### 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": Sexual Identity.



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

Child care is provided.

Remember to pray for our quizzers Kate, Thomas and Tori as they participate in the final quiz tournament of the year May 11-13.



#### 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": Pornography!

#### **Sunday May 6, 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 905-824-7070.



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 Konnecting 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 Konnecting time.



#### Sermon Summary: May 06, 2018

## Elephant in the Family Room PorNO!

- The pace of change in our culture is becoming accelerated, and no place is this better seen than in the matter of sex & pornography.
  - We live in an extremely sexualized and pornified culture.
- The Bible's stance on sex is counter-cultural.
  - The basic Biblical stance is no sex of any kind outside of marriage.
- Many people think porn is victimless, natural, and good because it's legal.
  - It's not at all victimless because it exploits people and creates unrealistic expectations for us.
  - Pornography makes it harder to have healthy romantic relationships.
  - It elevates our sex and sex appeal to unhealthy levels
- Sex is great but we are much more than just sexual beings.
  - In heaven there will be no sexuality. Therefore, it's a part of ourselves that is only temporary.
- Abstinence to honor God's plan for sex is possible and beautiful.
  - o If it's a choice, then it's bearable.
- There are practical things you can do to help:
  - o tell someone you trust
  - seek support and accountability from others
  - o pray and seek God for healing

#### Sermon Study Questions: May 06, 2018

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- 1. If this is the first or second time your small group is meeting, have everyone share a little about themselves and one quirky thing.
- 2. Did you get a chance to do the last weekly challenge? How did it go?
- 3. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- 4. Growing up, what was the attitude about pornography in your culture, home or peer groups? How do you feel that has impacted you?
- 5. Pastor Keith pointed out that in 1 Cor. 6:18 the word translated "sexual immorality" is the Greek word "porneia" which refers to any sexual activity outside of a marriage relationship. Read this passage out loud. What else stands out to you?
  - a. What are other scriptures that give direction regarding sex?
  - b. Given these texts, and an understanding of "sexual immorality," list implications regarding pornography?
  - c. What are the implications for other areas of our sex lives?
- 6. In the sermon some of the negative consequences of porn were outlined. List other harmful consequences?
  - a. What are some helpful actions that one can take if they struggle with pornography?
  - b. What are some ways the church community can be more helpful to those in need?
- 7. In the message it was discussed how sex is only temporary because there will be no sex in heaven. How does this impact your understanding of sex?
  - a. What are some of the implications of this for the Christian?
- 8. Pastor Keith mentioned 3 practical things we can do to help us fast from sex outside of marriage: telling someone you trust, seek support and accountability from others, pray and seek God for healing. Do you agree? Why or why not?
  - a. Can you think of some other things that may be helpful?
- 9. How would you respond to someone who says, "to watch pornography and masturbate is a natural and appropriate thing?"

#### This 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.