



“The Key to Failure”

I wouldn't want to be an NFL referee these days, not after the blown call last Sunday, which, as fans argue, caused the Saints to lose a trip to the Super Bowl. Who takes pleasure in putting themselves in the line of fire week after week? When the calls are good, no one notices; but when they're bad, everyone complains. No one enjoys getting criticized. Some of us handle it better than others, like tolerating a trip to the dentist. For others, the fear of failure and being a disappointment can leave us paralyzed. Our critics may believe we appreciate their criticism as a way to helping us become a better version of "us." Chances are we don't hear criticism as positive feedback, but fear that we have failed or been disappointing.

Psychology research reveals that it takes our brain experiencing five positive events to make up for the psychological effect of just one negative event. (source: umn.edu) For example, if I were to receive one hundred positive remarks about a sermon and only one criticism, I would obsess over the one criticism. Again, who takes pleasure in putting themselves in the line of fire week after week?

Those who serve in the Church are not immune to these fears. Some refuse to pray or read in public. Others refuse opportunities to chair a committee or ministry. Many resist serving

as Deacon or Sunday School Teacher. Why? Because we're afraid of criticism, of failure, and being a disappointment. Jesus' word to critics: "Judge not, that you be not judged . . . with the measure you use it will be measured to you." If you must critique, then Ephesians 4: "Speak truth in *love*." A word for those afraid of criticism: *Truth*. If there is truth, spoken in *love*, then keep an open and humble heart. For none of us has fully arrived.

Someone said: "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." Anything worth doing attracts admiration *and* criticism, both. Even Mother Teresa had her detractors. And, if it is worth doing, seek improvement, not approval. Stay focused on the conclusion, not the criticism. Jesus encourages us in Luke 9: Keep your hands on the plow and don't look back.

If you are weighing a good decision, even to serve the Lord, but the fear of criticism is preventing you from acting, keep these words of Elbert Hubbard in mind: *To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.*

Keep Courage,
Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

LLL

Tour of St. George Catholic Church & Lunch

Thursday, January 24

The bus departs from the church at 10am and returns to the church after the tour for a delicious lunch of jambalaya, gumbo, white beans, french bread, salad, and king cake. \$10, please sign up and pay in the church office.

Deacon Orientation

Sunday, January 27
5:00 p.m., SDR

Newcomer Ministries

Council Meeting

Monday, February 4
6:00 p.m., CCR

Grief Share

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Church Conference Room

“A Missing Piece”

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.
Church Parlor

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 3

You are encouraged to bring a box of crackers and a can of soup for Southeast Ministries and place them in the various food barrels in the church.

New

Ladies Book Study

A new book study will begin in mid-February, and thereafter every other Monday at 1:30 p.m. The book will be *Hope for the Thinking Christian* (\$16). If you would like to join the book study, please let the church office know by Sunday, February 3 so enough books can be ordered. For more information, please contact Pam Morgan.

Building Maintenance

Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 30
5:00 p.m., CCR

Communications

Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 6
6:00 p.m.

Day of Caring

Saturday, February 9
9:00 a.m., CAH

We will meet at 9 am in the Activities Hall for a fellowship breakfast and card writing, then head out for visits with our homebound church members. Please sign up in the church office so that we can prepare for breakfast.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Ocshner

Norma McNeil

BRG-Bluebonnet

Sue Seab

Johnnie Faye Goodwin

Woodleigh Nursing Home

Charles Steele

Home from the Hospital

Carolyn Jordan

In Loving Memory

Mr. Max Futch *united with this church on July 30, 1961 and departed this life on January 8, 2019.*

In Appreciation

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:
Alice and Charles Steele
Dianne Lea

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday Night

January 23

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Cobbler

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

The Gospel of John

Wednesday Night

February 6

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Brownies

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

Mary Mullen

Won't You Be My Neighbor

Wednesday Night

January 30

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Potato Salad, Bread, Mississippi Mud

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

The Gospel of John

Wednesday Night

February 13

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Spaghetti, Corn, French Bread, Salad, White Cake

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

Mary Mullen

Won't You Be My Neighbor

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 24

10:00 A LLL departs for St. George Catholic Church tour

Sunday, January 27

9:15 A Sunday School
10:30 A Worship, Deacon Installation and Ordination

Extended Teaching Care

Judy Averett, Baileigh, Bren, and Erika Futch, Stephanie McKenzie

5:00 P Grief Share, CCR
Uncle Phil's Practice
Deacon Orientation
5:45 P Belles and Beaux

Tuesday, January 29

11:00 A A Missing Piece, Parlor

Wednesday, January 30

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:00 P Bldg. Maintenance Cmte. Meeting, CCR
5:15 P Church Family Dinner
6:00 P Youth Bible Study
Children's Programs
6:15 P Adult Bible Study, CAH
7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, February 3

9:15 A Sunday School
10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care

Jennifer and Laurel Fishburn, Jack and Ainsley Nunneley

5:00 P Uncle Phil's Practice
Grief Share, CCR
La. Youth Orchestra
Perform., Sanctuary
5:30 P Youth Super Bowl Party
5:45 P Belles and Beaux

Monday, February 4

6:00 P Newcomer Ministries
Council Meeting, CCR

Tuesday, February 5

11:00 A A Missing Piece, Parlor

Wednesday, February 6

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:15 P Church Family Dinner
6:00 P Youth Bible Study
Children's Programs
Communications Mtg.

6:15 P Adult Bible Study, CAH
7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

YOUTH

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 3

5:30 p.m.

At the home of Fae Foster and Hayes and Savannah Hoffman.

Uncle Phil's Rehearsal

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.



Two Performances:
Saturday, February 16
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 17
11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 after February 8. Limited space available.

YOUNG FAMILIES

Mark Your Calendars!

Orion Parade

Saturday, February 23

details to follow

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Join Us for our

Deacon Ordination and Installation Service

Sunday, January 27
10:30 a.m.

New Deacons to be ordained:

Jim Chapman
Danielle Gremillion
Alyssa Henderson
Angie Miller
Jamie Smith

2019 Deacon orientation meeting at 5:00 p.m.

An Evening of Food and Fun from the Fabulous 50's!



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