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# *Session 6*

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Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 8:30 AM | Hagee Dining Hall

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:30 AM	Devotion	
8:45 AM	Funerals	Chad Dunford
9:30 AM	Weddings	Rodney Vickers
10:15 AM	Sacraments	Rodney Vickers
11:00 AM	Baby Dedications	Chad Dunford
11:45 AM	Lunch	
1:15 PM	Excellent Ministry	Jaret White
2:00 PM	Conflict Management	Travis Gore
3:00 PM	Closing & Prayer	Travis Gore

## Upcoming MIP Dates

- ◆ March 9, 2024
- ◆ April 6, 2024
- ◆ May 4, 2024
  
- ◆ May 17-18, 2024      Commissioning Celebration – Cleveland, TN

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*Funerals*

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# Foundations For Funerals

by Pastor Chad Dunford

1. \_\_\_\_\_ with the family.

- Make a \_\_\_\_\_
- Plan a \_\_\_\_\_
- Deliver \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ with the funeral home and congregation.

- Clarify the family's \_\_\_\_\_
- Clarify \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Clarify your \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ and committal

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ the service with family and team members.

- Meet with family to \_\_\_\_\_ the service
- \_\_\_\_\_ the family through \_\_\_\_\_ and other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ the order of service

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WEDDINGS

What is our theology of marriage?

A \_\_\_\_\_ to marriage will cause us to see the wedding as just another hoop to jump through on the way to two people having the same last name and being able to file their taxes jointly.

A \_\_\_\_\_ to marriage sees the wedding ceremony as an act of worship before God.

First Things First

What is the very first thing that you do when asked by a couple to perform their wedding ceremony?

- I discuss the necessity of \_\_\_\_\_
- Premarital counseling provides me as the pastor to establish a rapport with the couple as their pastor and it enables me to equip them for the challenge of marriage that lies ahead.
- The premarital counseling requirement will also insulate the pastor from becoming a vendor who performs weddings for whomever, whenever, and wherever.
- Premarital counseling also offers a built-in speed bump that brings a moment of pause for those who are entering into matrimony with a flippant attitude.

Good premarital counseling can do two things:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Both outcomes are preferable to the issues which arise if marriage is entered into too swiftly and without godly counsel.

Book Recommendations: Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts, His Needs, Her Needs, The Five Love Languages.

The Ceremony

1. Greeting and Statement of Purpose
  - This is a \_\_\_\_\_ moment for the bride and groom and for those who are in attendance.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_



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2. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bride (Couple and the Dad are still facing the minister.)
  - Who gives this woman to be joined together with this man? Response: Her mother and I or I do.
3. Prayer of \_\_\_\_\_
  - In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
4. Declaration of Intent and Marriage Vows
  - Minister asks the couple to \_\_\_\_\_. The significance of holding right hands is symbolic with regard to the formation of the marriage \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The minister will make a statement regarding the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage and the distinction between covenantal relationships and contractual relationships.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ can be traditional, or they can be more contemporary or even contributed by the couple. My personal recommendation is that they need to be submitted to the pastor prior to the ceremony. This allows the minister to know if the vows written by the couple cover the essentials of what marriage vows should communicate.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Ceremony
  - Some emphasis placed on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ring. It's continuity as a circle with no ending. Minister is again asking each spouse to repeat after him or her. "With this ring, I thee wed. And with all my worldly possessions, I thee endow."
  - "In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Ceremony
7. Prayer of Blessing (Couple facing the minister.)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Couple facing minister.)
  - "Those whom God has joined together, let no man separate." Basically, a review of the ceremony in ceremonial language.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ ending. You may now kiss your bride.
9. Pronouncement of the Bride and Groom (Couple facing congregation)





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***Sacraments***  
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## SACRAMENTS

### What are the Sacraments?

#### 1. Water Baptism

- Why is it important? \_\_\_\_\_
- It was also commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:19.
- What does it represent?
  - It is a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ representation of an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ reality. Namely that we as believers in Christ as our crucified and risen Savior, have been buried and risen with Christ.
- It is also a public declaration of one's faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior and an identification with the Church as His Body.
- Who should be baptized in water?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ who has made a profession of faith in Jesus as their Savior and who understand the meaning of the practice and after teaching, can articulate what it means and why it is important.
- Should we baptize \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Without question, but we need to confirm that they completely understand the meaning of what they are doing.
- Should someone seek to be baptized more than once?
  - If after a period of being away from the Lord, they feel a need to do as Scripture states in Revelation 2:5, and \_\_\_\_\_ their first works, then sure.
- Should we \_\_\_\_\_ water baptism?
  - Water-baptism is best celebrated with the entire congregation in attendance and in agreement with the proceedings.
- How should we baptize them?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ statement of faith
  - We believe that each candidate should be baptized according to the Matthew 28:19 baptismal formula commanded by Jesus. We baptize in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Other matters: Dress, Hand-Placement and Assistance





