



October 6-7, 2018



Pastor Notes:

Are you as disappointed at the supreme court justice nomination as I am? The pontificating, grandstanding, posturing, and dirty politics? The blatant disregard for the lives of real people for political expediency? Power, party, popularity, and profits far more important than honor, honesty, and justice. It is inexcusable to not immediately have an investigation by those who are trained to investigate Dr. Ford's accusations instead of a public spectacle. It is just as inexcusable to not safeguard information asked to be kept confidential so it cannot be leaked, and using what you consider a victim of sexual abuse for political purposes. These are more than inexcusable, they are shameful.

Especially troubling and disappointing to me is to see the division in the Christian community right down party lines rather than a willingness to consistently apply the standards of Christ's kingdom. We are as divided as are the twenty-one senators in that confirmation hearing committee room. Instead of the clear teaching of Christ and the scriptures Fox, CNN, et al. and their spin and pundits, along with internet craziness, and our own opinions and preferences are the chief shapers of what we believe, say, and stand for. Passions overflowing for competing visions of America but scarcely a flicker for the dreams of God.

The Hon. Brett Kavanaugh and Dr. Christine Blasey Ford deserve justice, not one or the other but both. Dr. Ford's accusation deserves to be taken seriously. There is no room to belittle rape or sexual abuse. It makes no difference if it happened yesterday or thirty-something years ago, or whether she can remember every detail. It is especially shameful for anyone in the Christian community to somehow make room for or imply there are ways in which a girl or woman can act or dress that "asks for it." It doesn't matter if a girl shows up naked to a party and gets stone drunk there, it gives no one the green light to violate her person and body. Not anymore than someone has the green light to help him/herself to the content of your wallet hanging out your pocket while you passed out drunk (and I am not endorsing drunkenness). Surely, we are called to value a person more than the content of our wallets. Justice for her must include being able to voice her accusation, be treated with respect, and have her accusation investigated by competent and impartial investigators. Justice for Dr. Ford means you and I take her seriously, and, because we have not been appointed

arbiters of her case, we should resist our urge and recuse ourselves from being judges when we talk about her.

If we are as serious about justice as God wants us to be then there must be justice for Judge Kavanaugh as well. It does not matter whether you and I like him, whether we believe her and not him or visa versa, whether we approve or despise his judicial philosophy. Dr. Ford's accusation is most serious whether it is true or not. Accusations once having been leveled will never fully disappear even if they cannot be corroborated or are proven to be false; they too have the potential for life-long harm. Justice for Judge Kavanaugh begins with not declaring him guilty simply because he stands accused. How much or little he drank thirty years ago does not make him guilty of attempted rape. He might even be guilty of what he is accused of and yet justice demands he not be judged and condemned unless it can be proven. The accuser, not the accused, bears the burden of proof. It might seem unfair, but it keeps us from living in a world where a mere accusation is enough to render you guilty and condemn you, where the standard of justice is reduced to simply whom we deem more believable. Scripture wisely demands that accusations are corroborated by multiple witnesses and/or clear evidence. Justice for Judge Kavanaugh means you and I take him seriously, treat him with respect, consider him not guilty until proven otherwise, and, because we have not been appointed arbiters of his case, we resist our urge and recuse ourselves from being judges when we talk about him.

The Apostle Peter reminds us followers of Christ that "judgment begins with the household of God" (1 Peter 4:17). We have a responsibility to embrace and engage the values of God's kingdom over any others. Christian brothers and sisters, we are not free to subjugate the faith to our political convictions but are called to do the exact opposite, failure to do so will lead to idolatry with merely different party labels, and it will enable us to excuse all kinds of wrong. We have no permission to bend justice to further our preferred outcomes. Our mouths and typing fingers are not at liberty to spout or repeat vitriol, half-truths, lies, deception, slander, gossip, and the like, regardless of what others do and say. We dare not forget that we answer to the Supreme Judge even while there is a fight over a Supreme Court judge. And, I am afraid we are being found wanting. We must do and be better.

Deeply troubled, fully hopeful, praying and trying, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: Sandra Perry 484-2022 or Claudette Siebert 852-0105. Or, send an e-mail to: BATTprayer@yahoo.com

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing,
Mike Sharland, Justin Mebus,
John Michael Chavez,
Joseph Kopp, Dylan Werner,
Michael Thomasson,
Thomas Hoffman,
Chris Kelly, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown,
Jonathan Grinols, Austin Kroeker
Rebekah Wilhelmy
Brian Sula

SALVATION

Nick,
Susan Watts brother
Greg, Phillip, Luke,
Skip, Farney,
John Boykin, Peter,
Mariah Ellis, Josiah,
Jimmy, Shyrlee Stagner,
Dan, Cindy, Dustin,
Amanda

PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Alisa & Dustin Whitehead, Sandra Perry
Dot McCleary, Michael Frei

PRAY FOR:

Order of Service 09-15/16-18; Blessing

Pre-music

“Down at the Cross” – hymn 140

“I Saw the Light” – sheet

“A New Name in Glory” – sheet

Prayer

Welcome

Offering // “Count your Blessings” – hymn 644

“Blessings” - sheet

Sermon

Response – “I Need Thee Every Hour” – hymn 450

Amazing Grays



“A Day at the Lake Potluck”

Please keep this date:

Thursday, **September 20th, 11 A.M. till ??????**
at Horseshoe Bend, Loop G

We will have **games, games**, and more **games**.

Bottled Water, Hotdogs & Hamburgers will be provided.

Things to bring:

Chairs, Sun block, Drinks, Towels, Pot Luck Dish,
Bug Spray, & Life Jackets (If you have them)

Day entry is \$8.00 or military/Senior Daily \$7.00

(So you might want to meet at the church and car pool)

October Announcements



Welcome Fall!

- Need - Easter Celebration Leadership
- **Dish owners**, please collect your dishes -
See Table in Foyer

Church Membership Class Sign up

If interested see the Bulletin Board in the foyer.

Thanksgiving Dinner sign ups

Please take the time to **sign up** and participate in the upcoming “**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**”.

See the list on the board in the foyer.

For any questions please contact Monica Sult.



Giving

September 30, 2018

Offering:
\$3,878.40

Food:
\$90.00

Facilities:
\$50.00

Attendance:
90

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups: 9:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 A.M.

1st Tuesday Food Ministry:
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

3rd Tuesday Food Ministry:
10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.

Wednesday: Women's Morning Bible Study
(On Hiatus till further notice)

Wednesday: Bible Study/Small Group
For all ages @7:00 P.M.

Thursday: Dominos/Chicken Foot
10:00 A.M.

Saturday: Bible Study/Small group
5:45 P.M.

Saturday: Worship Service - 7:00 P.M.

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Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.

Ready?

TO GIVE

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ACCOUNT



October 8th - October 14th

DAY 1 - Mal. 1-2
(Proverbs 9)

DAY 4 - Luke 3-4
(Proverbs 12)

DAY 2 - Mal. 3-4
(Proverbs 10)

DAY 5 - Luke 5-6
(Proverbs 13)

DAY 3 - Luke 1-2
(Proverbs 11)

DAY 6 - Proverbs 14
DAY 7 - Proverbs 15

"Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God."

Romans 14:12