

The Caller

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August 2-3

Elizabethtown Church of Christ

Keynote Speaker:

Joe Wells

Topics Include: Absolute Truth, Social Media, World View

Class Topics & Teachers are:

Kurt Montooth – Anxiety & Depression

Matt Ashby – Discerning Your Self Worth...Made in God's Image

Dennis Hogan – Discerning Our Gratitude

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — The Entry of the King Luke 19:35-40

P. M. — Recipe for Character: Add Service Matthew 20:27:28

The Sunday Sermon is Going to Change

There is no need to panic—we are not talking change in the sense we are moving away from the Word of God. No, rather we are talking about a greater emphasis in the coming weeks on highlighting Jesus in all our Sunday morning lessons.

One Sunday morning will be devoted to a subject in the last week of the Lord's life. Other Sunday mornings will highlight things that Jesus emphasized while maintaining the effort to see Jesus in those points of emphasis.

The goal of each of these sermons will be 3 fold: 1. What does God reveal in the text we are studying? 2. How do we see Jesus in the selected passage? We will then ask, "So what?" In other words, what does the selected passage mean for me—how does it impact my life?

In sermons from the last year (Aug-Aug) there has been considerable effort to utilize PowerPoint to aid in teaching. This coming year (Aug-Aug) emphasis will be given to making the slides readable and simple. The entire approach to the lesson will be to make it so the youngest who has the capacity to understand can gain something from the lesson.

Sunday evenings will still be predominately teaching/preaching sermons but they too will be made simple. Mr. Higginbotham used to preach that it was better for someone to leave the assembly saying "That sure was a simple lesson" than it is for them to leave and say, "I have no idea what you said but you sure said it eloquently." As I advance in years I see more and more the wisdom in his thoughts.

As your preacher, let me say to the congregation, "Thank you for loving the truth of God's Word!" Your desire to know and to understand His will is a blessing to my life. May we grow together in our study of God's Word and our application of that message to our lives.

God has blessed the Elizabethtown congregation above what we deserve. May we always look to Him and His Word that we might continue faithful to Him.

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