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### 2. Communion

- Theology: Also known as the \_\_\_\_\_, Communion is the celebration of Jesus Christ as the \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain for the remission of our sins.
- As Pentecostal/Evangelical believers, we do not believe that the bread and the juice actually \_\_\_\_\_ the body and blood of Christ.
- We do not believe that receiving Communion imparts \_\_\_\_\_ to the recipient.
- We also don't subscribe to the belief that receiving Communion or the Communion elements have any \_\_\_\_\_ properties to them.
- The bread and the juice are \_\_\_\_\_ of the body and blood of Christ.
- It is to be practiced reverently and upon Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27-30, we are to advise all who participate to do so after \_\_\_\_\_. Like water-baptism, receiving Communion is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ which identifies the recipient as a follower of Jesus.
- Communion is also a celebration which acknowledges one's membership in the Body of Christ that is the Church, and one's connection with other members of that Body.
- Communion speaks to \_\_\_\_\_ within the Body.
- Communion should always be celebrated in a spirit of unity.
- Practice: There is no hard and fast rule concerning \_\_\_\_\_ of Communion. Many churches choose to do so monthly. Maintaining the \_\_\_\_\_ of the occasion is paramount as it relates to frequency.
- There is no rule as to when Communion is celebrated within the service, but it should be seen as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the service. \_\_\_\_\_ is a powerful tool to create context for Communion. Songs should communicate themes of the Cross, the Blood of Jesus, the Church, and Unity.

### 3. Foot Washing

- Foot Washing in Scripture
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ after the example of Jesus.
- Jesus also alludes to the cleansing power of confession and forgiveness that remains available for those who are already saved.
- Jesus tells Peter that He had given him an example of servanthood that he should follow.

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- Practice in the Church: Foot washing is a great way to \_\_\_\_\_ the Church on servanthood. It can be used as an instrument of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Prayer for the Sick
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ practiced within our services.
  - Involve \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Prayer the prayer of \_\_\_\_\_. (James 5:14-16)

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***Baby  
Dedications***  
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# Foundations For Baby Dedications

by Pastor Chad Dunford

1. \_\_\_\_\_ important details.

- What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby dedication?
- What are your \_\_\_\_\_?
- What should parents/guardians \_\_\_\_\_?

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2. **Include** the dedication within your order of service.

(Baby Dedication Flow)

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3. Offer a \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate the occasion.

- \_\_\_\_\_ as many \_\_\_\_\_ as reasonably possible
- \_\_\_\_\_ the couple through timing and other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ the order of the ceremony

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Additional Notes:

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# WINCOG Communication

## CHILD DEDICATION

We are excited that you are interested in dedicating your child to the Lord. The purpose of Child Dedication is for parents to present their child before God and the church, committing to seek after His grace and wisdom in carrying out their responsibilities. At Winchester Church of God Child Dedication is reserved for children up to age 6.

We believe Psalm 127:3, which says “Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.” Child Dedication is a time for us to celebrate and thank God for the gift of your children. It’s also a time for you, as parents, to commit to model what following Jesus looks like and to raise your children to understand that they are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, to believe that the Bible is absolute Truth, and to know the importance of committing to a community of faith through the local church.

## PARENT COMMITMENTS

During the dedication service, parents promise before God, their family, and the church to raise their child in a God-honoring way. Because parents are the key role models for their children, we ask that they commit to the following before dedicating their child:

- Parent(s) have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Parent(s) are members of WINCOG at the time of registration and are faithfully attending WINCOG’s weekend services.
- Parent(s) agree with our church’s beliefs and values, which can be found in our Statement of Faith.
- Parent(s) commit to modeling personal purity and to lead by example in matters of faith and conduct. That means living a life of sexual purity according to God’s standards.

## COMMON QUESTIONS

### **Is there an age limit for Child Dedication?**

Winchester Church of God will dedicate any child up to age 6 whose parents have made the above commitments. Water Baptism should be considered for children aged 7 and over.

### **Do I need to be a member to dedicate my child?**

Winchester Church of God requires that parent(s) presenting their child for dedication must be members of the church at the time of registration. (Please note that membership is acquired by completing Connection Track.) When dedicating your child to God, you are stating that you are willing to partner with God and the church to raise your child in cooperation with God’s intentions. As your church family, we are here to partner with you as the body of Christ and support you as a family unit.



# Baby Dedication Flow

At the end of the first song . . .

## PRAYER

“ . . . let’s take our needs to the Lord today . . . AMEN . . . Please Be Seated.”

## DEDICATION

“Today is a special day for many of our families . . . today is a day of dedication of their children to the Lord . . .”

“What we believe about baby/child dedication . . . No salvific value . . . dedication does not secure salvation . . . they are innocent until the age of accountability . . . knowledge of good and evil . . . **Parents/Guardians, this dedication is more for you.**”

## (ON SCREEN)

**(Psalm 127:3)** “Behold children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward.”

**(Proverbs 22:6)** “Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.”

“Today’s dedication is about . . .”

1. A Confirmation of your love for God.
2. A Clarification of ownership.
3. A Commitment to train your child/children.
4. A Claiming of God’s will for your child/children.

