



WORDS FROM
Pastor Randy

Perhaps you've heard about that church where the Pastor and Song Leader were not getting along. Their disagreement began to spill over into the worship service. One week the Pastor preached on commitment, and how we should dedicate ourselves to serving God. The Song Leader got up and led the hymn: "**I Shall Not Be Moved.**"

The next Sunday, the sermon was about giving and how we should gladly give to the work of the Lord. The Song Leader followed it with the song: "**Jesus Paid It All.**"

The next Sunday, the Pastor preached on gossiping and how we should all watch our tongues. The Song Leader led the song: "**I Love To Tell The Story.**"

The Pastor became very disgusted over the situation, and the next Sunday told the congregation that he was considering resigning. The Song Leader then led, "**Oh, Why Not Tonight.**"

As it came to pass, the Pastor resigned and the next week informed the church that it was Jesus that led him there and it was Jesus that was taking him away. The Song Leader concluded the service by singing, "**What A Friend We Have in Jesus.**"

I am so grateful that we don't have those kinds of problems here at First Saks. I am thankful to God for the wonderful music that we enjoy and for the spirit of cooperation in which it is presented. We have some of the finest singers and musicians you'll hear anywhere, right at the First Baptist Church of Saks. AMEN!

Heaven forgive us when we take it for granted. Some Sundays, I don't know how we sit on our pews with our arms folded during such glorious music. I guess that it's easy to take a good thing for granted and never appreciate it until it's gone. I have often said that it would do most of us good to be "sentenced" for 3 months to an old dead church where the soloists sound like hoot owls with post-nasal-drip and nobody cares if they're on key or not. I'll guarantee that we'd come back home to Saks very thankful for the music we have!

This is a great opportunity for me to express my appreciation to Brother Randall and all of his musical staff that does such a great job Sunday after Sunday. Lest anybody get the idea that it's all just a performance, these people work hard in giving their very best to honor the Lord with the talents that He has given them.

Celebration Choir and Orchestra, you are the very best! We don't say it enough. We also appreciate all of the folks that serve on our Media Production team. They work hard behind the scenes to get the audio and video just right.

It's been a privilege to serve beside Brother Randall for these past 2 years. He is so careful to select music that honors Jesus and accentuates the message from God's Word. I understand why he is so honored and revered among the To all of you music makers . . . Keep up the great work and be assured that your "*labor is not in vain in the Lord.*"

See you in church!

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