

## **SERMON**

**DATE: Saturday - Sunday, November 9-10, 2019**

**SERMON TITLE: Things That Will Not Change**

### **Acts 9:26-31**

[26] When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.

[27] But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

[28] So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

[29] He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him.

[30] When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

[31] Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

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***Summaries in Acts:***

† Acts 2:43-47

† Acts 6:7

† Acts 4:31-35

† Acts 9:31

† Acts 5:12-16

**1. The church must live in obedience.**

**2. The church must become more like Christ.**

- *Colossians 1:28-29* He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

**3. The church must be led by God's Spirit.**

- “When we speak fearlessly for Christ or live faithfully for Him during difficult situations, we encourage others to do the same.”

**4. The church must touch the world.**

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We have invited a perspective Worship Pastor to meet the church and to worship with us next weekend. Out of respect for his current place of service, we will introduce him next weekend as we meet for worship.

We have been praying and seeking God's leadership since the first of July. We feel now that we are ready to present him to the congregation.

The Worship Pastor will work alongside David Logan, our Minister of Music, to lead the church as we worship God. While the Worship Pastor will primarily lead in the 6:00 PM and 11:00 AM services, he will be involved in the 9:30 service as well as providing leadership in other areas of our music ministry. And as a pastor of the church, he will lead in making Christ known and giving spiritual direction and guidance.

I have been wonderfully pleased at how our entire music ministry has come together. We anticipate having a wonderful team of our Minister of Music and our Worship Pastor to lead and to serve under the direction of Jay Johnston, our Associate Pastor.

We hope to present the new Worship Pastor to the church at our Congregational Meeting Wednesday, November 20, at 6:30 PM in Central Hall. If all of this works out, he and his family would move to our area over the holidays to begin serving with us in January.

Please be in prayer as we look forward to meeting this family Saturday and Sunday, November 16-17.