

"View From My Window" by Pastor Everhart

I'm a preacher. There are two elements to preaching well (or at least feeling as though I've preached well): preparation and desperation. On the preparation side the first step is to hear from God. As often as I've experienced this phenomenon (35 years in the ministry often preaching three times a week) it is still very much of a mystery to me. Inspiration for a new sermon or series can come at the oddest of times: in a dream, while walking the dog, driving along in the car, hearing or reading something that really grabs me, working through a problem... And inspiration can come in different forms: anger, joy, excitement, encouragement, etc. Once I have my seed (inspired thought) and the text (almost always comes along with the seed but sometimes precedes the seed) it's time to study. Working in the Word develops, changes and grows the seed. It's here where old truths take on new meaning and fresh application for my own soul. As I watch the message blossom, often taking unexpected turns, it excites me. Words, phrases and illustrations come to my mind as though I'm being fed these thoughts. When I'm really "in the zone" of study hours can pass like minutes. Sermon writing is one of the true joys of my life. There are times I feel like I've been on holy ground. As the moment to preach approaches desperation begins to settle into my soul. One of two fears often appear: 1) What so inspired me in study has turned to dribble suggesting that I hadn't heard from the Lord at all, or 2) The words on the page seem so holy that I'm not able to deliver them in a worthy manner. Either way the fears cause me to cry out to the Lord in desperation asking for His divine intervention. As He answers those prayers preaching goes from being a terrifying experience to another of the great joys of my life. I've prepared, I have copious notes but when I'm really "in the zone" of preaching I can't wait to hear what I'm going to say next because I'm as clueless to what that might be as anyone else in the congregation. You would think that the preparation would alleviate the desperation or that the desperation would make the preparation unnecessary. But I have found that there are two elements to preaching well: preparation *and* desperation.

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Announcements:

- ◆ No Sunday evening services in August.
- ◆ August 30, Sunday morning, 10 am: Family Worship, the kids will be in the sanctuary for the service.

This Week at NLA:

- ◆ Wednesday, 7 pm Bible Study, Royal Rangers, Girl's Club, Rainbows & Nursery.

Coming Soon:

- * August: Bible Quiz Camp! See Alina Dusharm for details.
- * Bible Quiz teams are now forming: We need a number of coaches to help with everything from quizzing to registering quizzers. There's a job for anyone who wants to be a part of this exciting ministry. See Alina Dusharm if you are interested in participating.
- * Water Baptismal Service in early September: if you have put your faith in Jesus but haven't been baptized yet a sign up sheet will soon appear at the Welcome Center.

Thank you **1)** Missy Warehime & Co. for organizing Kid's Camp registrations again this year for us! **2)** Mike Melhorn for the leap forward on the sign! **3)** Tim Ruth for a beautiful new coat of paint in the hallways, ceilings & elsewhere. **4)** Linda & Larry Bray: our flower beds never looked better. **5)** Everyone who came out to support Scott & Tara last Sunday evening. What talented servants!

Sunday, August 2, 2015

- ◆ 9:00 am: Sunday School! Classes available for all age groups.
- ◆ 10:00 am: Morning Worship Service
Sermon: "Bleeding Yet?" Hebrews 12
Children's Church age 3-6th grade: Please be sure to check your child in and out at the desk outside the CC room.
- ◆ 6 pm: All Staff Meeting for everyone on staff in whatever capacity. If you have a duty to perform here we need to see you tonight.

Reminder: You can now give on-line by going to our website and clicking on the "Give" button at the top of the page.

Gift cards for Nell's & Giant Food Stores are available at the Welcome Center following morning services. When you purchase one of these cards you get the full redemption value when you buy your groceries BUT 5% of what you spend is donated back to NLA. We use that money to help our kids attend camps, seminars, retreats, etc. that help them grow closer to the Lord! You're going to eat anyway so why not help one of our family's send a kid to a great event that otherwise couldn't afford to do so?