

BRADY LANE LEDGER

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THE BIG TWO!

Upcoming Schedule

Our BLC Campus is now open for any life group ministry, ministry team meeting, or any other small group gathering.

June 7 - On Campus 8:30 & 11a

June 14 - All Ministries Open

Back to Church Policies

- Refrain from handshakes and hugs and try to social distance
- Utilize hand sanitizer stations around the church
- If you have to sneeze or cough do so into your elbow...please cover your mouth. If sick...stay home!
- We will utilize communion stations rather than pass trays and plates. Instructions will be given during service. There will be a box hanging on the sound booth for you to drop your offering into.
- We will not be singing this Sunday but we will have music. If you don't think you can worship without singing we would ask that you wear a mask.
- This Sunday we will be having a family service in second service. There will be no Brady Lane Kids ministries offered so your students will join you in adult worship. We will have elements in the service for the kids!

Challenge Extended: Are You Up for It?

When all the conversations about racism started up after the tragic and unnecessary death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, my first instinct was to wonder, well, what did he do that led to the officer putting him in that position. Did he resist? Did he have a weapon? Did he cause harm to an officer? I went like many people did and I watched the video, and sure enough - there was nothing on the video to lead me to believe that George Floyd should have been on the ground in the first place. He was not resisting. He was not trying to escape. He was not wielding a weapon. He was being compliant.

The four officers involved - have since all been charged with various classes of murder, which I believe is appropriate. I am a former law enforcement officer and I am white, so many would think that I would automatically side with the police in this situation. For me - there is no real law in this country unless those who are enforcing it are held accountable. These men used bad tactics, had histories of bad relations with the African American community, and they are guilty of killing George Floyd. They have been charged, and are awaiting trial. Justice is served...much faster than it ever would be for a random citizen killing another citizen.

So here is a question many people are asking. Why are there still protests? Why is there still rioting? Why are police officers being attacked, ambushed and murdered? Why are citizens still being exposed to what some consider excessive force by officers trying to quell the "peaceful protests" (riots)?

Well the simple truth is there is a lot going on here that has nothing to do with George Floyd, minority equality, systemic racism or which lives matter or not. There is a criminal element made up of white, black, Asian, Hispanic, etc.etc.etc. People who are militant, angry, anarchists, who want to destroy our country by whatever means necessary. They are disillusioned with America...whether its great again,

God's Assurance

By Oswald Sanders

He Himself has said....So we may boldly say... —Hebrews 13:5-6

My assurance is to be built upon God's assurance to me. God says, "I will never leave you," so that then I "may boldly say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear' " (Hebrews 13:5-6). In other words, I will not be obsessed with apprehension. This does not mean that I will not be tempted to fear, but I will remember God's words of assurance. I will be full of courage, like a child who strives to reach the standard his father has set for him. The faith of many people begins to falter when apprehensions enter their thinking, and they forget the meaning of God's assurance— they forget to take a deep spiritual breath. The only way to remove the fear from our lives is to listen to God's assurance to us.

What are you fearing? Whatever it may be, you are not a coward about it— you are determined to face it, yet you still have a feeling of fear. When it seems that there is nothing and no one to help you, say to yourself, "But 'The Lord is my helper' this very moment, even in my present circumstance." Are you learning to listen to God before you speak, or are you saying things and then trying to make God's Word fit what you have said? Take hold of the Father's assurance, and then say with strong courage, "I will not fear." It does not matter what evil or wrong may be in our way, because "He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you....' "

Human frailty is another thing that gets between God's words of assurance and our own words and thoughts. When we realize how feeble we are in facing difficulties, the difficulties become like giants, we become like grasshoppers, and God seems to be nonexistent. But remember God's assurance to us— "I will never...forsake you." Have we learned to sing after hearing God's keynote? Are we continually filled with enough courage to say, "The Lord is my helper," or are we yielding to fear?

never was not great, or never was great at all.

Folks - the Riots are about Politics, and if you think they aren't you are fooling yourselves. So let's lump those in with everything else that has been done this year to try to destroy our economy and change the results of what happens in November. And shame on you if you are buying into it.

On the other hand, the folks of all races who are marching hand in hand. The ones without black outfits and masks carrying clubs and weapons...no I am talking about those who are really trying to have their voices heard...

It's time we listen. Christians of all races, it's time we make a real difference in this. It's time that we put our anger and politics down that are fueling all the hate and we pick up our Bibles and we read words like:

LOVE ONE ANOTHER - BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS - BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT - BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN - BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL - BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART - BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS - BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED.

The man that spoke these words was a Jewish man living in a Greco-Roman culture who ministered to people of all genders, colors, religions, and creeds. The way he did it was to sit down with them and have compassion for them.

The Challenge I mentioned: Go out and find someone different from you in a major way - and have a conversation. Have compassion. Listen to them. Hear their hurts, concerns, fears, history, and make sure they know you heard them. Tell them you are sorry for your part in making people like them feel the way they feel.

Then, tell them about the HOPE that you have in JESUS! Share the Gospel with them. Tell them we are called to be one...in Jesus we can be one, we can be equally loved and protected and forgiven. JESUS IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR THIS WORLD. AND HE IS COMING SOON! NEWS FLASH...There won't only be white people there. There won't only be people just like you there...better for us to get that through our thick skulls rather than having a stick put to it. ***It's time to listen.***

