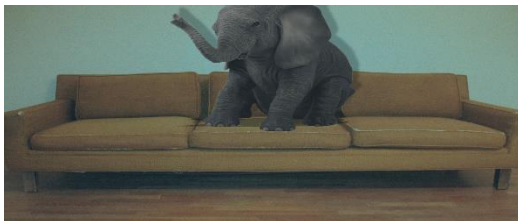


Stuff You Need to Know...

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":
Gender.



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

Kate, Thomas and Tori are at their final quiz tournament of the year this weekend. Please pray for their safe return later today.



THE FOOD BANK

For all you non-shoppers:
Donations to the food bank can be made through the Sunday offering.

NEXT CLOTHING LOFT
Saturday May 26

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



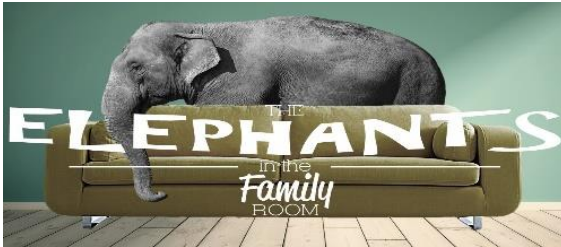
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This week's "elephant": Sexual Identity.

Sunday May 13, 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.

kids

Sermon Summary: May 13, 2018

Elephant in the Family Room

Sexual Identity

- We are all looking for identity.
 - In a culture where sex is everything, your sexuality is your identity and to oppose one's sexuality can be taken as an offense against the person themselves.
- There is a serious danger in letting one part of ourselves become the whole thing.
- The Bible links our sexuality with how we were created to be (Rom. 1:26-27).
 - Homosexuality is considered contrary to God's created order.
 - Both actions and lust are condemned.
 - Must make a distinction between unwanted sexual desires and willful lust.
 - The fall of creation caused every part of this world and ourselves to be corrupted.
- Can you "BE gay" and "BE a Christian?" certainly not, because "to be" something speaks to your identity
 - However, there are certainly a lot of same-sex attracted Christians: People who say, "I AM a Christian, and I live with an unwanted attraction to those of the same sex."
- Church should feel more like the waiting room for a doctor and less like a waiting room for a job interview
- You should give acceptance without approval.
 - The Bible is anti-gay, not anti-gay people.
- Jesus knows what it's like to live a celibate life for God

Sermon Study Questions:

Sexual Identity

1. Discuss last week's challenge ("Reach out to someone you trust in an appropriate setting and have an honest conversation about your struggles to keep your sexuality inside the confines of God's design.")
2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. Pastor Keith opened with his own story of his friendship with someone who identified as gay. Have you ever known someone who identified as gay, lesbian, or bi?
4. In our society, people tend to associate their sexual orientation as largely defining their identity. What are your thoughts?
5. Pastor Keith laid out the Biblical perspective on homosexuality as against God's created order (Rom. 1:26-27). How does this impact your understanding?
 - a. How would you answer someone who says "I'm gay because that's how God made me."
6. It was taught that there needs to be a distinction between unwanted sexual desires and intentional lust. How do you see the difference?
7. Do you think someone can be gay and be a Christian? Why or why not?
 - a. What about being a Christian and having same-sex attraction?
8. Pastor Keith talked about the importance of knowing how to interact and respond to those who are gay. How would you respond if your gay non-Christian friend invited you to their wedding?
 - a. What if they identified as a Christian as well?
9. Pastor Keith taught that the most biblical option for a Christian who is same-sex attracted could be life-long celibacy. Do you agree? Why or why not?
 - a. If you were a Christian who struggled with same-sex attraction, what might you do?

This Week's Challenge:

Tell someone who isn't a Jesus follower about what you've been learning in this series and how it has affected you.