

# The Columns

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**REACHING, TEACHING, AND GROWING,  
ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD!**

**AUGUST 2019**

**Christian sympathy and prayers extended to the families of John Gibbs (Julie Bowen's father) and Helen Eager (Majorie Maxwell's sister in law).**

## A Word from your pastor,

**“Then a scribe came and said to Him, ‘Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.’ Jesus said to him, ‘The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head’” (Matthew 8:19-20 NASB).**

The issue of commitment is one to be evaluated very carefully. The scribe here was an authority on Jewish law and a close ally of the Pharisees. As such he would have broken with his allies had he become one of Jesus' true disciples. He knew a decision like that would be costly, and thus might have been testing Jesus' reaction to his words.

Normally the scribes were teachers, not followers of other teachers. And one such as this man would have been reluctant to follow a Rabbi like Jesus, who was not from the scholarly class, not educated in a rabbinic school, and not loyal to Jewish religious traditions.

For this scribe to address Jesus as he did was quite out of the ordinary and probably impressive to the apostles and the crowds, since he issued the claim as a Jewish leader. It's not certain that the man ever really believed in Jesus, but he probably felt sincere in his own mind with what he professed. He was likely just as convinced as Peter that he would always follow the Lord (**Matthew 26:33,35**), but neither could he be sure about that, as Peter's temporary denial illustrates.

Unlike today's evangelical church, always eager to instantly embrace a prominent person who professes Christ, Jesus knew every strong profession does not necessarily translate to strong commitment. With that being said, He compared His living situation to the foxes and birds as a testing of the man's true dedication, which ought to be a self-examining device for us too.

## Something for you to think about

Think of the bold promises you've made to the Lord before and the many times you've failed to follow through. Have your past inabilities kept you from making such statements anymore? Is that what God wants you to learn from these experiences?

God bless,  
Pastor Dan

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**AUGUST CALENDAR**



- Sat. Aug. 3 Harvesters
- Sun. Aug. 4 Sunday School Breakfast, Deacon's Meeting
- Tue. Aug. 6 Roundtable
- Wed. Aug. 7 Pastor Relations Meeting
- Sun. Aug. 11 Teacher Appreciation, Stewardship Meeting
- Wed. Aug. 14 Henry County Healthcare
- Sun. Aug. 18 Windsor Healthcare Service, Business Meeting
- Wed. Aug. 21 Prayer Walk, Pastor Relations Meeting
- Thu. Aug. 22 Silver Threads Lunch, First Day of School
- Sun. Aug. 25 Committee Meeting Night, Council Meeting



Our church has started prayer walking throughout the community. If you would like to receive reminders of when we'll be prayer walking, please get with Sheree Wooten to be added to the group. #prayingtogether

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

On Aug. 7th  
We will start a new study:

“Missional Renaissance:  
Changing the Scorecard  
For the Church”

**SUNDAY**

Sunday Aug. 11 will begin  
a new sermon series:

“Made for Mission”

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**



- 4 Mike Erdmann
- 6 Maggie Reed, Mardelle Womble
- 8 Robb Hadley
- 12 LeAnne Nichols
- 14 Marjorie Maxwell, Timothy Spear
- 16 Karen Mefford
- 17 Kim Burkhart, Ruby Parks, Mallory Reed, Judy Young
- 18 Jan Jenkins
- 19 Lisa Brown, Jerhyn Eason, Janice Walthall
- 26 Larry Hamilton
- 27 Lauren Hadley
- 29 Lane Brooks

**Who's Your One?**

Please continue to join us in our 40 day devotional plan. This is a great tool to help you pray and have conversations with your one for the 40 days leading up to Baptism Sunday on September 8th. If you have any questions please see Pastor Dan.

**Baptism Sunday  
September 8**

If you have recently made a decision by accepting Christ, please set up a meeting with Pastor Dan to be baptized.



If you would be interested in attending an in home Bible study starting in September, please add your name to the sign-up sheet!

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