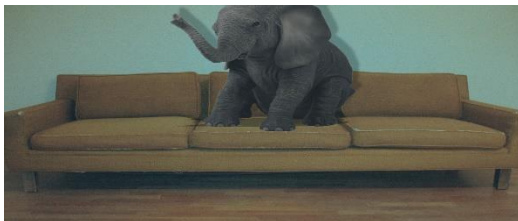


Stuff You Need to Know...

THE FAMILY ROOM is available for parents of children who need a temporary space away during the service yet close enough to easily slip back in. The room is located on the drum-side overflow at the back of the upper auditorium. Please feel free to check it out.



Next week's "elephant":
#MeThree.



Join the "Family" for lunch in the lower auditorium after the service, then meet in your appropriate small group.
Child care is provided.

Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 2nd from 10-11:45am and plan on attending the next Women Connected event.



THE FOOD BANK...

is always in need of rice, peanut butter, cereal low in sugar, granola bars, tins of apple juice, tomato sauce, dry pasta, toilet paper, dish detergent, body soap, shampoo and toothpaste.

NEXT CLOTHING LOFT

Saturday May 26

Please consider volunteering your time or providing baked goods.

If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the weekly "Prayer Email", please contact the church office.



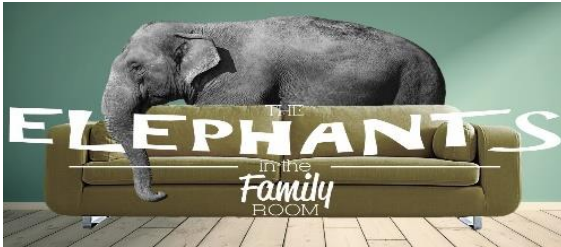
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This week's "elephant": Gender.

Sunday May 20, 2018

9:00-10:00am Prayer in the Detour Room (lower level)

10:30am Service

Speaker: Lead Pastor, Keith Piquette

This month's elder is Scott Cushing. In case of need or an emergency he can be reached at 416-209-9393.

Welcome!

We are so glad you are joining us this morning. We would love to greet you personally at our Welcome Table. Please pick up an information sheet about our various ministries or visit our website.

We love kids! Let us spend time with them in a safe, friendly environment while you enjoy the service. Before the service nursery is available for newborn to age 2 and Kids Connecting Jr for age 2-3. Ages 4 to grade 6 begin in the service with their parents, then part way through the service, kids and leaders go downstairs for their own Kids Connecting time.

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Sermon Summary

Gender

- The subject of gender is all around us and can no longer be ignored
- The rise of feminism, homosexuality, and medical advancements have propelled the gender debate
- There is a war of words in regards to this subject so it is helpful to have these words clearly defined
- Our culture looks positively on transgenderism because it's seen as finding one's true identity
 - Most people are unfamiliar its harmful affects
- The Bible addresses gender in the first 2 chapters
 - It teaches that gender is binary: there are two distinct genders, and your particular gender is determined by the biological sex you were born with
- Many people, even those who are devout followers of Jesus, struggle with real gender dysphoria
- Gender Bending is an intentional act to alter one's gender and gender dysphoria is unintentional feelings that one just has. One is sin and the other is affliction
- The church is a hospital to help those who have afflictions
 - In a hospital, "it's okay not to be okay, but it's not okay to stay that way"
- How do I practically love those who are transgender? Acceptance without approval
- There is one who truly knows what it is like to live in a body he didn't belong in and to embrace it... Jesus (Heb 4:14-16)

Sermon Study Questions: Gender

1. Discuss last week's Weekly Challenge (*"Tell someone who isn't a Jesus follower about what you've been learning in this series and how it has affected you."*)
2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. Have you ever had experience with the gender debate or known someone who was transgender?
4. How was gender viewed in your world growing up?
5. Pastor Keith mentioned the evolving vocabulary surrounding this topic. What do you understand is meant by these terms: Sex, Sexuality, Gender, Gender Bending, Gender Dysphoria?
6. Our culture looks positively on transgenderism because it's seen as finding one's true identity. How might you respond to someone who has this view?
7. The Bible teaches that gender is binary: there are two distinct genders, and your particular gender is determined by the biological sex you were born with (Gen 1:26-27, 2:23-24). How does this affect your thinking or actions?
8. Pastor Keith taught that there should be a distinction between intentional gender bending and unwanted gender dysphoria. How do you understand this? List implications for Christians?
9. How might you practically love those who are transgender while at the same time not approve of their ideas and choices?
 - a. How might the church help those who are Christians and struggling with legitimate gender dysphoria?
 - b. How would you respond if a transgender person requested to be addressed by a different gender pronoun than their biological gender?
10. What does Jesus' incarnation have to do with the gender subject (Heb. 4:14-16)?

This Week's Challenge:

Read at least one article or listen to one podcast that deals with the transgender subject. Be prepared to share what you learned next week.