

Direct From Dave —

October 7, 2018



This last week we finished our sermon series on “**Fake Christianity.**” For 4 weeks we talked about how important it is to live a real Christianity life in a real world. That certainly is not easy to do.

We mentioned that the national average for those attending church on a given Sunday is 17%. However the statistic in Florida is down to 15%! I believe we need to be real and genuine in our walk with the Lord. People need the Lord!

We will have struggles in our life. We will have disappointments and frustrations. My personal opinion is that our world today is more cynical and distrusting than ever before. In fact there seems to be a feeling of fear, rather than hope. I would like to think that as Christians we can help transform our culture by our response. Our Christian response should be measured and in line with what Jesus would want us to do.

I hope that you will join me in being “spreaders” of hope and not fear. We have so many things that are blessings in our lives. Let’s not forget those things. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus. It is so easy to get distracted. Keep looking up! It is easy to be distracted by all the news, media, and social media. Oh, if we spent as much time looking at the Bible as we did watching and listening to the media, perhaps we would have a different perspective.

We are to be people of **Good News!** Join with me in making sure that we get the word out that God is at work. Let us share the **Good News** of Jesus! Let us be people of hope through Him.

I have used something like this before: A glass is half full of water. Some people see it as half empty. Some people see it as half full. Perhaps we just need to be thankful it has water in it!!!! Let’s not take the highlights God gives us for granted. In our fast-paced society, we seem to move quickly from one thing to the next. May we spend some time giving thanks and reflecting on God’s blessings.

Well, I suppose I have rambled a bit. I just want to share that **with Jesus, there is hope. With Jesus, there is joy.**

Galatians 6:9 New Living Translation (NLT) ⁹ *So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.*

See you Sunday,

Pastor Dave

Sunday, Oct 7

Join us for Stewardship Sunday School

Learn the four principles of stewardship & why they
are important

Hosted by Kim & Dennis Briggs

Sunday Sermon

October 7, 2018

8:05, 9:30, 11:05 a.m.

Scripture: Malachi 3:8-10 (NLT)

*I want to tithe so we can continue
to reach out in Jesus' name.*



Westlake CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Golf Tournament & Family Dinner

Saturday, October 20, 2018
East Lake Woodlands Country Club

Fall Fundraiser presented by the
Westlake Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

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