

## The Whole Story

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*"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."— Acts 20:27*

I heard about a group of servicemen who asked their new chaplain whether he believed in a real Hell for lost sinners.

He smiled and said, "No. I don't believe in that."

"Then you are wasting our time," they said. "If there is no Hell, we don't need you. And if there is a Hell, you are leading us astray. Either way, we are better off without you."

In our witness for the Lord, some of us are willing to talk about Him when the circumstances are right, but if there is any likelihood of embarrassment or ridicule, we keep quiet.

Or, there is a temptation to give out only part of the gospel. We want to tell people that God loves them. We want to tell people that Jesus can fill the void in their lives. We want to tell people about the joy of the Lord. These are great things, of course.

But we don't want to tell them there is a real place called Hell that is awaiting those who reject God's offer of forgiveness. We don't want to tell them that they can reap what they sow and face the full repercussions of their sin. That makes us uncomfortable.

If we are true Christians, we have to deliver this message. The apostle Paul didn't shrink from this. He said to the elders of the church at Ephesus, "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).

When was the last time you told someone the whole story? It may have made you uncomfortable. It may have made them uncomfortable. But wouldn't you rather they were a little uncomfortable but ultimately repented of their sin and put their faith in Christ? That is the most important thing of all.

## News and Notes

- Please join us for family fun night, Saturday, February 17. There will be food and fun. If you have an idea for a game night please let Shannon know.
- We will have a family picture day Sunday, March 11. These pictures are for the new directory. Receive a *free* 8x10 portrait, a printed directory, and a mobile directory just for having your picture taken. See Shannon to register.
- There will be a tri-state health churches workshop March 16-17 at the Goodland Church of Christ in Goodland KS. There is a flier on the board in the back.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email [prayer@scottsbluffchurchofchrist.org](mailto:prayer@scottsbluffchurchofchrist.org).

## Birthdays

Tina Rudy	03/03	Sonie Iversen	02/29
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If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

## Those Serving

### 2/4/2018

Opening Prayer	Jeremy	Announcements: Chris
Song Leader	Shane	Table: West Tim
Scripture Reader	Tim	Center Tom
Closing Prayer	Jay	East Gary
Devotion:	Shane	Preacher: Joe
		Song Leader: Tom

### 2/11/2018

Opening Prayer	Gary	Announcements: Shane
Song Leader	Chris	Table: West Tom
Scripture Reader	Jeremy	Center Gary
Closing Prayer	Shane	East Jay
Devotion:	Prayer	Preacher: Joe
		Song Leader: Shane