Four Basic Needs We Need our Church to Meet

Some weeks ago, for the first time in this series the question I posed, What do you get out of church? Then, as now I do not have a singular definitive answer and am suggesting four. I have suggested (and believe) that persons need to find support in the church and return it to others. I have suggested that we all need the stability of a strong foundation in teaching of the Word of God. Last issue I suggested that we all need a community of Christ which welcomes the self-expression of our gifts and graces.

Today, and last in this series, I suggest that everyone who has a church needs to have the need of significance met by their church.

Marlon Brando, longshoreman turned boxer in the old movie “On the Waterfront” cries out in one of the more iconic lines in cinema: “I coulda been a contender. I coulda been somebody, instead of a bum, which is what I am.” Even if you have never seen the movie or considered a career in boxing, the desire to be somebody, to be significant, resonates with every soul.

We want to know that our lives matter. We want to be part of something bigger than ourselves. Human beings are wired for this – we crave groups in which we fit, are necessary and are truly missed when we are absent. We crave meaning – being known – being significant, or considered a career in boxing, the desire to be somebody, to be significant, resonates with every soul.

The church of Jesus is part of the biggest mission ever assigned to humanity – sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. What could be more significant than knowing at the end of life that your words, actions, very being was so significant an influence that it changed – even helped save a life.

For it is God who works in you, inspiring both the will and the deeds for his own chosen purpose. (Philippians 2:13) God allows no one to be born without a significant purpose and role.

Early in my ministry at Marion, the church went through Rick Warren’s “40 Days of Purpose” Campaign. The first weekly scripture we learned was: For we are God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do the good things he prepared for us to do in advance. (Ephesians 2:10) This means that life is not random nor insignificant but significant indeed because we are doing work prescribed, envisioned for us by the King himself, who knew before we did what we were capable of, using the various gifts and graces indigenous to our God created personality.

One of the works of the body of Christ is to help persons find their unique mission and encourage them to apply their significant and God given gifts to it. We can confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all God has in mind for us to be. (Romans 5:2) That is the collective us – the church is to help people find and live into the significance that the Lord has graced each of us with.

Lastly, we need individually to be open to “let” the church fill this need. More than one time I have seen and heard a person with clarity describe to another their significant role and opportunity because they felt unqualified. To that, remind yourself that the work of the church only to hear the “receiver” reject or side step the opportunity because they felt unqualified. To that, remind yourself that the entirety of the Biblical witness expresses the fact that “God does not call the qualified but rather qualifies the called.”

You are a significant part of the church, world community and Kingdom of God and as such are to enable others to feel the same.

Pastor Mike

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Upcoming Sermons

November 3 - The Master Owner - Psalm 24:1 & Deuteronomy 8:1-18
November 10 - Momentum and Freedom - Exodus 36:1-7

Marion First United Methodist Church
5050 REC Drive

Sunday Morning Worship
8:15 AM
Spirited Traditional - Sanctuary
Pathfinders Outreach - Room E60
9:15 AM
Fellowship - The Center
Children's Fellowship and Adult Classes
10:15 AM
Contemporary Praise - Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

Each week on Tuesday, the church sends out an email detailing the events taking place in the next seven days, and devoting some space to explain a little more about one of the multitude of ministries and missions in which we participate. To sign up to receive this email each week, please contact the church office at (319) 377-4856 or by email at info@marionmethodist.org.
**GriefShare**

Are you dreading the holidays because the loss of a loved one is making it hard to look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas? If so, make plans to attend an encouraging seminar that will help you get through the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend:

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays
Sunday, November 17
2:00 to 4:00 pm
5050 REC Drive, Room W10

To register for this session please call the church office, 377-4856, or email Vicki at vstandley@marionmethodist.org

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**Card Shower**

Longtime Marion Methodist member Lesta Robinson will be having her 90th birthday on Friday, Nov. 15! Because health concerns have made necessary her move from our area, her son Rick has organized a card shower. Lesta currently lives in the Martina Place At Bishop Drumm in Johnston, IA and is doing very well. Please mail cards to:

Lesta Robinson
5815 Winwood Drive
No. 105
Johnston, Iowa 50131
Ph. 515-331-8804

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**Veteran’s Day Food Drive**

Chunky soups (Progresso, etc) canned chicken, canned fruit, ravioli, cereal, also toiletries including toothbrushes, toothpaste, men’s and women’s disposable razors, bars of soap

Bring items to church on November 3 & 10.

Benefiting Veterans at the Freedom Foundation

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**Meals Schedule:**

- November 6 - Kettle House Bakery
- November 13 - Firehouse Subs
- November 20 - Tum Tum's

**Wednesday Night at Marion Methodist**

From 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm we have a Meal (Free Will Offering) and from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm we have activities for all ages.

**Pathfinders Worship & Outreach (Preschool - 5th Grade):** Focuses on praise and worship for kids. Children will also learn how they can make a difference for the people in our community.

**4:12 Youth Group:** Junior High Worship 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (Sanctuary). High School Worship 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Sanctuary).

**Adult Classes:** Come for a midweek boost. Check out classes at www.marionmethodist.org

**Nursery:** Offered in the Nursery
Marion Methodist is Praying for:

Prayer is a powerful way of caring for each other in our Marion Methodist family. There are several avenues open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, are two that are used most often. You can have a more active part in entering into prayer for each other.

