



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Baptism** – Our next baptism is Sunday, May 7th at 3pm. If you or anyone in your family would like to take the next step in your faith journey, register on the App, website or in the Lobby. Contact Rene Snyder at rsnyder@southwinds.org with questions.
- **Bingo de Mayo** – **LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, MAY 1ST**. A Life Groups favorite is back, and we are inviting you and your family to join us for a FUN filled, FOOD filled, FELLOWSHIP gathering! Join us Wednesday, May, 3rd from 6:30-8pm, for a Mariachi Band (starting promptly at 6:30), prizes, food, and fun. Register: Online (click [here](#)) or in person in the Lobby. Contact Talanna Williams at twilliams@southwinds.org with questions.
- **VBS** – Vacation Bible School Registration is now open online. You can save \$5 if you register on or before April 30. Dates are June 11-15th from 6-8:30pm for kids 4-years old through 6th grade. All kids welcome – invite your friends! Sign up now if you want to **VOLUNTEER!** We need lots of adults & teens!
- **You Are Invited to Walk for Life** – The Pregnancy Resource Center is holding its annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 6th. Check-In starts at 9 am, the walk starts at 10 am. Stop at the table on the patio to sign up or get more information.

MY STORY

When was the last time you admitted that you were wrong?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Have a Volunteer Read: Romans 3:10, 27-28; 1 Corinthians 1:31, Galatians 6:14

Point #1: The gospel excludes ALL OUR PRIDE AND BOASTING.

"We cannot be saved from sin unless we turn from our pride and boasting. We must leave our glory and live for God's glory. Boasting works against that. There's no room for boasting."

– **Michael Nolen**

“God wired us to boast in him, to glorify him.” – **Michael Nolen**

When we boast, what do we boast about most?

“C.S. Lewis writes that “Pride is essentially competitive.” He says... “Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man. We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others. If everyone else became equally rich, or clever, or good-looking there would be nothing to be proud about. It is the comparison that makes you proud: the pleasure of being above the rest.” (Mere Christianity, 122)

– **Michael Nolen**

“Pride runs on the fuel of comparison.” – **Michael Nolen**

When was the last time you felt the fuel of comparison?

What side of that comparison were you on?

“The gospel destroys the pride that prevents us from confessing our sins to one another. The gospel that destroys pride produces the kind of humility that allows us to receive correction from our brothers and sisters in Christ. The gospel produces the humility that builds unity, because it always reminds us that in Christ we are all simul justus et peccator, simultaneously sinners deserving God’s judgment while at the same time justified by grace, loved by God, sons and daughters, saints (holy ones).” - **Michael Nolen**

How does the gospel destroy pride?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 3:23, 29-30

Point #2: The gospel creates AN EXCLUSIVE INCLUSIVITY.

“We’re not accepted because of our moral record, our education, our marital status, our race, or our political viewpoints. God gives salvation as a gift to all who will repent and receive it in faith. You could say, ‘All religions are exclusive, but Christianity is the most inclusive exclusivity there is.’ Tim Keller. What made the gospel in the first century scandalous was not who it excluded, but who it included.”– **Michael Nolen**

How does Christianity bring inclusivity?

“St. Augustine points this out...our sin caused us to have a sense of nakedness... We look for something to be our clothing... our “righteousness,” our justification. (BTW, the word righteousness and justification are the same word in Greek.)” – **Michael Nolen**

How do we mask the nakedness we feel because of our sins?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 3:31

Point #3: The gospel calls us to OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S LAW.

“Jen Wilkin says it: ‘The law drives us to grace, but grace drives us back to the Law.’ One of the way you truly know that you have experienced God’s grace is that you deeply desire to obey God’s law. You won’t want to know how little of God’s law you have to obey. You’ll want to know how you can obey God more and more.” – **Michael Nolen**

Why should God’s grace encourage us to follows God’s law?

APPLICATION

How has God challenged you through this message to follow him?

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS