

Divine Dominoes

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At some point in your life, you may have carefully lined up dominoes and enjoyed the chain reaction of tipping one over, right?

Chapter 1 of the gospel according to John introduces a divine domino effect. I love seeing John the Baptist tipping people like Andrew toward Jesus. Then Andrew tips his brother Simon Peter to the Lord. Philip tips Nathaniel to Him, too, and so on.

Today, the disciple-making domino effect continues. God uses ordinary people like Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathaniel to tip others to the Savior.

I praise God for the divine domino effect in my life. Who was the domino who tipped you toward the Lord?

This doesn't all depend on us. Jesus explains in John 6:44–45a that God the Father teaches and draws people to God the Son. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God."

We can be confident that as we nudge people, God may already be tipping them to Jesus. Paul often calls this process a "mystery." That's why he calls his friends in Ephesus to pray for him, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:18–19).

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Blessed be the
God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ

Ephesians 1:3

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope Part 2

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #415 We Are Called to be God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn #433 Rise Up o Church of God

Hymn #434 Revive us Again

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Sermon

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-10

"A Little Help"

Pastor Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #419 The Family of God

Don't forget to Shine, Shine, Shine!

Covenant News

Ask Ron about our new hearing enhancements.

Don't miss a word of the sermon!

Covenant's ministry for August is the Food4Kids Backpack Program.

We will also be collecting paper goods and toiletries for PineGrove Retirement Apartments. Pine Grove.

Covenant provided 12,000 meals through the Bread of the Mighty Food bank in July.

Have a Laugh!

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

Three Pastors in the south were having lunch in a diner.

One said "Ya know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything-noise, spray, cats-nothing seems to scare them away. Another said "Yea, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

The third said, "I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since!!!"

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