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On Being a Dynamic Church By Pastor Brad

Many people enjoy being the center of attention. One day a computer programmer called his company and said he could not make it into work because there was a family crisis. The boss was a little suspicious, and so he called the employee's house to check on him.

A little boy answered the phone with a whisper, "Hello."

"Young man, is your daddy home?" "Yes." "May I talk to him?" To the surprise of the boss, the little boy whispered, "No."

Wanting to talk with an adult, the boss said, "Well, is your mommy home?" "Yes." "May I talk with her?" "No."

Knowing that it was unlikely that a child would be left home alone, he decided to leave a message with the person who might be watching the child. "Is there anyone besides you?"

"Yes, a policeman." Wondering what a cop was doing in his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?"

"No, he's busy." "Busy doing what?" "Talking to daddy and mommy ... and the fireman!"

With growing concern the boss was not sure what to do. He heard what sounded like a helicopter in the background and said, "What's that noise."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

What's happening in February?

February 6th
Commission Leaders
Prayer Event

February 12th
Couple Event

February 26th
Youth Event

“It’s a hello-copter.” The boss asked, “What’s going on there?” The boy’s whispered response was odd. “The search team just landed the hello-copter.” Alarmed and more than frustrated the boss asked, “Why are they there?”

The boy giggled, “They’re looking for me.”

The boy was enjoying all the attention he was generating. Most people rather enjoy receiving attention from others. Most people rather enjoy being noticed and acknowledged by others. Most people do not want to be completely ignored or relegated to obscurity. Knowing this, we can become a more dynamic and attractive church by making others feel like they’re the center of attention. We can enhance our reputation in the community and make a name for ourselves in the community by making the community the center of our attention. We can bless our colleagues at work, fellow students, teammates, and neighbors by making them the center of our attention. We can be a dynamic church, a church with impact, a church that encourages others to consider accepting the good news of Jesus by making them the center of our attention.

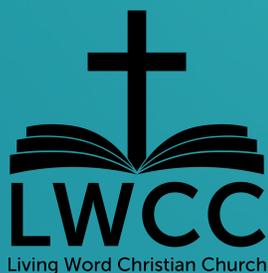
How can we dynamically make others the center of our attention? We can make others the center of our attention through kindness. Dynamic people and dynamic churches are marked by kindness. You may be intellectually brilliant when it comes to theology. You may sing like the angels when it comes to worship. You may devote hours upon hours and move mountains when it comes to prayer. Such things are good. But what will really get you noticed are your acts of kindness.

Upon being shipwrecked, Paul reports that “once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold” (Acts 28:1-2). A dynamic church is a church where people are known to have unusual kindness.

In Romans 12:10-13 it says “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” A dynamic church is a church where people honor one another above themselves.

Philippians 2:3-4 exhorts “in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” A dynamic church is a church where people put others first and makes others the center of attention.

Let’s make sure that we are not seeking to be the center of attention, but that we are making others the center of attention through our acts of kindness. Let’s do all we can to make LWCC a delightful and dynamic church family.



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