

MESSENGER



What To Do During the Invitation?

Pastor Klayton

Each week, I conclude my sermon with an invitation. The invitation goes by different names; you may know it as an altar call or a time of reflection. My favorite term that describes the invitation is responding to God's expectations. God's word has spoken, the passage has been preached, and during that last song, people are given the opportunity to choose to do what God expects. The invitation is when the Holy Spirit moves the knowledge you gained from the text from your head to your heart. So what should you be doing during the invitation?

Be Praying

The moment the sermon ends and the invitation begins, you should be fervent in prayer. Pray that the Lord would save someone. Pray that Satan would be restricted from preventing every man, woman, boy, and girl from making a decision. Pray that those receiving the invitation, Anthony and I, would be equipped to serve and counsel those who come forward. Use the lyrics from the song of invitation to guide your prayer. Pray for all distractions in the room to cease. Be fervent in prayer during the entire invitation time.

Be Patient

Do you usually use the invitation time to check your phone or prepare lunch plans? Do you check out and desire to leave? I urge you to be patient during the invitation. Some would argue that this is the most important time of the service—the opportunity to watch people go from death to life, the time when wayward Christians get right with the Lord, and the moment when the brokenhearted are mended by Christ. Instead of getting a head start to the parking lot, slipping out to use the bathroom, or starting to ponder what you'll do for lunch, use this time to remain patient and prayerful.

Be Ready

The moment the sermon ends and the invitation begins, you need to be ready. Be ready to answer questions or encourage another person. Every week, the hope is if you're inviting someone to church. Be ready to answer their questions about the gospel. I'd encourage you to take your guest to lunch after the service to allow an intentional conversation about the gospel as well. Be ready to probe your guest about their eternal state. Also, be ready to encourage your fellow saint. Going to the front can be nerve-racking for some; be ready to step down the pew or across the aisle to pray with your fellow saint.

Be Contemplative

Not only are you to be praying, patient, and ready, but you are also to be contemplative during the invitation. Just because you're a church member, have been baptized, have been faithful in your tithing, or have been a deacon for five decades, does not mean that you're saved or that you don't need to choose to follow God's expectations. During the invitation time, contemplate your eternal state. Do you know that you know that you know that you are saved? Have you truly given your heart and life to Jesus? There is nothing embarrassing about being honest about your eternal state and putting your faith and trust in Jesus. During the invitation, make sure that you know that you have been born again. Contemplate your walk as well. Have you been walking according to the desires of God? Did the Holy Spirit convict you with something from the passage preached? Should you have been convicted, but your apathy prevented it? These are questions to ask during the time of invitation.

Conclusion

The time of invitation is not just how we wrap up our service. It's a time when we all choose to live our lives in light of what God said in His word. What we do during this time matters!



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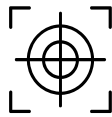
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A New Church Logo...



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Greetings in Christ!

I'm excited to take a moment to share with you our new logo design. Many of you have probably already seen it on our Sunday morning bulletins.

Our updated logo doesn't change who we are, but I feel that this is a modern representation of who we are here at Range Hills Baptist Church, and also demonstrates our commitment to Christ!

I believe that God will continue to bless us tremendously and our needs will be met. God has already blessed each of us in so many ways. Thank you everyone!

Jennifer

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A Year at Range Hills...

Beloved saints, this past July, I celebrated one year of preaching at Range Hills Baptist Church, and at the end of November, I'll celebrate one year as your pastor. The Lord has certainly done a lot this year, and I am super grateful for all the Lord has provided. As I write to you, I want to begin by looking back. At the beginning of this year, we had a conference called "Evangelize or Fossilize," and during it, we dedicated ourselves to the task of evangelism.

This year, we evangelized twice at Shelby Farms Park, we were a part of the worldwide International Day of Evangelism when we preached John 3:16, we emphasized the need for salvation on Easter, we had an incredible VBS, and we saw an amazing turnout for our Father's Day cookout. Most encouraging of all, every Sunday night, we discussed witnessing testimonies and encouraged each other to be soul-winners.

I also want to look *ahead*. We have many things coming up, all of which we can use for evangelism. On August 17th, we're having our Homecoming. Dr. Scott Colter, Chairman and CEO of the Danbury Institute, will preach, and then we'll have a potluck to follow. This is a great day to invite friends to hear the gospel message. Then, in October, we're going to be doing a special evangelism outreach for Halloween. In November, we'll have our Thanksgiving meal together like we did last year. In December, we're going to try to have a Christmas-related evangelism outreach. All of these things are opportunities for us to take seriously the task of evangelism. Then, coming around in January, we'll have our second "Evangelize or Fossilize" conference to dedicate ourselves to the task once again.

I then want to look at the *present*. This month, we showed our new church logo. Jennifer Brown put a lot of work and effort into designing this logo that represents who we are. At the bottom

of the logo, you'll see our vision statement: Text-Driven, Christ-Centered, and Others- Focused. Our updated logo represents who we already are: a church dedicated to the word of God, dedicated to Christ, and dedicated to putting others first. Our updated logo doesn't change who we are, but reminds us of who we are. Our updated logo also represents where we are going.

Range Hills Baptist Church is dedicated to fulfilling our Great Commission responsibilities in the city of Memphis, and we know we can only do that if we're driven by Scripture, centered on Christ, and focused on others.

The Lord has done many great things over this past year, but He will continue to do more. The Lord is faithful. The Lord has helped us thus far. Let's continue to serve Him.

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HOMECOMING CELEBRATION!

**Dr. Scott Colter will be our guest preacher
and we will finish with a potluck lunch!**

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM Worship Service

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