

OUR TEXT

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.

WHAT’S NEXT?

Navigate is a framework for ministry leading us into 2030, but there’s much left to be discovered and discerned. You might be asking how you can get involved. Here are the next steps we’d like you to take:

1. Clear your Sunday Schedule. The four Targets of the Navigate2030 vision will be spelled out in greater detail on September 14, 21, 28, and October 5. Pastor Tim and other staff will explain the theology of 2 Corinthians 5 and describe why these values meet our moment. Bring your sermon journal and your Bible, and join us for these services!

2. Go Deeper. Over the next 12 months, we plan to take this sacred work on the road through Navigate Nights. These gatherings will be held in different neighborhoods throughout Brookfield, Delafield, Waukesha, etc and will allow Pastor Tim and other staff to drill down into some of the specific ministry applications that Navigate describes. In them, we will also be looking for your feedback as we sail toward the four FLAG ambitions.

3. Pray. Will you commit to asking that God gives us wisdom in this season? We have a great hope in the body of Christ here and beyond and we want to submit wholly to his will for our church. God listens when we call on Him and God and speaks to us as a body. Let’s put Navigate and its dreams in our petitions and prayers.



NAVIGATE2030

Congregational Coordinates for
Elmbrook’s Next Chapter



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OUR TARGETS

FUTURE FOCUSED

We believe that our best days are not over and that God is building on Elmbrook's ministry heritage in new ways to face the new challenges of a new era.

THE BIBLE SAYS

In Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

LOVE DIRECTED

We understand that motives underlie all actions and that God's desire is that we align our intents—and mark our successes—in ways that reflect Christ's love for the world.

THE BIBLE SAYS

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all.
-2 Corinthians 5:14



OUR TESTIMONY

God has made us His ambassadors in this generation. We are called to share the love of Jesus with people from Lake Michigan to Lake Country and beyond pressing onward into God's grand story of reconciliation and hope.



APOLOGETICALLY PREPARED

The word "apologetic" means "to be ready to tell your story." We believe that narrating the beautiful ways in which the Bible's worldview allows us to center our lives meets the curiosity of the age and opens to pathways to Christian witness.

THE BIBLE SAYS

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others.
-2 Corinthians 5:11

GLOBALLY INTEGRATED

We're convinced that God has a heart for the whole world and that diversity, humility, and interconnection across national and ethnic lines for the sake of learning—not just resourcing—is a key identifier of the Elmbrook family.

THE BIBLE SAYS

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.
-2 Corinthians 5:20

