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Ministry of Reconciliation

¹⁸ Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the **word of reconciliation**.

II Corinthians 5:18,19

I have been thinking a lot about the role of the church as we Go into the world. The passage above contains Paul's explanation to the Corinthians of how God has given His people a ministry of reconciliation. To reconcile two parties is to bring them together when they have been apart. The worst separation in the world is when one of God's creations has been separated from Him by the power of the great deceiver Satan. Regardless of what someone has done he or she has a God who loves and cares for His creation. He still wants to be in an intimate relationship with Him. What an awesome message! One of the purposes of the church is to be a tool of this reconciliation. We must share the good news of God's love. We must make clear not only the love and grace of God that makes reconciliation possible, but we must also tell others of the need for them to change their life and return to God by living according to His will. It is an awesome responsibility and is a never ending process, but may we all give ourselves to the God given ministry of reconciliation. May God bless us to this end. See you Sunday!

John

Going Home

Hosea 11:11 *They will come trembling like birds from Egypt, like doves for Assyria. I will settle them in their homes, declares the Lord.*

This Sunday we will be celebrating our homecoming once again. Sixty-five years ago this congregation had its beginning. Think of all the lives that have been touched by Eastside/South Gate. My own family has sat through Wednesday night Bible classes for 30 years now. I have worked with this congregation for nearly 15 years as well. Christians have been made; conduct has been confirmed to God's word and lives have been brought close to God. This has been home to so many families. This week take the time to thank God for this congregation and take the opportunity to encourage any former members that you can to come back home. God has blessed us and continues to bless us tremendously. May you consider South Gate as a blessing that you would not want to do without.

In our verse from Hosea, the Jews had been taken from their homeland. It was forced upon them. Have you ever thought what it would be like to be removed entirely from your home? Not only are you not in your own house, but are with people that you know nothing about and who have customs far different than you. Their religion is strange and they know nothing about God. Your lifestyle has changed and you are servants to their every whim. Now imagine that God says you are going home. Can you think of your excitement and emotional and mental relief at this good news? Between now and this Sunday, let's consider the greatness of having South Gate as our home congregation and let's invite those we can to return home. Finally, let's set our eyes on that heavenly home. It will be wonderful!

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton
- Roberta Bolton
- Bernice Bratton
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- JoAnn Coleman
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead
- Patsy Tyree
- Peggy Wilson
- Dorothy Johnson

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Georgia Cook** - mother of Jennifer McNeese
- Helen Deen** - mother of Sharon Davis
- Wanda Nix** - sister of Debbie Massey
- Joyce Crowe** - mother of Debbie Massey
- Linda Collier** - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
- Stormy Lyle** - mother of Mike Lyle
- Dennis Thrasher** - father of Lisa Kelley
- Carolyn Macer** - mother of Joe Macer
- John Cottrell** - brother of Robert Cottrell

WORSHIP LEADERS MAY 20, 2018

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader:Nathan Hixson
 Prayer:.....Sam Quirk
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Trent Hill
 James Bolton James Cadle
 Blair Keeling Danny Lasater
 Tommy Hood Tracey Wilkins
 Eli Cadle Austin Winchester
 Read: 2 Corinthians 5:6-9.....Patrick Sullivan
 Sermon: A New Reality.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 12:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Lenny Davis
 Prayer.....David Thomas
 Read: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.....Andrew Sullivan
 Sermon: A New Ministry.....John Thomas
 Presiding.....Jacob Pollard
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

Ushers: Colton Hixson, John Ryan Massey Tommy Skelley

Greeters: Jody Pritchett

A/V Operators: Lee Winchester, Ryan Massey

Security Team: Jesse Gilliam & Benny Bolton - PM. Jesse Gilliam & David White

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NURSERY CARE FOR MAY

A.M.....Angie Massey

WEDNESDAY MAY 23, 6:30 P.M.

Song Leader:Nathan Hixson
 Prayer:.....Bryan Farris
 Announcement/Speaker:.....Trent Thomason

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