a dad that gets to see his kids obtain the biggest goals when they experience God in such a powerful way. I have only been a part of the youth group for a short time but have had the chance to just stand back and see some kids not just hear about God but to really feel the awesomeness of God.

November is here and I know everyone is excited to hear this, the snow will soon be deep and I can't wait. I don't like cold but I do love tons of snow and the hot chocolate and sledding. I also like being able to have a good excuse to wear sweat shirts and sweat pants.

Have a great November!!!

Nick Rye
Director of Youth

Children's Ministry

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!!! That's about how fast the rest of this year is going to go. The stores have already started carrying Christmas decorations and by the time I put the lights up and have a chance to sit back and enjoy them, they all have to come down. Time goes by so fast that if we blink we miss it. As parents we have so much going on with work, kids, school, sports, church events, and holidays, we need to step back and take the time to enjoy our family. If we just keep running all the time we're bound to miss something. Unfortunately we don't own vehicles that go back in time when we hit 88 miles an hour or we would all be back in the 1800's. These next few months take the time to stop, sit down as a family, and just hang out. Take the time, because once it's gone we can't get it back.

Speaking of time, we have a new name and logo for our children's ministry here at Silver Creek.

Believe in God Time

Also we have started practicing for our Children's Christmas Program. Your children will be performing an original musical. Get Un-Grinched this Christmas. If anyone would like to help, we need assistance with costumes and props. If interested please let me know ASAP.

God Bless.
Jason Hoyle
Director of Children's Ministry



Highlights

Worship Night

Join us **Sunday, November 6th at 6pm** as we enter in to an intimate time of worship in the presence of the Lord.

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Nursery
Pre-K

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6:00 PM
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