

NHC Variety Show

Wednesday,
9/25/19
6:30 p.m.

Pizza Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.



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Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Letters to My Church

How do you know if you've been successful?

It's a question I hate being asked. My work as a spiritual leader is far from concrete, and it's hard to measure success. But it's still important for me to have some rubric to perform self-critical evaluations.



Jakob Topper
Senior Pastor

I was aware of the irony when, on a mission trip a few years ago, I asked Julius Muthine, the chaplain of Sodzo International's farm and boys home in Kenya, that same question.

Sodzo's mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and restore young boys driven to the streets by poverty or abusive families. Sodzo nurtures them in a safe environment on a farm until they are rehabilitated enough to be reintegrated into society.

As the chaplain at Sodzo, one of Julius' many jobs is to meet with each boy once a week for counseling. While visiting their farm in Kenya, I asked Julius what his favorite aspect of his job was and he answered "counseling" without hesitation.

I followed up by asking how Julius evaluates his success as a counselor with these boys?

He launched into a rather thorough, clinical definition of counseling success. In the middle of the discourse, a twelve-year-old boy on the farm ran up to us and hugged Julius and then decided to hug me

as well before running off.

Julius stopped in mid-sentence and stood silently staring as the boy resumed playing soccer.

"That boy was sexually abused more than normal while living on the streets," Julius intoned. "He used to run whenever a man was around. Once, when he first came to the farm and was starving, he dropped a full plate of food on the floor and ran when a man walked into the meal hall.

"Now he hugs me, and he just hugged you, a male stranger. That is success."

Yes. It is.

Julius' work at Sodzo reminds me what is important. Too often I judge success by whether or not I complete all of the tasks on my to-do list each day. I should first ask how many of the tasks on my to-do list really matter.



Sure, I renewed my driver's license and replaced the air filter in my house, but was I kind to someone?

Did I do anything with my life today that made someone else's life better?

I want to live in such a way that the world is filled with more laughter, joy, and hope. I'm not exactly sure how to quantify my success, but it is a goal worth shooting for nonetheless.



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2019 OCC Interfaith Youth Tour



Date: Sunday, September 15, 2019

Tour Time: 1:00pm to 5:30pm

There will be a pizza lunch immediately after church and we will leave on the church bus as soon as possible after lunch.

Location: OKC First Church of the Nazarene, 4400 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City OK 73116

About: For the past eleven years, OCC has become regionally known for a project with a focus on children and youth education—in the form of the Interfaith Youth Tour. As part of this tour, students visit three diverse houses of worship to gain understanding and appreciation for other faith communities. Please plan to be a part of this year's experience!

This year's locations:

- Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma
- Nithyanandeshwara Vedic Temple of Oklahoma
- OKC First Church of the Nazarene (Event Host)

\$10 REGISTRATION INCLUDES: pizza lunch, transportation, event entry, event t-shirt, and snack

The event will begin at 1:00 pm @ OKC First Church of the Nazarene.

NHC Game Day Parking Fundraiser

- at the CBFO office
- this year funds will be for missions
- volunteers needed
- parking begins 2.5 hours before game

September home games:
 Sunday, 9/1 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, 9/7 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, 9/28 @ TBD

NHC Women's Night Out

Thursday, 9/12 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Sign up on Facebook or in the atrium.
 Invite your friends!



- September 2: Sheila Crabb
- September 2: Ashlyn Sexton
- September 2: Katie Elmore

September 3: Jameson Biles

September 5: Susan Miller

September 5: Mike Sexton

September 7: Jonathan Benenati

September 7: Micah Groves

September 7: Carl Jensen

September 9: Ginger Elliott Teague

September 9: Kerri Williams

September 12: Wayne Chambers

September 12: Barbara Foreman

September 16: Geoff Wilson

September 18: Kendra Groves

September 18: Gina Knowles

September 21: Shaun Beck

September 23: Tamara Lookabaugh

September 24: Christy Elmore

September 25: Pamela Duncan

September 26: Bill Bray

September 29: Josh Lester

MUSIC MATTERS



“Observations from Cadie”

Hi! I'm Cadie, a parti dachshund. Its been said I look like a dachshund in a beagle suit. I belong to Clay and Cheryl, who rescued me from a shelter about four years ago. After living in that shelter about four months, I was ready to be in a real home. My former owners told the shelter people that I didn't travel well and they were giving me up. Truthfully, I was ready for somewhere else. Those people scared me! It was a little scary going to a new home with humans I knew nothing about, but I figured it had to be better than that shelter with 65 other dogs! Clay and Cheryl welcomed me with open arms and I became their second dog. The other dog was a brown dachshund named Chase who was a lot of fun and a great snuggle buddy. We all wish he was still with us!

So, now I am Clay and Cheryl's only pet. I must admit I receive a lot of attention and may be just a little bit spoiled. A few months ago, they let me stay with the Divelbiss family while they took a little trip. Man, that was a blast! I loved meeting new friends. I am pretty timid around humans, but Ms. Kim spoiled me by allowing me to get on the 'big bed' along side Brutus and Elway (my bulldog buddies!) Soon I get to go back and stay again while my humans get away for a couple of days. This time, Mr. Cash is going to take care of me. (I hope he lets me get on the bed with the bullies...)

I know I am a lucky pup to have a small community of family and friends. Pets and humans, alike, need community. Cheryl tells me that she and Clay feel lucky to be part of the NorthHaven community. I have been to NHC a few times; usually my scaredness comes out and gets the better of me when other humans come around. So, I will just stick to the Tarter and Divelbiss families for now. They are my community where I feel loved and cared for. Cheryl says that is what NorthHaven is for humans. It is important to give and receive love. Seems to me love is necessary for all God's creatures to thrive. Cheryl tells me that just like its hard for me to show love to humans I don't know, it is also hard for humans to show love to other humans they don't know very well. It is risky! You have to be vulnerable! Yikes! I better just stick with getting to know other dogs!

One of Cheryl's favorite hymns is "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love." In fact, I have heard her favorite version sung by Cynthia Clawson several times. It speaks to loving others, working together, made possible by the love of Christ and His Holy Spirit. It's a pretty cool song. You should check it out. Living with Cheryl, I get to hear a LOT of music! Boy, could I tell you some stories. Another time, maybe.

Well, its about time for a nap, so remember, we ALL need community. We ALL need to share love and TREATS with each other. Just FYI, I am partial to those green minty treats. Next time you see me, I'll probably be too shy and scared to let you near me, but remember to show love and care to each other.

Live for Love! (and treats!)
 Cadie, as transcribed by Cheryl