

# BRADY LANE LEDGER

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## Brady Lane Church

Believing–Living–Connecting

### THE BIG THREE!

#### Game Night

**Friday August 28th, from 6:30 to 8pm** we are hosting a game night. Bring your favorite games and favorite snacks and join us in some game night fun!

#### Upcoming Events/Schedule

**September 27** - LAUNCH OF HOME POINTE! More to come!

**September 8 & 9** - Good Shepherd Learning Center begins classes.

#### Pray for our Schools/ Students/Teachers/ Administrators/ and Parents

In the next few weeks, and actually this week in some places, elementary, middle, jr. high, and high schools and colleges are beginning to open their doors. Our own Good Shepherd Learning Center will be starting classes at the beginning of September. Let all of us bathe our educators and students in our prayers. Some students are E-learning. Some are doing school in person. Some families have chosen to homeschool. Some college students are doing online courses while others will be in the classroom. This Sunday at Brady Lane Church we will have a special prayer time during both services to pray over all of those folks heading back to school.

### From the Overflow

(THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT)

By Jeff Keller

There was so much that I could have done with this week’s sermon from Matthew 5:1-16. As I studied and worked through what I would include in the message there was some stuff I had to leave out due to time constraints. This kind of thing happens to every minister and every sermon they write. We do a lot of study to prepare for the message and we work the material and work it until we get it down into something meaningful from the Word that God wants us to communicate to you for that day. Sometimes - really good stuff gets left on the “cutting room floor” so to speak.

This week there was something that I didn’t dive into at great length so I thought I would use this space to address it. It comes from near the end of the text we will be looking at on Sunday.

#### Matthew 5:13

**13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.**

In my sermon I deal primarily with the two verses that come after this one, not that I skip this verse by any means and I do address some of the concept in it, but I don’t really dive into the salt that we are supposed to be - the salt that still has saltiness.

When someone is called salty today it has a different meaning than that which Jesus is trying to convey. If someone said you are salty it would mean that you are agitated, aggravated, angry, and ready to lash out. When Jesus said that we are the salt of the earth and should guard against losing our saltiness, he was talking about that which makes salt useful...its flavor. Once it loses its flavor - it is worthless.

## A Different Type of Campaign

By Jeff Keller

The title of this article may lead some to believe that I am about to give a political rant of some sort. That could not be further from the truth. This has nothing to do with politics at all.

We have begun to familiarize you with our new helps initiative - Home Pointe. We have had so much trouble describing it - because it is something very few churches around are really doing. It's not discipleship, but it fosters discipleship. It's not a class but it can lead people to learning. It's not a program because it is something you can do with your family at home - without the church being involved at all...other than we supplied the ideas! Home Pointe is a initiative that we are sharing with the congregation and the community to help people right were they are - in some of life's biggest challenges.

One of the many ways we will be utilizing all the Home Pointe has to offer (along with the Idea Cards and the Pointers) is by having church wide campaigns sprinkled throughout the year. Campaigns like how to talk with God, Best Summer Ever, 5 Love Languages, Word 511, Faith Filled Holidays, Serving Together, Movies at Home, Blessing at Home, Prayer at Home, The Art of Marriage, The 9, Legacy Grand-parenting, and many more! We will probably only do 2 to 3 campaigns a year - we don't want to overwhelm everyone all at once.

The FIRST campaign we will do however is called THE LAUNCH! We will be launching Home Pointe on September 27th. That will be a special Sunday. While we know many of you have not returned as of yet, we would love for as many people to be here that Sunday as possible - however there will be other ways to access the materials, including an online version that will be linked to our website. One of the main things we will be doing that Sunday is handing out assessment forms that will help you to identify where you are at in the Home Pointe Spectrum and help us to help you find the best resources available for you in your stage of life. I will be sharing more about the Campaigns on Sunday!

So my question for us to wrestle with as head into the weekend is have we lost our saltiness. Have we lost the flavor of our faith that proverbially makes us worthless to the Kingdom of God. If we lose our saltiness we are not living a life that is attractive to others which causes us to miss out on opportunities to influence them for Christ.

Contrary to the meaning that the modern world has for the question, "are you salty?", I want to ask you that question in leu of what Jesus was talking about.

**ARE YOU SALTY?** Are you living a life that brings flavor to the lives of others? Are you living a life that is attractive to others? Do you have people asking you why you seem to have a more joyful outlook on life? If you don't you might need to ask yourself - What happened to my salt? What happened to my flavor? Why have I lost my saltiness?

So how can we keep our salt full of flavor? It's the same answer that we give for many things when it comes to our faith. There are the Sunday school answers: Prayer, Read Scripture, spend time with God, worship, serve, etc.

I want to add a layer to all of those things that can also include all of those things. And that is to dive into an accountability relationship with another Christian of your same gender for the purpose of sharpening one another. Every Christian should have a mentor (someone who is pouring into them) - Be a mentor (have someone that they are pouring their life into) - and have an accountability partner that is at the same stage of their faith path as you are, that can partner with you and encourage you in your walk with Christ. Relationships with people who are working on the same things you are working on is the best way to keep your salt salty! We need to have someone who is constantly asking us the question: (see image =>)



And hopefully when you get into that relationship and you start working together to grow and deepen your walk with Christ as you walk with each other, your answer to that question will be: YES!

