

Vacation Bible School—"Heroes of Faith!"  
Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:45am to 1:00pm  
Please register children who plan to attend—Thanks!



Who said:  
"Where is the  
lamb for the  
burnt offering?"  
Bonus: What  
significant event  
happened after  
this was said?

**What? Me?  
Preach?**

The term "preacher" often carries with it the idea of a man who works during the week, ministering to the congregation while also working on lessons for Sunday and Wednesday. Unfortunately, that's about as far as the term reaches in many a mind. There is more...

Preaching derives from a Greek word "*kerysso*" which literally means "**to proclaim, or make public declaration.**" Mark 1:45 is a good place to start when looking at this word. Most translations will say that this man, after encountering Jesus, went about "*talking*" or "*proclaiming*" freely. He "*spread the news!*" Later in time, the apostles were commanded to "preach" and testify that Jesus was the Messiah (Acts 10:42). A powerful commission and a necessary mission for the Kingdom of God to grow is to "preach." Yes, we read God causes the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6)—however, preaching **MUST** occur.

At its very root, every individual has the ability to "preach." In fact, whether you realize it or not, you are "preaching" on a daily basis. The content of your declaration may not always be of Christ, but you are constantly broadcasting a message. Paul makes the implication that we do not preach ourselves, *but Christ* (2 Corinthians 4:5). The question then must be asked, **what is it that I preach in my life?** Do I preach monetary gain? Do I preach myself? Do I proclaim pessimism and grumbling? Do I declare division? Do I proclaim only family? Or do I preach Christ and the faith, hope, and love He provides?

From a practical standpoint there are basically two ways to "preach." An individual can devote life solely to the vocation of ministry. That way, in and of itself, can equate to many options; missionaries, teachers, college ministers, congregational ministers, youth ministers, outreach ministers, and so on. There is also the option to preach about God in your life every day, whether at home, in your job, or at school. This seemed to be the route that many in the Bible took. Considering occupations in the Bible, we may be surprised at the "normal" lives many people lived. Consider these...

- Craftsmen played a role in the process of making the tabernacle (Exodus 35:35).
- Blacksmiths were necessary for the process of weapon-making (1 Sam. 13:19)
- David was a shepherd and spent time watching livestock (1 Sam. 17:34).
- Ahithophel was David's counselor (2 Sam. 15:12).
- Construction work needed in building the temple & walls (Nehemiah; 1 Kings 6).
- Jesus was a carpenter (Mark 6:3).
- There was a gardener amidst the tomb where Jesus was laid (John 20:15).
- Luke was a doctor (Col. 4:14)
- Paul was a tentmaker (Acts 18:3)
- Gamaliel was a teacher (Acts 22:3)
- Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen (Matthew 4:18-22).
- Matthew worked with taxes (Luke 5:27).

It matter not what profession you work at in life, you're a "preacher." Therefore, please, consider this question: **What is it that you preach?**



**To all our visitors:** *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few "family" announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord's Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and gospel preaching from the Bible.

Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

We are glad you decided to worship God with us on this first day of the week!

**Bday/Anniv Lunch:** Today!

**Friday Bible Study:** from 7 to 8 PM! Yes!

**VBS T-shirt:** Please provide size for ordering on bulletin board flyer (\$10 by May 19—yep, that's today).

**Singing:** at Morton Street on Tuesday (5/28) 7 PM