

“Becoming... Like Jesus”

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**This Wednesday at 5:30 pm!
Pizza and create your own cake!**



Dear RBC Family,

Matt Emmons had the gold medal in sight. He was one shot away from claiming victory in the 2004 Olympic 50-meter three-position rifle event. He didn't even need a bull's-eye to win. His final shot merely needed to be on target.



Normally, the shot he made would have received a score of 8.1, more than enough for a gold medal. But in what was described as "an extremely rare mistake in elite competition," Emmons fired at the wrong target. Standing in lane two, he fired at the target in lane three. His score for a good shot at the wrong target? 0. Instead of a medal, Emmons ended up in eighth place.

It doesn't matter how accurate you are if you are aiming at the wrong goal.

What are you aiming for in your life? What are you striving for? I think it's a tragic mistake that so many Christians believe that because their eternities are settled forever in Christ that they should not have goals and godly ambitions in their lives. There is an axiom that says: You will hit exactly what you are aiming at. And that is true in your life. Wherever you aim, that is what you are going to hit.

In 2 Corinthians 5:9–10, the Bible says, "Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ..."

Are you aiming at the right target? Are you aiming at pleasing Jesus Christ? If not, how can you adjust your target?

With love as your Pastor,

Travis



NW*i*MPACT

A MISSION OFFERING OF THE NORTHWEST BAPTIST CONVENTION

Northwest Impact Offering

RBC Goal: \$6,000

Received: \$1,200

Everything given goes toward supporting the cause of Christ in the Northwest!



Schedule Change!

Due to lack of interest, "Ask Anything Sunday" previously scheduled for Sunday, October 3 has been cancelled.

This Sunday's Sermon

By Dr. Travis Southern

(Part 2) Based on Matthew 24:1-14

Jesus
is coming again

Dear RBC family,

Thank you so much for the celebration from Sunday. You are very kind to do something like that. Renae and I, and our kids, count it a great blessing that God has allowed us to stay at RBC this long. We are also very thankful that YOU have allowed us to stay this long also! Thank you for the many cards, gift cards, and money. You are a wonderful church family. As I said Sunday evening, I have been very blessed to work with such wonderful people on staff; to work with such wonderful people as instrumentalists; and to work with such wonderful people as part of the RBC family. Sure, there have been some ornery ones along the way, but I know I have been one of those ornery ones at times and you have been very patient with me! I look forward to continuing to be “old Mr. Wells” at RBC!

Scott and family



Heartfelt sympathy is extended from Pastor Travis and the RBC church family to:

Kathy Smith, regarding the loss of her **sister-in-law, Vicki.**

Julie Ward, regarding the loss of her **uncle, Les.**



rbc GROWkids!

Beginning THIS Sunday, October 3rd
Sunday's 4:30-6:00 pm

Please register online at
rbcgrowkids.godaddysites.com

From Our Pastoral Care Counselor...

Responding to Unjust Treatment

[Matthew 26:4-5](#) (CSB)

They conspired to arrest Jesus in a treacherous way and kill him. "Not during the festival," they said, "so there won't be rioting among the people."

We serve a savior that understands injustice. Jesus recognized that he was about to be crucified by the religious and civil authorities of his day. This was tyranny of the worst sorts.

The plot. The goal of the plot was to kill Jesus. Think about that for a moment. The religious leaders were so filled with hatred and contempt for Jesus that they wanted to have him killed. What was his crime? Teaching about God's kingdom. What was the real source of their hatred? Jesus spoke truth to power.

The setting. Those religious leaders sought to deal with the problem without raising the ire of the general public. They understood that Jesus had massive public appeal and did not want problems from those sympathetic. In some ways they were more bothered by what the public might think rather than this unholy plan they were developing to kill an innocent man. To accomplish their deed while raising the least resistance they determined eventually to arrest and try Jesus in the middle of the night with false witnesses.

The crisis. All good stories have a moment in which there is a crisis for the main character. Some might suggest the trial was that crisis for Jesus. Some might point to Judas' betrayal as the crisis. In this case I believe the crisis was when Jesus ([Matthew 26:39](#)) Going a little farther, he fell facedown and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Jesus in his humanity wanted to be rescued from the injustice that was about to befall him. Later and through out the whole ordeal Jesus submitted himself to great indignities, sorrows, and tortures. And yet [Isaiah 53:7](#) "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth." Jesus could submit to this unjust treatment because he had first submitted himself to His Heavenly Father.

The climax. In the Christ's story there is a double climax. The Cross represents the finished work of redemption of those that trust in Jesus Christ . Even Jesus said "It is finished ([John 19:30](#))." The second major event is the resurrection. This demonstrated that Jesus holds the victory over death. While the plot to kill Jesus was intended to silence Jesus and his followers, His death and resurrection ensured that they would not be silenced.

So what can we take from this? First, we serve a savior that knows suffering under injustice. Second, when there is plotting there will be those that modify what they do based on what others might think. These moments will expose rank hypocrisy. Third, while the natural urge might be to fight against or escape these injustices, we must first submit ourselves to God's will and be resigned to submit ourselves to the consequences that will follow as God works through our circumstances. Finally, stand upon the Rock of Christ ([Matthew 7:24](#)). His death and resurrection give our faith a firm foundation. This secure stance will help us to face all trials that come our way as we put our hope in Jesus.

These are tough times. However, ([1 John 4:4](#)) "You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

God Bless You,

~BJ



Men's Fellowship
Thursday, October 7th
at 5:00 pm

Come Cheer on the Seahawks
in The Gathering Place at
RBC!