## PRAYER

“Congregation, please stand as we pray for each of these . . .”

“Families, you may return to your seats . . . Give them a hand . . .”

## WELCOME GUESTS / CONNECT CARDS

“Please turn and greet four or five people today . . . welcome them . . . Let’s continue to worship the Lord!”

## WORSHIP/SINGING

## MESSAGE

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*Excellent Ministry*

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## EXCELLENT MINISTRY:

-Ministry is all about \_\_\_\_\_

*Colossians 3:23-24 NKJV*

*And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*

Why ministry isn't excellent:

1. Things aren't that \_\_\_\_\_ (Why do we need to improve? People still come... )
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ looks fine to me
3. If they want to know where something is... \_\_\_\_\_
4. We are a charitable, volunteer institution. People don't expect as much from us.
5. We don't have \_\_\_\_\_ to do more
6. New people might come take my \_\_\_\_\_
7. I like it the way it is

*Nothing is changed by a mediocre performance  
-John Maxwell*

Characteristics of Excellent Ministry:

1. Excellent Ministry \_\_\_\_\_  
"Things don't go \_\_\_\_\_, they \_\_\_\_\_ wrong"

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2. Excellent ministry has a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_

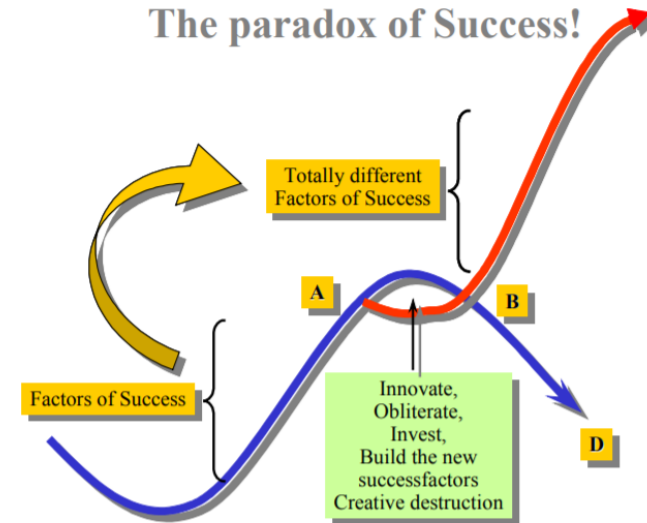
- Culture changes every \_\_\_ years, churches change every \_\_\_ years
- The \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't change, but the \_\_\_\_\_ does

*Mathew 4:19 "And He said to them, 'Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.'"*

- Willingness to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Willingness to follow a new \_\_\_\_\_.
- Willingness to change \_\_\_\_\_.
- Willingness to change \_\_\_\_\_.
- Willingness to accept \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark 2:22** “No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins as well; but one puts new wine into new wineskins.”

Sigmoid Curve



Bron: Sigmoid's curve, 1997; Escape from S-cataz, P. Robertson, 2003, bewerkt Envisioning, 2003

3. Excellent ministry continually \_\_\_\_\_.

“When you realize the \_\_\_\_\_ of little things, you realize there are no \_\_\_\_\_”

**Song of Solomon 2:15** “Catch the little foxes for us, the little foxes who are spoiling the vineyards, while our vineyards are in blossom”

- It is better to \_\_\_\_\_ people and lose them than to not \_\_\_\_\_ them and keep them.
- Who does what, when.

The \_\_\_\_\_ you get, the \_\_\_\_\_ you have to think. Congregants still walk in, one at a time.

4. Excellent ministry leads with \_\_\_\_\_

- If your \_\_\_\_\_ does not fuel your \_\_\_\_\_ at the proper level, you will not pay the personal price to become the pastor you have the potential to be.

**1)** Have you lost your \_\_\_\_\_ to see things grow? (There is no end to passionate ministry.)

- 2) Are you no longer willing to make personal \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3) Do you wake up on your day off with a \_\_\_\_\_ feeling?
- 4) Is personal \_\_\_\_\_ no longer a priority in your life?
- 5) Are you beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ in fulfilling basic responsibilities?
- 6) Does your work feel more like a \_\_\_\_\_ than a cause?
- 7) Have you lost your sense of \_\_\_\_\_?

**THE GUARANTEED RESULTS FROM LOSING PASSION:**

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ vision
- B) \_\_\_\_\_ morale
- C) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities
- D) \_\_\_\_\_ that are unsolved
- E) \_\_\_\_\_ ceases to be fun

Make a \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to live with passion.

- Passion for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Passion for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Passion for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Passion for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Passion for the \_\_\_\_\_.

***“Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not one straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.” - John Wesley***

5. Excellent ministry brings \_\_\_\_\_.  
Have you clearly and effectively articulated to yourself and others the value of your ministry?

*Efficiency is getting the job done right. Effectiveness is getting the right job done. Excellence is getting the right job done well. -Zig Ziglar*

What areas in my ministry am I operating with excellence?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

What areas are not being done with excellence and need to be changed?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

How can I fix these areas?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_





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