

A Few Words From Your Pastoral Staff

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Dear Member of the Auburn Church Family,

We call them saints and imagine them to be some kind of super-Christians. But, in reality, Peter, James, John, Andrew, Thomas, Judas and the rest of the disciples were just ordinary people like us. A list of their foibles and personality deficits could fill several pages. They were most often thick-headed and stubborn and caused Jesus to want to pull out his hair sometimes. But, the self-made corporate leaders, the two sets of brothers - Peter and James and John and Andrew; Simon the revolutionary; Matthew the IRS Agent; Nathan, Philip, the "other James," Jude, Thomas the Twin, and Judas the priest's son all had two things in common - they were part of the larger group of disciples (somewhere around 150) who followed Jesus wherever he went, and they were the ones Jesus chose to be part of his inner circle of students.

This week, Pastor Dave begins a series of sermons your pastors will be preaching on the lives of these very ordinary but committed men. What was it that made them special to Jesus? What did each of them bring to the table? What did they do after Jesus' ascension? What does their experience tell us about our own? What can we learn from their stories about our own? And, we will discover that if God could love them and make them the foundation for his Church, then there is a lot of hope for us!

We hope that you will be blessed by this series and will want to make it a priority to be here for each of these sermons. And, why not invite a friend who might enjoy it as well!

Cordially,

Pastor Dan M. Appel

Information You Can Use

Next week Pastor Jim will be sharing the second in this series on the Disciples.

The following week I will be continuing the series.

"Broad Side of the Barn" is in two weeks, on October 17. For those not familiar with this great social event, all are invited to Porcos for a campfire, great snacks, good fellowship and a movie shown on the side of their barn. Don't miss it!