REDEEM

Women's Conference 2021

Join us on October 8

LOCATION & HOSTED BY

Kennewick Baptist Church

2425 W Albany Ave. Kennewick, WA 99336

DATE & TIME

October 8, 2021, 6:30 PM - October 9, 2021 - 3:00 PM

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/redeem-womens-conference-2021>

*Tuesday, October 12th
at 11:30 am*

Ladies Luncheon

*Sterling's on George
Washington Way*



Jesus Loves Me Preschool has openings in Pre-K and Kindergarten. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Amy Olson, the JLM director, at jlm@richlandbaptistchurch.org or 509-943-9177, option 7.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study in Room 150

Wednesday: **5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner:
Pizza & Create Your Own Cake**

6:30 pm Prayer Meeting in the Choir Room

6:30 pm Student Ministry in Gathering Place

7:30 pm Worship Choir Practice in Choir Room

Thursday: 9:30 am Women's Bible Study Choir Room

5:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

6:30 pm Young Adult Gathering at Muse home

Friday: 5:45 am Men's Bible Study in Office Foyer

Saturday: 10:00 am Evangelism at Howard Amon Par

Sunday 8:00 am Classic Worship

9:15 am Life Groups for All Ages

9:15 am Prayer Time in the Choir Room

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

4:30 pm rbc GROWkids Blast Off

5:30 pm Student Groups

No Sunday evening activity for adults this week

Monday 6:45 pm BSF

Pray And Go

Next Pray & Go will be Sunday evening,
October 10th at 5:00 pm.



Wednesday Night Dinners at 5:30 pm!

We need **YOU!** There are several different tasks from which to choose! Help is needed with *prep, welcoming, purchasing and especially with clean up.* For some of the responsibilities a food handlers permit card is required. This can be easily obtained online. Financial assistance is available if needed.

If you would like to be a part of the Wednesday Night Meal Team, please contact BJ Olson at 509-521-9374.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Schedule

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal (by donation)
6:30 PM Prayer Meeting in the Choir Room
6:30 PM Student Ministry in The Gathering Place
7:30 PM Worship Choir Rehearsal in the
Choir Room



Chief Jo Ministry Manna Market News

25 bags were handed out to students at Chief Jo in 5 minutes! There is a need for sure!

Thank you to RBC family for continuing to support these families!

Manna Market needs:

Jelly

Syrup

Spaghetti sauce

Cereal

Granola bars

Cornbread mix

Canned veggies

Canned chicken or tuna

Top Ramen

Thank you so much!

Manna Market



OCTOBER EVENTS

- October 7—Men's Fellowship Seahawk Game at 5:00 pm
- October 10—Pray & Go (Sunday Evening)
- October 12—Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 am Sterling's on GW
- October 16—Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am in FH
- October 17—Movie Night: Jesus in Athens
- October 24—Pray & Go (Sunday Evening)
- October 31—Harvest Party Outreach at 4:00 pm at RBC





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PRAYER REQUESTS

Hospital, Rehab & Hospice:

Doty Ross– Guardian Angel

Ezra Latka- (grandchild of Tom & Scotta Latka)– recovering from heart surgery

Scott Samuelson– ALS progressing/ICU in Seattle/respiratory failure

At Home:

Keith Berry– lymphoma/chemo

Jennifer Burnett- (Cousin of Virginia Sparks) recovering from Covid

Liz Butcher– constant, unrelenting, severe pain

Mary Beth Dage- (friend of Gene & Laura Wilson) pancreatic cancer

Tony, Rayda and Sharenley Diaz (from Venezuela)—possibly Covid

Margie Goehring– infection

Jan Griswold– (stepmom of Kim Barnes) severely failing health

Nancy Humphreys- (Larry & Mavis' daughter-in-law) breast cancer

Rick Humphreys- (Larry & Mavis' son) blood clots in legs and lungs

John & Burnadette- (Betty McFarlane's siblings) both have terminal cancer

Gus Kruse- (dear friend of Travis & Mandy) recovering from Covid

Craig & Shanine Lang- (relatives of Langs) Covid, pneumonia & stroke

Dana Wood Leverett– recovering from covid and double pneumonia

Tom Moore Sr.- (Tom Moore's dad) cancer & chemo

Chris Saisslin– weakness & health issues

Corey Schatz- (Larry & Cindy's son) 2nd stem cell transplant 10/13/painful

Micah Schenk– continuing pain/doctors disagree and aren't finding helps

Beth Sparks- (daughter-in-love of Virginia Sparks) ill with Covid)

Shawni Sumner- (Tim & Sandi's DIL) recovering ankle surgery/pregnant

Bruce Trachte- (brother-in-law of Schatz's) recovering from triple bypass

Carole White– recovering from lung cancer surgery

Special Requests:

Athalia & Randall Clower and Ezra Project

S– for safety, protection and peace

Amy Olson & JLM staff, kids & families

Mandy Southern & RBC Children's Ministry

Greg Sullivan– (Sparkling Sensation) for God's favor in decision

Hasan Bytyqi's parents and grandparents– salvation

Julian Schenk– health of Micah/marriage/kids do well in new school

All medical staff exhausted in all ways from dealing with Covid

Family of Kathy Smith grieving loss of sister-in-law, Vicki

Family of Julie Ward grieving loss of uncle

Michelle Holt– missing adult children they had to leave when moved to TC

Rick Ervans– health, housing, prayer for Lita and her housing situation

Pastor on Call This Week
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