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Northside Church of Christ

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"God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24



### **Keep Telling It Like It Is** By Mike Riley

It is difficult to be the one who is the bearer of unwelcome news isn't it? For example, the weatherman can sometimes upset people just by predicting that it's going to rain on a scheduled football game weekend. It's not his fault, yet he still takes the heat for bringing the unwelcome message.

Similarly, when Stephen addressed the religious leaders of Israel in Acts 7, he incurred their wrath, simply because he boldly told them the truth about themselves. He criticized their ancestors and implicated the whole council in the murder of Christ. Everything he said was true and they knew it.

What did they do with this strong indictment? They could have had the same penitent attitude as those Jews had in Acts 2:36-37 after hearing Peter's stirring inspired sermon, but instead they "gnashed at him with their teeth" (Acts 7:54). They threw him out of the city and put him to death, simply because he told the truth (John 17:17). Continued on next page ...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E	
Edify, Exhort,	
Evangelize	
8:30 AM	

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

MARCH 20, 2022

WEDNESDAY NIGHT The Book of Acts

7:00 PM



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"Study to shew thysel approved unto God, a workman that needetł ghtly dividing the word

2 Timothy 2:15

#### Announcements

#### **Prayer Requests This Week**

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
- Fred Tucker stroke; ICU on ventilator
- Matt Roberts needs liver transplant; Larry's cousin

#### **Communion Preparation**

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer
- April -

#### March Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Mark Potts 6th • Robbi Cooper - 20th
- Larry Montgomery 13th Kylie Joiner 23rd
- Greg and Maxine Powell 16th

## **Every Sunday Morning** @ 8:00 AM on WTOK-TV



I grew up with a young man who became a preacher. He had an unusual gift. He could read a sermon and the next day get in the pulpit and repeat it word for word. Needless to say, that ability also helped him in school. I envied that gift until he confessed that two or three days after the sermon, or test, he wouldn't remember anything about what he had read or said.

It's a New Day By John Gibson

Most of us can't retain every word of what we read for two or three days, but we don't have the disability of forgetting everything in such a short period of time.

It's a new day, and a new year! And while we might retain some of what we learned this past year, it probably won't hurt us to be reminded of things we have learned. Someone has well said, "Anything that 'goes without saying' is in danger of being left unsaid."

Peter, wrote to the exiles of the Dispersion. In this letter, he repeated a number of things he had taught them earlier. They may have thought that he didn't need to repeat himself, but he said:

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth." (2 Peter 1:12 KJV).

#### Later, Peter says,

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:" (2 Peter 3:1 KJV).

It never hurts to be reminded. In the yearning words of Catherine Hankey:

"Tell me the old, old story,

Of unseen things above,

Of Jesus and His glory,

Of Jesus and His love."

Brethren, some things never grow old! We love to hear them over and over, even though it is a new day.

Brethren, when we speak out for purity, righteousness, self-control, and godliness in a sinful, pleasure-loving world that seems destined to self-destruct, we too will be criticized and persecuted (2 Timothy 3:10-12; cf. Matthew 10:16-22; Luke 21:10-17).

But no matter what happens to us, we can call on God as Stephen did (Acts 7:50), taking comfort in knowing that He will soon vindicate us (Luke 18:6-8).

As God's elect people, let us pray for the courage to keep telling it like it is (Ephesians 6:17-20), no matter who the opposition might be (2 Timothy 4:1-5; cf. Matthew 10:34-37; Acts 20:28-31; 2 Peter 2:1).

# • March - Callens

#### • May -



Sermon Notes

#### **Men to Serve**

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Shay Cooper		
Scripture Reading - Romans 8:31 - 39		
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell		
Head of Lord's Table - Dwight Callens		
Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts		
Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 29		
Closing Prayer - Don Potts		

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