



October 15, 2023

First Simple Church Notes and Announcements

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Mornings

- 8:30 Discipleship Class (adults and youth)
- 9:30 Worship Service and Children's Church

### Ladies Bible Study *Book of Romans*

Tuesdays 9:30AM – Fellowship Hall

### Impact Health Support Group

Wednesdays 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall

### Sermon Application Study

Wednesdays 6:30PM Adults -  
Sanctuary, Youth – Conference Room

## Brunswick Stew Pick-up

*By Blue Knights Motorcycle Club  
benefiting local law enforcement*

For those who pre-ordered, pick up from  
Debbie Frye after church this Sunday  
(Oct 15)

## Youth Fishing Night

*Friday, October 20*

Middle/High School Students

Location: Smalley's waterfront property -  
12815 Sturgeon Point Road, Charles  
City

6:30 to 9:00 PM

Snacks provided

Bring your own pole and bait. If you need  
help with these or have any other  
questions, see Youth Leader Mr. Waylon  
Burcham

## Question and Answer with Pastor Sam

This question, based on I Peter 4:10-11, was posed  
Wednesday at Sermon Application Study.

**Q:** What is the difference between a Spiritual Gift and a talent?

**A:** A talent is the result of genetics and/or training, while a Spiritual gift is given directly from the Spirit of God; after all, that's why they're called "gifts".

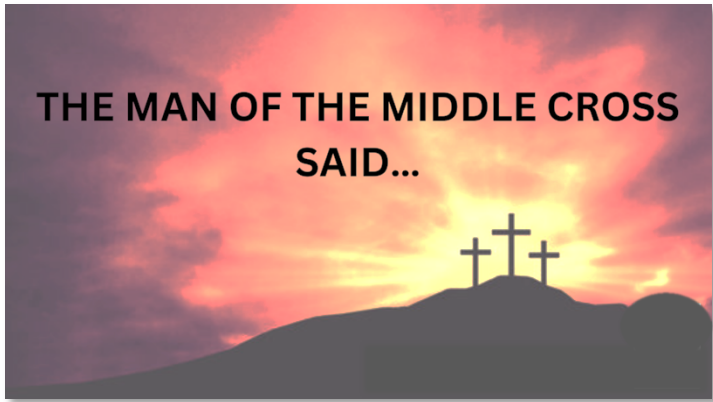
A person may develop talents, planning a career or hobby accordingly, but a Spiritual gift is given for one reason; to build up of the body of Christ. Christ-followers use their gifts to be involved in the "work of the ministry" (Ephesians 4:12). They find fulfillment in life through their labor for Christ and his church. The intended result of Spiritual gifts is that the church grows and is strengthened by the combined contribution of each member. In this way all Christians play an active part in the furtherance of the gospel of Christ.

To summarize, while both talents and Spiritual gifts should be used for God's glory and to minister to others, Spiritual gifts are focused on the work of the Church.

*Additional references: Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11,  
1 Corinthians 12: 27-31*

### Do you know your Spiritual Gifts?

Pick up a copy of the Spiritual Gifts Inventory in the church foyer or see Mitchell Digges or Debbie Frye



### Simple Mission

*Deliver and teach a Consistent Gospel message for a complex world*



### Clear Vision

*Strengthen families and community with the love of Christ and accountability of the Word*

### Message Notes

THE MAN OF THE MIDDLE CROSS SAID...

**Luke 23:43** *Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

What else did Jesus say? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the man on the middle cross saying to you?

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### Prayer Requests

- Pray for Israel and all impacted by war
- Wooten and Smalley Family - *grief*
- Kristy Day's daughter – *pain and surgery recovery*
- Pat Spayd -surgery recovery
- Gary Brown – surgery recovery
- Gwen Wilcox – *upcoming hip replacement surgery*
- Nancy Nolker – *breast cancer*

### Happy Birthday!

- Tanya Burcham  
10/16
- Brad Harbin  
10/16

#### Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sam Frye  
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