

WEEKLY

Sermon Title: "The Simple Path to Greatness"

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37

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You Are Welcome Here!



And maybe that's why Jesus brings us back to the basics as well - to the simple truth of the lessons we need to learn from children. Not their childishness, but the wonderful quality of childlike-ness - that's where we discover true greatness. Isn't it amazing the amount of time Jesus spends with his adult disciples, trying to teach them what children seem to come by naturally! "Greatness" is not all that difficult to come by; but from the way things have gone recently in our country, it looks as if more of us should be spending more time with the children!

- Rev. Mark Demers

Support
The Forum
Saturday Evening
Ministry

Saturdays
6:00 PM
Erdman Hall

Free Coffee &
Great Place for
Conversation

"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"



COMMUNICATION CARD

In the Book of Romans, St. Paul instructs us to "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." We have a team of people willing to pray for your request.

Prayer Requests:
Please pray only
Please pray & contact me

Praise Reports:

Look around your pew. Is someone missing? Do you wonder where they are and if they are ok? Please let us know so that we too may give them a call and let them know that they are missed.

If you are a visitor...how did you find us?:

Website: _____
Walked by: _____
Someone told me: _____
Newspaper: _____
Telephone Directory: _____
Other: _____

(Place this card in either the offering plate or the basket in the rear of the Sanctuary)



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What does it take?

Question: Hey, Moneybags, what does it take to run the church?

Answer: In 1998 it was \$125,039
For 2009 about \$312,000.
For 2010 it will probably be about \$325,000

Question: I never really thought much about it. How much should I contribute?

Answer: Well, that's a personal question and it is entirely up to YOU.

Question: But that is not an answer. What I mean is how much? Is there an average?

Answer : OK. Let's talk numbers.

Question: As I said, I never really thought much about it but I usually throw a fiver in the plate. If everybody threw five bucks in the plate would we balance the budget?

Answer: Depends on how many people did that. We would balance the budget if there were 1,201 people attending each Sunday. Six services? Save me a seat!!

Question: Well, how about ten bucks?

Answer: We would only need average attendance of 600 folks.

Question: Twenty bucks?

Answer: 300 people

Question: How many folks usually attend?

Answer: Well, that varies but it probably averages out to about 125 or so people.

Question: OK so if there is usually about a hundred and twenty five what would the average contribution need to be in order to balance our budget?

Answer: It works out to be about Forty Eight dollars per week

Question: Egads! Holy Tamoly! Forty eight bucks? Every week? That's a lotta, lotta money!! Is that what they mean when they talk about a tithe?

Answer: Well.....that would be a tithe if your income is around \$24,960 per year.
Any more questions?

Question: C'mon! That's poverty level income according to the government and I make twice that. Ya mean I gotta fork over \$96 each week? I can't afford that!!.

Answer: No you don't. Like I said at the beginning, it is entirely up to you.

Question: I had no idea. I never really thought about it. I usually throw a fiver in the plate. What should I do? Tell me.

Answer: Really want me to tell you? How about Ten?

Question: It would be a stretch for me, but I was thinking about Twenty. That ok?

Answer: Even better. Good thinking! Stretching is good.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Want To Get Connected?

This response card is an opportunity for you to communicate with us.

We want to hear from you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Today's date _____

Best time to call ____AM ____PM

- This is my first visit
- I visit occasionally
- Regular Attendee

I'd like to talk to a staff member regarding:



WELCOME
Everyone!

I'd like to learn more about:

- The values that guide Adirondack Community Church
- Small Groups
- Children's Ministries
- Women's Ministries
- Baptism
- Men's Ministries
- Senior Adult Ministries
- Membership
- Volunteering
- Youth Ministry Volunteer
- Missions
- Music Ministries

Today I:

- Committed my life to Christ.
- Renewed my commitment to Christ.

I made a decision to...

"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

What a God!

Lord GOD All-Powerful, who is like you? LORD, you are powerful and completely trustworthy. PSALM 89:8

Ponder the achievement of God.

He doesn't condone our sin, nor does he compromise his standard.

He doesn't ignore our rebellion, nor does he relax his demands.

Rather than dismiss our sin, he assumes our sin and, incredibly, sentences himself.

