

# Sharing Our Faith

Recently I was asked by a brotherhood publication to write an article on MENTORING. Since all of us can & should mentor (influence) others, I thought I would share my article here. Due to the length of the article, I will share it over the space of two bulletins. Here is part #1 of my mentoring article...

From the Oxford English Dictionary, a Mentor is defined as an experienced and trusted adviser. In my 44 years of serving as a minister, I have reaped the benefits of receiving rich instruction and the wonderful encouragement of mentors. Now, as an older preacher, I am trying to pay it back by mentoring young preachers. That brings me to an important question. What constitutes a good mentor? I want to be a good mentor so how do I achieve my goal?

First, I believe a good mentor is one who lives for Jesus 24/7. I cannot help the next generation of preachers if I am not modeling true dedicated Christianity. Paul wrote, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1 NKJV) Paul was urging his readers to follow him as he followed the Lord. If the young men I am hoping to impact cannot see the evidence of Jesus in my personal life, how can I expect to help them grow in ministry? It is definitely not *do as I say* but it is *do as I do*.

Next, a good mentor is one who does not expect carbon copies. While I try my very best to model faithfulness, I also realize that each preacher is his own man. He must complete his ministry tasks in the way that best fits him and not me. These young preachers must serve in the way that is best suited for their personality and their own abilities. What works for me may not work for them. For example, I am a detailed planner, having most days planned down to the very hour of what I will be doing. I do this to complete as many tasks as possible. While that works for me quite well, that detailed planning might not work for everyone. For some, a more relaxed approach works best.

I also believe a good mentor is one who makes himself available. The very best mentor I ever had was a very wise elder who took me under his wing when I was just starting out in ministry some 44 years ago. No matter what hour it was, I knew I could call, bounce ideas off him and receive great instruction. This man kept me from making many early mistakes in my ministry. He helped me to learn how to deal with people and their problems. He was there for me whenever I needed him and that need popped up many times.

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## 10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Carl Johnson  
Song Leader.....Danny Griffith

#270 - "He Lives"  
#129 - "Each Step I Take"

Prayer.....Kenny Ward

#764 - "When We Meet in Sweet Communion"

Scripture Reading/Prayer  
Mark Livingston / John Tolleson  
**COMMUNION**

#333 - "In the Land of Fadeless Day"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Billy Hayes

"A Ruler talks to the King"  
John 18:38

#389 - "Let Him Have His Way with Thee"  
#72 - "Beyond the Sunset"

Prayer.....Bill Brannon

## 6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Carl Johnson  
Song Leader.....Danny Griffith

#660 - "There Is a Habitation"  
#730 - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayer.....Scott Griffith

#752 - "When My Love to Christ Grows Weak"

Scripture Reading/Prayer  
Mark Livingston / John Tolleson  
**COMMUNION**

#438 - "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Billy Hayes  
Psalm 26 - "The Life of a Child of God"  
Psalm 26:11-12

#95 - "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"  
#66 - "Beautiful"

Prayer.....Bill Brannon

APRIL ELDER / DEACON:  
BILL BRANNON / RICK PALMER  
APRIL FOOD COORDINATORS:  
Martha Dean & Amy Griffith

## Children's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Teens - Room #118 (Begins on 5/1)

First Principles  
Billy Hayes / Tim Togami

9th - 12th - MPB  
Tim Wiener / Tim Togami

7th/8th - room#113  
Clayton Wells

5th/6th - room#115  
Kenny Ward

3rd/4th - room#114  
Richard/Heather Anderson

1st/2nd - room#104  
Denise Wiemer

Kindergarten - room#108  
Diana Ward

PreK - room#107  
Kerry McCormick

18 mo.-3 yrs. - room#105  
Jennifer Pogue

3-18 months. - room#106  
Martha Dean

## Adult's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult class - Auditorium  
"GENESIS: New Beginnings"  
Michael Cox

Young Adults/College Age (18-25 yrs.)  
"First Principles" - Room #116  
Jonathan Bonde

Adult class - Rm# 112/Library  
"First Principles"  
Carl Johnson

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**Our Record: 4/17/2022**

9:00 AM Bible Class.....106  
10:00 AM Worship.....289  
PM Worship.....125  
Wed. Bible Class.....97  
Contribution.....\$19,792.00

~Hearing Assistance Available~ Please ask for a receiver from the sound room

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*Welcomes you!*

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knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,<sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.  
2 Peter 1:20-21







Yeah, but what about...

When a boy and girl start to date, perhaps they are not thinking about marriage. However, as they date longer their minds explore that fact. "I love you, me too..." Then a day rolls around to which a young man asks the father of his girlfriend if he can have his daughter as his bride. The engagement process begins and so does the wedding planning (mostly by the bride). On that day, he looks up the aisle and sees her in all her beauty walking down to him to be wed. What a wonderful and emotional day. A new family is established there. (When you say "I do", you did!) With all the ups and downs, a strong family is conceived.

As life trudges on, there will be highs. Birth of children, anniversaries, vacations and day trips all build a memory bank to which we often reflect and smile, understanding those great times together. There will also be lows in this relationship. Tragic days and events, death and disagreements also mark our lives. But, what happens when it seems like trouble has moved in to my marriage? What happens when my marriage is dissolved by my choice and not by the regulations of God, which is death?

Only one reason is given by God for a marriage to be destroyed without death. That is an illicit sexual relationship outside of the bounds of marriage, known as adultery. In this case, only the faithful spouse has the God- given right to marry again. The guilty party has no right to marriage again. Our society is full of incorrect adulterous relationships masquerading as marriage.

