



September 20, 2020

Weekly Newsletter

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Lately lots of people have recommended books for me to read or videos for me to watch. I do not know if it is because we have had more quiet time on our hands with COVID or because the issues we are facing in our society are so big that we want to learn everything we can. I can't take it all in, but everything I have read or watched has been valuable to me. I enjoy learning more about the subject matter or content, but I also enjoy learning more about the person doing the recommending. I may not agree with the recommending person's opinion, whether I disliked it or liked it more than they did, but that matters little to me. I am just glad to learn more about the person.

I am always hesitant to recommend things to others. I feel like I am giving away something personal, and I fear their rejection of it because it will be a rejection of something special to me. My favorite restaurants are always out of the way where they may not even speak English; "I'm not used to food like that," is often the response. My favorite movies are often darker than what most like; "I go to the movies to be entertained," is what I hear back. My favorite books cause me to ask questions that people don't like to ask; "I didn't like the ending," is common. It is hard because if you didn't get that, you won't truly get me, and, vice versa, I won't truly get you. I will go a long time between recommendations if one of them does not connect like I thought it would.

May I recommend Jesus to you? I am going out a limb here because I do not know if you will see what I see in Jesus. I am convinced that you will find someone absolutely mesmerizing. You will find someone who defies all your expectations of who God is and what

reality is all about. In the light of his presence, you will see yourself more clearly than ever before, dragging out what has been hidden and healing what has been lingering.

Or maybe you won't. I am taking a risk not only in how you receive or reject Jesus, but also in how you receive or reject me. To follow Jesus was the most important and continues to be the most demanding decision I have ever made. If you reject him completely or if you accept him in a way that is too easy and light, I will be dismayed. And yet...may I recommend Jesus to you? I cannot help myself.



Prayer Requests

Debbie Peerson's niece – died tragically this week, **Jurhee Bench** – has pneumonia, **Buddy and Sharon Self's** daughter (Lisa Self) – has a blood clot and fluid in her lungs. She is home but monitoring her health carefully, **Shirley Simmons** – is scheduled for open heart surgery on September 25, **Kelly Seufferling** – has been diagnosed with breast cancer, **Bonnie Hamby** – is scheduled for cataract surgery on September 22, **Roger Cook family** – Roger's mother suffered a massive heart attack passed away last week. She lived in Texas, **Samantha Pollard's** cousin (Alison) – passed away last week, **Dave Nash** – is recovering from pneumonia, **Devastation of Hurricanes and Bill and Marlene** as they work with Disaster Relief, **Roger DeLoach's** sister in law (Colleen DeLoach) – had surgery for a paraoesophageal hernia and seems to be doing well. Please continue to pray, **Lillie Ramage** – has stage 4 pancreatic cancer, **Cathy Eldridge** – has some internal bleeding and some upcoming tests on her heart, **Linda Hyde's** mother (Willa Dean Haley) – is currently in hospice care, **Marina Belekoniyy** – from Ukraine has Hodgkin's lymphoma, **Jeannie Ewens's** daughter (Emily) – is awaiting results on a thyroid biopsy, **Flora Swartz's** friend (Joanie Green) – is still taking chemo pills, David Church – **Ben Church's** brother, **Andy Hester, Joel Morehead, Bruce Keeton, Jurhee Bench, Will Kreisel, Lena Bramlett**

Birthdays: September 20th – 26th

Alex Newbury – 21st

Joe Harber – 25th

Madison Herrington – 25th

Kensley Jones – 26th



Alex Newbury is turning 16!!!

Madison Herrington is turning 14!!!

Kensley Jones is turning 12!!!

Save the Date!!!

Saturday, October 3 @ 12PM – Baby Shower for Seth and Morgan Walker

We will serve a light lunch as we celebrate the entrance of baby girl Walker. Please RSVP to the church office.

There will be a drive by/drop off option if you would like to shower Morgan with a gift. But don't feel comfortable attending. Drop off will be available from 11:30AM-noon. Seth and Morgan are registered online @ <https://www.babylist.com/marleah15> Or go to www.babylist.com and click on "find registry". Then enter "Seth and Morgan Walker" as the full name.

Ladies' Classes:

Tuesday mornings @ 10AM

1st and 3rd Monday evenings @ 6:30PM

- Class will begin this Monday. If you plan to attend and would like me to get you a book, please let me know ASAP.



"We're in this together."

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