

Blemishes

Life has blemishes. There is no doubt about it. There is no way around it. All the makeup in the world, all the Clearasil in the drug store will never change the fact that life has blemishes. They used to tell me that blemishes went away with age. But that's not true either. There is only one cure for blemishes: **Learn not to focus on them!** Ignore them, focus on areas of life which are unblemished. They won't go away, but neither will they control your destiny.

A prominent psychologist used to start his lectures this way: he would appear on the platform with a large piece of white poster board with a small black dot in the lower left-hand corner, then ask someone in the audience what they saw.

Back came the usual answer—they saw a small black dot in the lower left-hand corner.

“What you saw is what you chose to see,” the psychologist would then say. “You could have said that what you saw was a large empty white space—enough in which to copy Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, the Ten Commandments or the Bill of Rights.”

The point he was leading up to is that it is not what happens to us that is so important as the way we **see** it, and the **choice** is ours.

Some people always see the cup as half-empty instead of half-full. The negative, rather than the positive, is usually emphasized. And it really has little to do with one’s circumstances in life. People with every advantage in life imaginable have lived miserable and negative lives, failing to do anything significant. Others with every disadvantage imaginable have lived with happiness and contentment, succeeding where most thought they would fail. What’s the difference? They chose to be free with a positive outlook rather than to be enslaved by negativity.

Life is full of blemishes. But a blemish really is a small thing. Very often it is as insignificant as a little black dot on the lower left-hand corner of a piece of white poster board. You can be distracted and discouraged by the blemish. Or you can see the possibilities of all that white space. Which for you? Will you be controlled by **problem** thinking or **possibility** thinking? It is the difference between happiness and hell.

—Jeff Gardner



July 14 - 16

Time: 6 PM - 8 PM

Registration is now open for VBS!

Children enrolling to Kindergarten - 6th grade. If you would like to volunteer contact Melissa Phillips at (405) 625-3922

VBS Family Fun Day will be Saturday,

July 17, 11 AM - 2 PM



July 19 - 22

Time: 9 AM - 3 PM

Registration is now open for Day Camp!

If you would like to volunteer contact Melissa Phillips at (405) 625-3922

Sermon Notes

I AM: Someone Who Still Wants Me

John 4:4-26

Jesus meets a woman whose life had been less than exemplary. She had made many poor choices. She had been abused and discarded by her society. And he tells her that the Great I AM is speaking to her. In that astounding moment, he gives her a new vision of God and gives us four empowering revelations.

I. The Lord K_____ me.

A. The me I see is D_____ from who you see.

B. The Lord knows all of me and still wants a R_____.

C. Jesus knows A_____ it A_____.

II. The Lord R_____ me.

A. To reconcile means to make F_____ again.

B. Sin blocks our R_____ with God.

C. We need to be R_____ to God so we can be R_____ to ourselves.

III. The Lord S_____ my P_____.

A. The Lord sees who I C_____ be.

B. He wants to help you U_____ your P_____.

C. Jesus wants to help you do M_____ that you ever thought you C_____.

IV. The Lord sees my R_____ N_____.

A. She needed to be L_____ and A_____.

B. Our deepest need may only be a S_____ of a more profound E_____ within.

C. My real need is to co-exist with the S_____ of G_____.

Announcements

- ➔ If you would like to help continue the Community Garden legacy or want to be apart of this ministry contact Ivan Gonzalez at (405) 923-4964.
- ➔ The Green Sheet Prayer List and July Birthday list is available at the Connection Point desk in the lobby.
- ➔ Remember our Community Cupboard Ministry! Items needed: Mustard, Mayonnaise, Pickles, Catsup, BBQ Sauce, or any other items you can think of PLUS monetary donations.
- ➔ Garage Sale Fundraiser for Camp Rock Creek will be August 27 & 28, 2021. If you have any questions or donations please contact Adiel Zapata at (405) 664-7729.
- ➔ Volunteers are needed for V.B.S. and Day Camp. If you are willing and able to help contact Melissa or Ivan at (405) 672-1311.
- ➔ Wednesday Night Meals are postponed for the balance of the Summer and will resume September 8.
- ➔ The Thursday noon Women's Ministry luncheon is taking the month of July off. We will resume our meetings on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

Condolences:

Please continue to pray for Sister Jeannean Hill and the rest of her family as they grieve in the wake of Gil Hill's death. Address for cards: 2004 Mistletoe Lane, Edmond, OK 73034.

Dates To Remember:

- July 13 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- July 14 @ 8 AM Men's Breakfast at Madison's
- July 14 @ 4:30 Wednesday Early Class studying Esther with Jimmy Lee
- July 14-16 @ 6-8 PM V.B.S
- July 15 @ 2-5:30 PM Community Cupboard
- July 17 @ 11AM-2PM V.B.S. Family Fun Day
- July 18 @ Noon Potluck Luncheon—bring your favorite dish!
- July 19-22 @ 9AM-3PM Day Camp
- August 5 @ Noon Women's Ministry Luncheon
- August 7 @ 9AM-12PM Back to School Bash

Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date ____/____/____

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: _____

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**Welcome To Our
Sunday Morning
Family Worship
July 11, 2021**

Order of Worship

Song #608, *He Gave Me A Song*.....Tim Holt
 WelcomeChris Dillinger
 PrayerDennis Roofe
 Song #4, *To God Be The Glory*Tim Holt
 Song #781, *Thank You, Lord!*Tim Holt
 Song #324, *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed* ...Ivan Gonzalez
 CommunionCliff Aldridge
 Scripture Reading, *John 4:4-26*Colin Russell
 Song #23, *Our God He Is Alive*Ivan Gonzalez
 MessageJeff Gardner
 Song #943, *Do You Know My Jesus*.....Darrel Sullivan
 Closing Announcements and PrayerMelvin Thompson
 Song #535, *The Gloryland Way*.....Tim Holt

Schedule of Assemblies			
	Sunday		Saturday
Worship	10:00 AM	Hispanic Women	5:00 PM
Classes	11:15 AM		
Hispanic Class	5:00 PM		
Wednesday			
Early Class	4:30 PM		
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM		
Thursday			
Ladies Class	Noon		

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday. For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.