



Sermon Notes

Our Church's Original Purpose - To be known throughout Nichols Hills as a friendly church with a program to meet the needs of the entire community.

Our First Sunday School - Two weeks after our first worship service in the chapel on October 31, 1948, Sunday school classes were assembled. Forty-two people from kindergarten to adults gathered in groups around the chapel and in the two rooms provided by folding dividers at the back of the chapel. Sunday school grew so rapidly that in May, 1949, an old World War II army barracks was remodeled into four classrooms, a nursery, and a pastor's study.

The Great Commission - Matthew 28:18-20 - ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We connect to God in worship.

We connect to Others in a small group or Sunday School Class.

We Encourage One Another - Hebrews 10:24-25 - ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Stretcher Bearers - Mark 2:3-8 - ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

We Give Ourselves to the Lord - II Corinthians 8:3-7 - ³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints - ⁵ and this, not merely as we expected; **they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us,** ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

Tithing Increases My Faith in God - Malachi 3:10 - ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

The tithe teaches me that 90% with the blessings of God goes further than 100% without.

Things I would like to remember from today's sermon: _____