God's holiness is honored. Our sin is punished...and we are redeemed.

God does what we cannot do so we can be what we dare not dream: perfect before God.

In the Grip of Grace-Max Lucado



With Soap and Water or Sanitizer, a Cleaning That Can Stave Off the Flu

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), with other health organizations around the world, urge frequent hand washing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizers. They also repeat some advice you may not have heard from your mother: [cough](#) or sneeze into the crook of your elbow, not your bare hands. (Taken from the NY Times)

CATALYST

We are excited about what Jesus is doing in our Church! We have had a blessing of many new brothers and sisters in Christ. We could not have accomplished this without the massive amount of dedicated volunteers. We have had an outstanding outpouring of new, young leaders throughout the Church.

We are planning a trip to a leadership conference in Atlanta in October. We feel as this is the next step in continuing the development of not only our leaders but those they lead!

If you feel called to financially support this great opportunity for our young leaders to continue their volunteer ministry to our Church, please contact the Church office, Mark, or myself.

Thanks in advance for your continued support of this ministry!

In Christ,
Art Summers





See You At The Pole, Wednesday morning, Sept. 23, 7 AM to pray for our schools, community and nation. Adults meet at the Town Hall flagpole and students meet at your school's flagpole. Join with others in prayer around the world at the same time!

New Format for Church Conference: Our Church Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, **Oct. 6, 2009**, 7 PM at the Lakeview Room of the High Peaks Resort. We will meet with Wilmington, Saranac Lake and Bloomingdale to do a joint meeting with the District Superintendent. There will be presentations from the community detailing critical needs in our area. There will also be worship, communion and refreshments.



Come meet and rejoice with others from our sister churches in the area!



WHAT: TEEN CHALLENGE GOSPEL CHOIR of VERMONT

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

WHERE: 10:30 SERVICE, Adk. Com. Church

WITH FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK SUPPER FOLLOWING

Come and experience the transformation of brokenness through addictions to the deliverance found in Jesus Christ!

Extra Helpings Orders due on **October 12** for an Oct. 28 delivery date. Many good buys on the Menu. Check it out on the church bulletin board. This Food Buying Club benefits everyone. Please participate. Low Cost Food! No membership fees.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday –September 20

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room,
 9:45 AM –10:30 AM Fellowship Time
 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
 (Nursery Provided)
 Big City Studio for Kids

Monday–September 21

6:00 PM Covenant Band Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Ecu. Charity Program Meeting

Tuesday– September 22

6:45 AM Men's Breakfast, Erdman Hall
 6:00PM–7:30 PM Schizim Youth Group
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Erd. Hall
 7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548

Wednesday–September 23

7:00 AM See You At The Pole!
 8:00 AM Finance Team Meeting
 2:30 PM Help needed to escort
 residents to chapel service
 at Uihlein. Call 523-9835
 5:30 PM –7pm Collision Group for 6-9th
 Graders
 6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday–September 24

2:00 PM The Shack (Youth Rm)
 open for studying until 5:00 PM
 6:30 PM High Peaks Ringers Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Prayer Group, Todd Room

Friday– September 25

10 AM– 4 PM Art Show in Erdman Hall
 4:30 PM Ladies Bible Study Group,
 523-9263
 5:30 PM Hayes/Nastro Wedding Reh.

Saturday– September 26

10 AM– 4 PM Art Show in Erdman Hall
 2:00 PM Hayes/Nastro Wedding
 6:00 PM The Forum in The Shack
 7:30-9 PM Music, Worship & Prayer,
 in The Shack (Youth Room)

Birthdays

This week:

09/20 Jane Bryant
 09/22 Cody Valenze
 09/26 Donna Eggleton, Chris Wood

Next Week:

09/27 Lindsey Rath, Brooklyn Mayberry
 09/28 Lea Collins
 09/29 Agnes Majilton
 10/01 Taylor Maiorca



All children are invited to church on Sundays at 10:30am. For **Big City Studio & Critterland** (Nursery provided for infants and toddlers.)

Lectionary Scripture Readings:

September 20

Proverbs 31:10-31
 Psalm 1
 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
 Mark 9:30-37

September 27

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
 Psalm 124
 James 5:13-20
 Mark 9:38-50

