

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: Peacemaking – The Way to Happiness

Text: Matthew 5:9

Introduction: In the seventh beatitude, Jesus showed that God has called us to be peacemakers into a world that is ugly with violence and hate. He sends us to carry out that task. We aren't given the choice of whether or not we would like to be peacemakers and we certainly aren't given the choice of what kind of world in which we would like to live. As bad as things may be, this is the only world we have and if we are going to be true to our Lord, we must be peacemakers! Interestingly, this is the only time in all the New Testament that the Greek term translated "peacemakers" appears. Maybe it will help us understand the meaning by pointing out first what it does not mean.

- It does not mean, "Blessed are the Christians who avoid all conflict and confrontations."
- Neither does it mean, "Blessed are Believers who are laid back, easy going, and relaxed."
- Nor, "Blessed are Christians who defend a 'peace at any price' philosophy."
- It doesn't mean, "Blessed are the passive believers, who compromise their convictions when surrounded by individuals who would disagree."

No, none of those ideas is a characteristic of the "peacemakers" in this verse. So, what is the meaning of this beatitude? How should we understand it? Let's consider the following.

- I. The _____ to be "Peacemakers"
- II. The _____ of "Peacemakers"
- III. The _____ of being "Peacemakers"



Sunday, August 23, 2020

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are in memory of M.L. & Miriam Jenkins and Paul & Reba Loyd
placed by the Family.

Praise and Worship

Scripture Reading.....1 Chronicles 29:11-13 NIV

How Majestic Is Your Name
Glorious is Thy Name
New Doxology
I Worship You

Prayer

Welcome.....Larry Gipson

Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus

Instrumental Praise.....Apryl Casey

Give The World A Smile

Message.....Larry Gipson

Happiness Is?

Peace Making—The Way To Happiness
Matthew 5:9

Time of Commitment

Softly and Tenderly

Closing.....Larry Gipson

Post Service Music.....Celebration Band

How Majestic Is Your Name



Join us Sunday, August 30 during morning worship for a 30 Minute Hymn Sing featuring FBC's Favorite Hymns! It is going to be a wonderful 5th Sunday Morning Worship Service! We will be singing your favorite hymns with a few surprises along the way and a timely message from Bro. Larry! Hope you will be able to join us for this special time of worship.



SAMFORD MTI CLASS

Baptist Doctrines

August 24-October 12, Monday nights, 6:00 p.m. The class will meet in person or via WebEx. See the church website to register or call the church office for more information.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Sunday School class is meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the fellowship hall. Doug Williams is teaching from the *Gospel Project* material. You may participate in person, through Zoom, or Livestream at a later date. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are encouraged. Everyone is invited.

CDC NEWS

We have openings for fulltime 3K and 4K preschool classes. Our tentative start date is September 8. Please come by the CDC office or call for more information!

CDC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 27, 6:00-7:30

2020 CENSUS INFORMATION

Have you completed your 2020 Census questionnaire?
Please see the flyer with important information on the tables outside the sanctuary.

PHOTOGRAPHS

For the protection of the congregation, each Sunday morning photographs will be made during the services. These pictures will be used to notify people **only if** a case of COVID-19 is diagnosed after a service.

DEACON BREAKFAST MEETING

Saturday, September 12 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
Breakfast will be served at 7:30 and the meeting will begin at 8:00.
Contact Andrea in the office if you would like to attend.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of **August 23-29**
Jeremiah 52, Lamentations 1-5, Ezekiel 1-15

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

will meet in Room 160 this week.