Check out the prayer wall frequently as prayers are submitted there often. Each time you visit, and pray for one of the requests found there, click the “I Prayed For This” tab; more prayers are always better.

In your prayers, please pray for our veterans. In November a federal holiday will be honoring them, but pray daily that every veteran who has medical, psychological or economic issues will be able to find the help and resources they need to be healthy and well.

Harmony Hawks Chorus

The Harmony Hawks Chorus presents its annual Gospel Concert Friday, November 15, 7:00 pm, at New Covenant Bible Church, 3090 N Center Point Rd, Cedar Rapids. This annual fall tradition brings together many outstanding vocal & instrumental groups and soloists performing a variety of gospel and religious music. The Harmony Hawks chorus will anchor the show performing Gospel and patriotic songs.

Admission is free with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. There will be a free-will offering taken to benefit His Hands- Free Clinic. For more information, please contact Mary Aldrich at 362-1587 or Cal Birkey at 350-1977.

We hope you’ll join us this year to experience a fun and inspirational evening.

New Fire Ring Completed!

We know your family is already planning for the holidays. Make a Christmas Eve service part of your holiday plan. This year we will be worshiping God three times on Christmas Eve.

2:00, 4:00 and 6:00 PM services of Carols and Candlelight

On Christmas Eve, Holy Communion will be served in Room 100 from 2:30 PM-6:00 PM. Come with your family and friends and receive communion as part of your Christmas Eve observance.

Fall Back

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT 2AM
Set those clocks back and gain an hour!

ONE YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3 5:30PM - 7:30PM
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Marion Methodist Church 5050 REC Drive Marion, IA 52302

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6 Ways to Stay Motivated Through Baby Step 2

1. Remember your why.
Before you start the Baby Step 2 trek, you need to ask yourself why the heck you’re on this journey in the first place.

What’s your why? What are the reasons you want to kick debt butt for good? Maybe it’s to build a legacy—to create a home where your children will never watch their parents struggle to buy groceries or pay the minimum payment on their credit card bill. Maybe you want to pursue a passion or start a business. Or maybe you have your sights set on becoming an everyday millionaire. You want to build wealth, live and give like no one else...but you have to get out of debt first.

To get specific with whatever your why is and keep it at the forefront of your mind by giving it a milestone: “Pay off a tire account? Budget a dinner out next month. Pay off a credit card bill? Get a spirit animal on poster board and color it in as you pay off debt.” Every single time you actually see your progress toward your money goals. You’ll be encouraged. Getting an answer to a question or hearing someone else’s success inspires us to keep going. Listen to the podcast and get your daily pep talk while doing the dishes or driving to work.

Be sure to also check out The Ramsey Baby Step Community on Facebook for accountability and support from others who are in the same boat as you.

And there’s nothing like a Debt-Free Scream playlist to get you pumped to tackle your debt. Seeing real people change their lives for good gives you hope for your own situation. (Just don’t be surprised if you’re crying happy tears after the first few minutes.)

Of course, one of the best ways to stay motivated and keep your gazelle spirits high is to jump into Financial Peace University (FPU). With your online membership, you get 24/7 access to Dave’s number one proven debt snowball plan and tools to help you tackle the Baby Steps and create your best future! You can also connect with other FPU members online to share advice and celebrate each other’s wins.

Your Sacrifices Matter
When you feel like you’ve done all you can do but there’s still a long way to go on your debt-free journey, remember this: What you’re doing in Baby Step 2 matters.

The decisions you’re making today are changing the landscape of your future. You’re rewriting your story. You’re transforming your family tree. You’re paving the way to leave a legacy.

Yes, it’s the hardest part, but imagine what it will be like to be debt-free. No really, imagine it. Picture yourself finishing Baby Step 2. What will that mean for you? How will you feel?

The journey is worth it! You can do this! You are doing this!

Source: www.DaveRamsey.com

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**The Marion Methodist newsletter deadline schedule**

**Articles for our Marion Methodist need to be submitted by due date at 12:00 PM. You may email them to:**

wildman@marionmethodist.org with "newsletter" in the subject line. Please send any information or images as an attachment.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may call or bring to the office items to be published. We ask that you honor the deadlines listed below:

- **Date Arrived in Mail**: November 15, 2023
- **Date Articles Due**: November 16, 2023
- **Date Articles Due**: November 29, 2023
- **Date Articles Due**: December 12, 2023
- **Date Articles Due**: December 27, 2023

**Pantry Partners for Marion Food Pantry**

We help folks in need by supplying items for the Marion Churches Food Pantry. You may bring the following items to church any time during each month. Please put your contributions in the Mission Depot in the Center or the Church Office.

**November**: Cake Mix
- **December**: Pudding and Gelatin Mixes
- **January**: Macaroni & Cheese
- **February**: Canned Fruit
- **March**: Peanut Butter
- **April**: Macaroni and Cheese

**BAPTISMS:**

- Al Beach, husband of Diane Beach

**WEDDINGS:**

- Al Beach and James
- Debbie and James
- Larry Liscum and grandfather
- Al Beach and Diana Beach
- Debbie and Maria

**Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love... DEATHS:**

- October 19: Larry Liscum, father of Curt (Johanna) Liscum, and grandfather of Craig (Johanna) Liscum. Family includes great-grandchildren Caitlyn and James.
- October 24: Al Beach, husband of Diane Beach

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