When this subject is brought up, question automatically arise. "Yeah, but what about..." is generally how the question begins. I am going to publish in this article the answer to every question about the idea of this next relationship. MATTHEW 19:1-11. Matthew 19:9 is generally how we answer, however the context of verses 1-11 give the overwhelming reason. When any reason other than what is stated in this passage, that reason is WRONG. That relationship is not a God sanctioned relationship and this relationship is sinful. At times, folks can learn the truth about this relationship and say, "but I cannot leave..." Those folks need to be told clearly that the choice to stay in this relationship is to choose the relationship OVER God.

One man, One woman for One lifetime with One Exception.

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CAMP SIGN-UPS IN FOYER & ONLINE FOR CAMPERS & STAFF PLEASE SIGN-UP ASAP!

2022 Graduating High School Seniors:

- Mack Bobo
  - Raney Foster
  - Peyton Garner
  - Elliot Hutzel
  - Hannah Landrum
- Thomas Livingston
  - Madison McNeill
  - Izzy Shelton
  - Andy Tolleson

Involve Yourself, Contribute, Take Part, Share...

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE: facebook.com/airportroad

Every morning @ 7AM - 'GENESIS: New Beginnings'

-an online study with Michael Cox

Every evening @ 9PM - "Acts: Then & Now"

-an online Bible study with Michael Cox

Every Friday @ 7PM (Teens)

-"What I wish I had known when I was your age."

TODAY! SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- PARENT HOSTED DEVO•7:15-9 pm•MPB•Bring desserts!

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

- TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION•11:30 am•MPB•Bring a lunch!

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

- PROM ALTERNATIVE (GRADES 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>)•Be @MPB by 5:30 pm for pictures– Will return to the MPB & stay till Midnight (*Girls please have dress approval by Wednesday, 4/20 Text pictures of your dress to April Bonde or Julia Togami*)

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- TUESDAY LADIES' MAY BIRTHDAYS•11:30 am

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- LADIES' DIGGING DEEP BIBLE STUDY•6 pm•MPB•Bring Snacks!

MONDAY, MAY 9

- YOUTH DEVO•6-8 pm•MPB

FRIDAY, MAY 13

- SENIOR TABLES & MPB SET UP FOR SENIOR SUNDAY•10am –2pm•MPB (MPB will also be open on Sat., 5/14 from 10am –2pm)

SUNDAY, MAY 15

- SENIOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & MEXICAN POT-LUCK •11:20 am •MPB •Please bring your favorite Mexican dishes, sides, desserts & drinks

PRAYER REQUESTS

MEMBERS

Mike/Shirley Baka•Bill/Cyndi Crow  
Ola Freibolt•Anna Foster•Art Frenzel  
Louise Honeycutt•Tina Jeffcoat  
Alvena Jones•Carla March  
Roger/Jane Needham •Glenda Pannell  
Karen Pate•Leslie Pate  
David Pendleberry •Carolyn Scott  
Freddie Sharpe•Mickey Shultz  
Paul Wallace•Kay Ward•Donna Wedsted  
Richard/Sylvia Wright

- Cook, Henry (Medication side effects & prevents him from driving)
- Goins, Kylee [(D.Griffith's granddaughter) Will see neurologist]

SHUT-INS

Geraldine Bledsoe•Norman/Joyce Bonde  
Wanda Cope•LaVonne Depew  
Marcelle Green•Charlie Pate  
Lowell Gadberry•Lorene Prescott  
Joyce Walker

FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER

Marisela Bice•Jan Brewer•Kristyn Cooley  
Mariah Green•David Hill•Kirsten James  
Phyllis Madlen•Nancy Myers  
Dickey Plymale•Mitzi Robinson  
Kevin Steed•Sherry Stratton•Gene Taylor  
Andrea Thompson•Delorious Tolleson  
Mike Wacaster•Janice Wilcox

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- Nigeria/Sekeme Ekaiko/Chad Wagner
- Pacific Islands/Randy & Sharon English

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- Bernard, Heidi -GCSO/Patrol Deputy
- Cox, John
- Crow, Jake, (Army Nat'l Guard) Little Rock, AR
- Gay, Rhett (AF) McConnell AFB, Wichita, KS
- Pianalto, Nick (Navy) Japan
- Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- Wells, Andrew GCPD/HSPD

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ben Beach•Kalli Brashears•Evalene Bright  
Garrison Crane•Paula Crippen•Kim James  
Amber Kieffner•Bo Maley•Beth McCollum  
Sam Palmer•Lee Ratcliff•Judy Straut  
Megan Tharp•Dennis Ward  
Michael Wedsted

- Mills, Thatcher (C.Scott's great-grandson) Emergency delivery of Baby boy, at 23 wks., weighing less than 2lbs. @ACH
- McNeal, William (Ward's friend) 2<sup>nd</sup> neck surgery 4/14 at CHI
- Newcomer, Nevaeh –Has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, she will be undergoing chemo, but her prognosis is very good
- Rhoads, David (P.Sudmeyer's brother) Stoke, in Fort Smith rehab.
- Ross, Gaylon (J. Garner's nephew) Health
- Sherrill, Melissa (B. Genung's DIL) Heart surgery 4/27 in Cleveland, OH
- Ward, Marisela(Kay Ward's granddaughter-in-law)As the pregnancy goes on she is having more trouble breathing
- Waymaster, Charles (Schuler's BIL) Brain tumor surgery 4/11