

Sharing Our Faith

John 10:2-4 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.



You may not want to think of yourself as a sheep, but that is a term Jesus used to describe His children. His sheep are all those who have trusted and obeyed Him as Savior—and they are the ones for whom He laid down His life. Scripture says these sheep are identified by three characteristics: They know their Shepherd, hear His voice, and follow Him.

Our Shepherd sought us when we were lost, calling us each by name into His flock through our obedience. We responded in faithful duty by following Jesus, and from that point onward, we've been growing in our knowledge of Him and in our ability to obey His voice.

Yet sometimes we are rebellious sheep who, because of self-centeredness, fail to heed Christ's Word. We begin to ignore His directions and choose to listen to competing voices that promise to give us what we want. As we go our own way, it becomes harder to hear Christ's voice.

When we have difficulty hearing the Lord, the best remedy is to surrender our personal desires and fix our attention on what God wants. Only then will we again be able to discern our Shepherd's voice calling us back to Himself.

~Michael Cox

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**VBS T-shirt forms in Foyer.
Orders must be in by June 15.**

10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Scott Griffith
Song Leader.....Nathan Bonde

#123 - "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"
#382 - "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"

Prayer.....Bob Cole

#354 - "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Scripture Reading/Prayer
Ed Courtney / Larry Lekwa

COMMUNION

#76 - "How Great Thou Art"

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

"Baptism Ain't Conversion"
Acts 2:40-41

#923 - "I Am Coming, Lord"
#414 - "Anywhere with Jesus"

Prayer.....Alan Dishongh

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Scott Griffith
Song Leader.....Nathan Bonde

#396 - "No Not One"
#379 - "If That Isn't Love"

Prayer.....John Tolleson

#346 - "He Lives"

Scripture Reading/Prayer
Ed Courtney / Larry Lekwa

COMMUNION

#71 - "As the Deer"

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

"If I Could Go Back"
Colossians 4:5

#916 - "What a Day That Will Be"
#417 - "Where He Leads I'll Follow"

Prayer.....Alan Dishongh

MAY ELDER / DEACON:
ALAN DISHONGH / TOM SHELTON
MAY FOOD COORDINATORS:
Martha Dean & Amy Griffith

Children's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Teens -Room #118
First Principles
Billy Hayes / Tim Togami

9th - 12th - MPB
Tim Wiemer / 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: 5/15/2022

9:00 AM Bible Class.....138
10:00 AM Worship.....265
PM Worship.....265
Wed. Bible Class.....101
Contribution.....\$8,013.51

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

70 West church of Christ
Welcomes you!

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as His divine power
*has given to us all
things that
pertain to life
and godliness,
through the
knowledge
of Him
who called us
by glory
and virtue*

II Peter 1:3



Is my religion pure?

We read the common definition in James 1:27. We look at our lives and consider the fact that so many around my say they are religious but we notice the fruit that their lives produce. We can tell those spiritual things are second at best in their lives...

However, today I want you to avoid looking at anyone else. Stop looking around and look at your life. How is YOUR religion? Do you stand before the Almighty as pure? Are you acceptable? Do you know what is acceptable?

Firstly- Pure religion sees the need of others. "Visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction..." deals with the fact that I need to look up and see the needs of others. We live in a world of trouble and problems. Everyone has them. We only have two options: 1. The self-centered option of focusing in only on MY issues or 2. The Savior-centered option of help the world around me to see Jesus. Whichever option you choose, your religion will show itself as pure or putrid. Look up, the fields are white unto harvest.

Secondly- Pure religion sanctifies me. "Keep oneself unspotted from the world..." deals with the fact that I as a child of God must be different from the world. Words like pure and unspotted mean something and ought to mean something to us. Unsoiled, not dirty or contaminated with the sins and filth of this world. Am I unsoiled for 168 weekly or do I just put on "clean clothes" when I come to the church building? Are you the same person all week? If not then at some point you know what you are doing is not following God. That means it is time to change something in order for my religion to be pure.

Thirdly- Pure religion is always seen by God. "Undefined before God is this:..." deals with the fact that God sees all thing, good and bad; righteous and unrighteous; pure or putrid. How does God see you and your religion? Is it time to change? Isn't today a great day to start afresh?

~Billy Hayes
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Sign-up in the Foyer if you plan to go on the Houma, LA &/or Eagleville, MO Mission Trips

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."

MONDAY, MAY 23

♦ **YOUTH DEVO**•6-8 pm•MPB

TUESDAY, MAY 24

♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**•11:30 am •MPB

SATURDAY, MAY 28

♦ **LADIES' DIGGING DEEP BIBLE STUDY**•10 am •MPB•Bring snacks!

SUNDAY, MAY 29

♦ **YOUTH LED SERVICE**•6 pm•Auditorium

♦ **PARENT HOSTED DEVO**•7:15-9 pm•MPB

MONDAY, MAY 30

♦ **YOUTH DEVO**•6-8 pm•MPB

TUESDAY, MAY 31

♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**•11:30 am •MPB

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

♦ **HOUMA, LA MISSION TRIP**•Teens/vans will leave the MPB @10am•Sign-up in foyer•(Teens/vans will return on Monday, 6/6)

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

♦ **BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION DAY**•Each class moves up one grade

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

♦ **ICYC, OAKMAN, AL**•(Teen/vans will leave the MPB @9am•(Teens/vans will Return on Friday, 6/17)

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

♦ **VBS "MAROONED" INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**•6pm•Auditorium
•Please bring Chips, Dips, Desserts, & Drinks!

MONDAY, JUNE 27

♦ **VBS "MAROONED" INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**•7pm•Auditorium

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•Donna Wedsted
Richard/Sylvia Wright

- ♦ Crow, Bill (Coming home today, 5/20)
- ♦ **Ellis, Bryce (Broken wrist)**
- ♦ Mendenhall, Zandra (Was in CHI St. Vincent's L.R., with blood clots, home now, A little weak. Follow up CT in a month)
- ♦ **Pope, Beth (Angiogram 5/23 & possible stents)**

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

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•Michael Wedsted
- ♦ Haught, Diane (V.Cole's sis) Fell & broke ankle, surgery 5/3, home now
 - ♦ Mills, Thatcher (C.Scott's great-grandson) Emergency delivery of Baby boy at 23 wks., weight is now up to 2 lbs. @ACH
 - ♦ **Dalp, Dorian (Wierner's 3wk old grandson) Surgery 5/18, went well.**
 - ♦ **Nelson, Mason (C.Burn's 2 yr. old great-nephew) Will have a very critical surgery @ACH**
 - ♦ Newcomer, Nevaeh -Has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, she will be undergoing chemo, but her prognosis is very good
 - ♦ **Sewell, Kelli (Hudgen's coworker) Diagnosed w/breast cancer**
 - ♦ Watkins, Lindsey (D. Pianalto's friend) Head on collision on Wed., 5/11, Stable

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

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