

October 1, 2017

# DEEP ROOTS

strong, healthy,  
fruitful trees  
have deep roots

## *Bearing Fruit*

**"Lessons Learned from a  
Long Obedience"**

*-Luke 15:11-32*

**Ralph Marcum**

Began serving as BCC Elder in 2007



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Began serving as BCC Elder in 2015

## “Lessons Learned from a Long Obedience”

### Ralph's Story

Luke 5:8, “When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”

### Matt's Story

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, “Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable. . .”

Prodigal: spending money or resources \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; wastefully \_\_\_\_\_; characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure.

The term “Prodigal” best applies to the behavior of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Vs. 11- “Now a man had two sons. . .”

Both sons were more interested in what they could \_\_\_\_\_ from the father than a \_\_\_\_\_ with the father while all along the father was exclusively interested in a relationship. What the younger son came to realize was that \_\_\_\_\_ with the father \_\_\_\_\_ greatest thing that father could give.

The Younger Son represents the way of \_\_\_\_\_ (“I determine what is right”) while the Older Son represents the way of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (“Tradition and law determines what is right.”) The Gospel message tells us that both ways lead to alienation from the Father.

*“If, like the elder brother, you believe that God ought to bless you and help you because you have worked so hard to obey him and be a good person, then Jesus may be your helper, your example, even your inspiration, but he is not your savior. You are serving as your own savior.”* Timothy Keller, \_\_\_\_\_

In the end the primary barrier between the older son and his father is not his \_\_\_\_\_ but the \_\_\_\_\_ he takes in his obedience

### Lessons Learned- Ralph:

- Admit your sin and repent
- Stay in touch with other believers
- Be honest
- Know that God loves you, faults and all
- Forgive yourself and move forward, do not live in the past

### Lessons Learned- Matt:

- The real journey to God is from pride to humility
- Sin is more than just breaking the rules
- The Gospel is offensive
- Opening yourself to Grace requires you to get out of your own way.

When a local newspaper posed the question to its readers, “What’s wrong with the world?” Mr. Chesterton reputedly wrote a brief letter in response which read, “Dear Sirs: I am. Sincerely Yours, G.K. Chesterton.”



**MEN'S CAMPING & HIKING TRIP**

**CLIFTY FALLS STATE PARK**

**OCTOBER 6-8** | Contact Tim.Fair @bccanderson.org  
& Sign up at Connecting Point



**FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL**

**November 4th, 4:30pm**

Chili Cookoff | Food Drive | Family Activities

*Info, Sign-ups and Drop-offs at Connecting Point*

**Chili Cookoff**

Judged by panel | Enjoyed by all

*There might be one champion, but everyone wins!*

**Food Drive**

Donations accepted through 12/3

*Canned Potatoes | Boxed Stuffing | Canned Gravy*

**Family Activities**

FREE for the whole family

*Inflatables | Live Music | Hay Rides | Bonfire | More!*

## **TODAY**

- 6:00 p.m. Student LifeGroups  
Rex Craig LifeGroup  
Women's Bible Study - "First Corinthians: Living Love  
When We Disagree"

## **MONDAY, October 2**

- 9:15 a.m. Rev Strength Class
- 6:00 p.m. Sonshine Station Crew Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Ringers

## **TUESDAY, October 3**

- 9:30 a.m. Sarah Circle Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Small Group Study - Katrina Canfield
- 6:30 p.m. Rev Fit Class

## **WEDNESDAY, October 4**

- 9:15 a.m. Rev Strength Class
- 11:30 a.m. YAH Trip - Lunch at the Chocolate Moose in Farmland
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Youth  
Worship Choir Rehearsal  
Anderson Christian Martial Arts ( 8yrs. and up)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study - "The Words of Jesus in the  
Gospel of Matthew"

## **THURSDAY, October 5**

- 6:30 p.m. Rev Fit Class

## **FRIDAY, October 6**

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Camping Trip at Clifty Falls

## **SATURDAY, October 7**

- 9:00 a.m. Rev Fit Class

## **SUNDAY, October 8**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship  
Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship  
Sunday School Classes
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Parent/LifeGroup Leader Luncheon
- 6:00 p.m. Student LifeGroups  
Women's Bible Study - "First Corinthians: Living Love  
When We Disagree"

THIS WEEK

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **October is Name Tag Month!** Please fill out a name tag as you come in each Sunday in October and let's get to know each other.
- **Sarah Circle** will meet on October 3 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. Linda O'Bryant will lead our lesson, "*Convenants of a Gracious God.*" All ladies are welcome. Questions, contact Mary Ehle at 649.4689.
- **Men's Camping & Hiking Trip** will be October 6-9 at Clifty Falls State Park. Sign up at Connecting Point or contact Tim.Fair@bccanderson.org for more information.
- **Youth Parent/LifeGroup Leader Luncheon** will be October 8 after 2nd service in the Attic. If you plan to attend, RSVP at Info Zone.
- **Reception for Michael Kineman and his fiance Mallary Pitman** at Bethany on Tuesday October 17 from 6-8 p.m. (but feel free to come and go). Everyone who has been a part of his life is invited to celebrate their upcoming marriage. A light dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. **Please RSVP by October 1** to debbiekineman@gmail.com. No gifts necessary.
- **Beginning in October** the monthly "Bridge" (available at Connecting Point) will include year-to-date offering totals. Please feel free to contact the Business Manager at 765-643-5713 or [cindy.blake@bccanderson.org](mailto:cindy.blake@bccanderson.org) any time you have questions about the church's financial status.
- **Dominican Republic Mission Trip** information packets will be at the Connecting Point along with a signup sheet. Questions? Call Marlene Chaplin 765.635.9986 or Ted Mitchener 765.621.0713.
- **Lanis Kineman will celebrate his 91st Birthday on October 2!** Lanis just returned to Clare Bridge Memory Care Center following rehab. Please help Lanis celebrate by sending a Birthday card to: Nancy Kineman, 13373 N. Plaza Del Rio Blvd., #5530, Peoria, AZ 85381.
- **If you are interested in playing Tennis** Contact Greg Stephenson at 765.313.2034.
- **Care Ministry Team meeting** - Oct. 9 @ 6:30 pm in the Friendship Room. Calling current team members plus anyone who has a passion for caring for our senior adult members here at Bethany. Contact Pastor Steve if you have questions.