

THE SIMPLE GOSPEL PRESENTATION

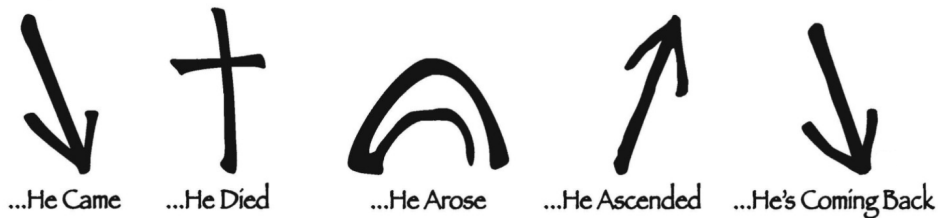
I watch TV with four remote controls next to me. I have one remote for the TV, one of the stereo, one for cable box, and one for the DVD player. I use my DVD player to watch Netflix. Now here is the twist, there are about 150 buttons between the four remotes. I use only one or two buttons on each remote. I use the power button, the channel select button, and the volume button. I have access to 150 buttons, but I only use five! Why? 150 button ends up being too complicated for most of us. However, to an engineer, you can't have enough buttons on a remote.

There are about 150 buttons that I never use. I have pressed one of those mystery buttons accidentally, and then the pressure is on. My pulse quickens and my breathing gets shallow as I frantically try not to get sucked into the rabbit hole of complicated confusing choices.

I recently purchased a new TV. Before I decided which one to buy, I went online to look at the reviews. I found a TV that I liked, and one review had high praise for the TV, but there was an area that the reviewer found wanting, the TV remote had only eleven buttons. That's my type of remote.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ contains some deep truths that we barely grasp. In the Gospel we encounter God's deep love for us, we are unnerved by Jesus' total submission to another's will, we marvel at the power of Jesus' death over sin, and the victory of Jesus' resurrection over death.

However, when God chose to communicate the Gospel with us he made sure to keep the presentation simple. (*Simple is not simplistic.*) With just five basic line drawings we can present the Gospel. Imagine that, it is easier to present the Gospel than it is to use your TV remote.



Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-877-914-8405 followed by 4896244
YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Nancy Herron** is still having complications with her leg wound.
- **Raynee Randolph** will not have surgery. She will start rehab in April.
- **Gwyn Ray** is recovering from back surgery.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Sonia Henry, Beverly Hutcheson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Chris Rogers, Louise Schmittou, Tonya Smith, Jamie Vorhof, Helen Weathers, Lula Whittle, Jane Winstead.

REHAB: Joe Rodgers

HOSPICE CARE: Ann Estes

SHUT-INS: Ann Estes, Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Maxine Drewery, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Ann Woodson, .

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Katie Culley, Bubba Davis, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Willie Pyrdam, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons, Mike Wolbright.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Save the date! Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be next **Sunday, April 2, at 8AM**. This is a great time for the men in our church family to spend some time together in conversation and fellowship.

We will be using this event to raise funds for a new ministry at Goodman Oaks: **COVERED**. This ministry of the Pathfinder's Class Care Group provides essential supplies for foster children as they transition from state custody to foster family custody.

The cost of the Men's Breakfast will be **\$5 for adults** and **\$2.50 for boys under 10 years old**, all of which will go to Covered.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

If you plan to go to Sardis Lake Christian Camp this year, please sign up as quickly as possible. That helps us in planning for camp. The dates are **May 28 through June 3**. Scholarships are available. If you need one please see **Jared** or **Alan**. Go to www.sardislakechristiancamp.org to sign up.

NURSERY WORKERS

March 26

10:00 (0-24 mos) Stephanie Akin,
Susan Cottrell, Melissa Tabor
(2 years) Yvonne Scott
5:00PM: Joni Lancaster, Darla Walker

April 2

10:00 (0-24 mos) Terri Pounders,
Kimberly Williams, Kim Burrell
(2 years) Paula Miller, Catherine Davis
5:00PM: Kristi and Caroline Byrd

CONFERENCE CALL

On **Sunday, April 2**, Goodman Oaks will begin using a new sermon conference call phone number and access code. Callers will still be able to listen to our Sunday morning sermons with one major difference: listen-only mode.

Going forward, callers will dial **1-800-914-8405** and enter **4896244** to access the sermon conference call. Please share this new information with family and friends who aren't able to attend our Sunday morning service. Also, remember to use this conference call service if you are traveling, at home sick, or unable to attend our morning service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Ron Massey**.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 9**, for our GO Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will begin immediately after our AM worship, for all fourth grade and younger children. Remember to invite your family and friends to Sunday School and Worship Services. For more information please contact **Alan Underwood**.

DINNER ON THE GO

Don't feel like cooking? Need a date night? Want to have a night out on the town without the kids? Great, please join us for Dinner on the GO **Friday, March 31**. The El Salvador Mission team will be serving a Spaghetti dinner, \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids from **6-8PM**, and then you are free to leave and enjoy a night on the town. Child Care will be available for parents with the cost of a donation. Child care will be from **6-10PM**. All ages are accepted. For any questions or to sign up please see **Nick** or **Daphne Eddlemon**.



YOUTH NEWS

GUYS AND GIRLS GROUPS

We will meet **TODAY** at the church building. Guys bring chips and girls bring desserts. Also, we eat what you bring. Please don't forget! We will start at **5PM** and end at **7:30PM**.

AREA WIDE

Our next area wide is **April 2** at the Como Church of Christ. Make plans to attend.

PARENTEEN MEETING

Our next parents and teen meeting will be **Wednesday, April 5**. Please make plans to be there. We will be discussing the summer calendar.

