



A Message from Rev. Tom Ficklin



I have just returned from Jerry Freeman's funeral. One man sure made an amazing impact on many lives. As Robert Johns so ably noted, "he was a tireless worker for Christ." We are all better people for having known him. Now, acknowledging his winter passion, you do know that it is only 6 months to Christmas... bet you could hear Jerry's deep hearty laugh when I said that.

I had one person ask me, "who will do what Jerry used to do?" I cannot answer that question. When Jesus left, he left eleven men with instructions. Those eleven men, plus one they added, turned the world upside down.

Jesus' model for Christian service counts on all of us to do what we can do, when we can, where we are, every day. No one will ever take Jerry's place, but someone, or some ones, will step into the roles he filled. Jesus has enabled all of us with the Holy Spirit who will work to help us understand what our gifts are in The Kingdom.

Our faith is not a sit back and watch faith. Even if we are a little older than average, God still has tasks we can do in The Kingdom. Those tasks may not be what we used to be able to do, but the tasks we can do now are just as important. If for no other reason, those tasks are important because God has asked you to do them. Please serve Him fully and well and often.

Galatians 6:9-10⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

