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LAS NOTICIAS

Inviting Evangelism Reclaiming the Gospel's Winsomeness

Winsome: attractive or appealing in appearance or character (Oxford Dictionary). If the church is to learn how to invite evangelism, we must reclaim the Gospel's winsomeness. What is appealing in appearance and character about being a follower of Jesus? Why should my family member, friend, neighbor or colleague care about the Story?

One way to answer this question is to ask ourselves about the lives we lead as people of faith: what does salvation look like? That is, at our best, to what do we aspire? What is the grand vision and great hope for our life together with God in Christ? This seemingly simple question is more difficult to answer than it appears. Do we list a set of actions and attitudes one expects from a Christian? To try this is fraught with the danger of legalism. Do we itemize the doctrines that must be believed in order to be a Jesus follower? This leads easily to the danger of dogmatism or a merely intellectualized form of faith.



Yet if we, the Church, as followers of Jesus are unclear on what we mean when we talk about being a Christian, how can we ever hope to invite another into the life of faith?

Rachel Srubas, pastor of Mountain Shadows in Oro Valley, has answered the question of what salvation looks like in a pilgrim's life, and has given me permission to share her answer. I find Rachel's description of the life of the Christian to be winsome and compelling; I aspire to be this kind of person. She writes:

Christlikeness consists of love for God and love for neighbor. Yet Christlikeness has many features, including:

- profound personal openness to God's will;
- willingness to sacrifice personal comfort and convenience for the sake of pursuing God's will;
- acceptance of God's grace and mercy;
- dependence on God's guidance and providence;
- renunciation of self-interest;
- the practice of self-giving love, forgiveness, and service of others without the expectation of reward;
- continual immersion in scripture in order to know and follow God more closely;
- responsiveness to the leading of God even (and especially) when this necessitates faithful risk-taking for a sacred moral good;
- prioritizing the needs and care of society's disadvantaged and maligned members;
- ceaseless prayer and regular worship;
- abiding trust in God throughout life and when facing death.

How would you describe the life to which you are inviting another? Your homework is this: write just

such a description of the Christian life. Make it winsome and compelling; allow the music of your life to sing grace and the poetry of your life to whisper beauty and truth. Share what you think Christlikeness looks like with one other person - ask them to tell you honestly how you did.

What on earth are we doing for heaven's sake,
Brad Munroe



YAV REPORT

At the April 22 Presbytery meeting, YAVs reported on their work for Tucson Borderlands.

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CHURCH NEWS

CHRIST

will be hosting the Montlure Traveling Day Camp the week of June 19th. The hours are 9-3 Monday-Friday and only cost \$75 for the week. It is an awesome opportunity for children in the Tucson area to spend a week growing in their faith with the amazing staff from Montlure. Interested families can contact CPC at 886-5535. The deadline for registering for the camp is May 28th

TRINITY

The Trinity Ringers Handbell Ensemble will be presenting a 25th anniversary concert on

Sunday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m. with music that includes classics, hymns and the Beatles! A freewill offering will be received to help cover the cost of refurbishing the bells. Everyone is invited!

ST ANDREW'S

St. Andrew's Youth Ministry will be holding a Rummage Sale June 3 from 7:00am-12:00 pm and June 4 from 8:00 am-12:15 pm (in between services). Come support the Youth Ministry while also finding some new treasures for your home! If you would like to donate any items to the Rummage Sale please contact Katie Vidal at kvidal@sapctucson.org

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Rev. Sungmin Song was installed as the Pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church on Saturday April 29th. It was a wonderful service and celebration. Blessings on Rev. Song and KPCT as they continue to glorify God together!

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PENTECOST OFFERING

We want to thank and celebrate those who have participated, and invite you to share with us in this journey. Contributions from the 2016 Pentecost Offering helped raise over \$717,000 for ministries for the younger members of our Church and world, and for that we are incredibly thankful! There are more stories and resources for you and your congregation at www.presbyterianmission.org/pentecost



It's time to register your kids for summer camp at Camp Colton, Flagstaff.

Sr Hi 1 6/19-6/24

Jr Hi 1 7/10- 7/15

Jr Hi 2 6/12 - 6/17

Juniors 6/25 -6/29

www.montlure.org

We are still hiring for multiple paid-staff positions for both Traveling Day Camps and Overnight Camps. Ages 18+. Please forward to any college students home for the summer, or anyone looking to make a difference in the lives of young people.

[Click here for more information/to apply](#) , or email camp@montlure.org for questions.

PRAYERS

-for the country in this time of division

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click on each event for more info)

AUGUST

12- The Big Event- Valley, Paradise Valley

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