

Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

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Topics

A.M. Bible Class:

Warning to pay attention! (Hebrews 2:1f)

A.M. Lesson:

Examine yourselves! (2 Corinthians 13:5)

P.M. Lesson:

We walk by faith, not by sight! (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Wednesday:

Singing

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

*Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2
Please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.*

The importance of using and developing your talents

John Cottrell

key verses: Ephesians 4:11-13, 16; Romans 12:4-5

I think sometimes when we think about talents, our minds point to things like someone being a really good song leader, teacher, or preacher. These are definitely skills that I am thankful people are blessed with. I will sometimes pray that I am thankful for an individual's talents and equally thankful the person is willing and is using that talent. Here are some talents that I believe most would agree they possess and can be used every day: the ability to be kind, thoughtful, encouraging, generous, patient, and thankful; these are talents we get the opportunity to use on a daily basis. Unfortunately, a lot of people do not take advantage of the simplest of opportunities to do these things. Most encounter several people each day and just a small compliment or "thank you" can brighten the spirits of others. We talk about living lives of gratitude because of what Jesus has done for each of us. We talk about being the hands of Jesus on earth today to help others. I just ask that in addition to talking about these things that we make a real effort to do them every day.

Highly skilled athletes who we sometimes think can just walk out onto the field and make amazing plays actually need constant repetition in practice to do these things. They spend hours preparing themselves to be physically fit and ensuring they get the most from their talents. We need to have the same mindset and take advantage of all possible resources to improve and maximize the talents we are blessed with.

A simple example for deacons and elders is to attend brotherhood seminars designed to improve our abilities in these very important servant roles. Reading and studying Scripture, spending time with those who share similar talents and learning from them, and seeking out other resources are all ways to improve our skills. Most importantly, putting your talents to use as often as possible will help you improve.

Remember, you were created by an awesome God who wants to and will use you for his glory. Be prepared to embrace your unique talents. God loves how he made you and loves you so much ... more than we can imagine. Be prepared to use your talents each and every day. Be prepared to improve your skills and talents. You want to be game-ready and maximize what you can do for the Lord.

Think. July 2015.

News

Sharron Cunningham is being treated for a thyroid condition. Her treatment includes taking a large dose of radioactive iodine which will force her to be antisocial until she no longer poses a danger of exposing others to radiation.

Prayer list:

*Dan Keele—mission work
 Sam Appleton—declining health
 Robin Richards—depression, back pain
 John Cunningham—cancer
 Norma Robinson—health
 Linda Boling—health
 H.L. Boling—general health and complications from leukemia
 Ken Knowlton—surgery recovery
 Tatyana Knowlton—macular degeneration
 Nic and Ani Self—health and personal needs*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Cody Bo & Dakota Brooks' Anniversary	3	4	5
6	7 Esther Atchley birthday	8 Mike & Sandy Cavasos' Anniversary	9 John Cunningham birthday	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Vernal equinox Fellowship meal	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday Dillon Waller birthday	26
27 Easter	28	29	30 Neil & Gloria Short's Anniversary	31		

