

ONLINE CLASSES FOUND ON :

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► **2-Minutes for Encouragement @7AM Daily;**

► **2-Minutes to a Better Family Life @7:07AM Daily;**

► **Bible Investigation @9PM Week Nights;**

► **MATTHEW: The Arrival of the King on Sat. @9AM**

► **PHILIPPIANS: Rejoice on Wed. @9AM**

I call it the WORRY WART REMOVER: Choosing FAITH over FEAR. In Matthew 6:25-28 & 30, Jesus asks a series of questions designed to encourage picking FAITH over FEAR. As Jesus voices this encouragement He is speaking to some of His closest friends who had left their jobs & families to follow Him. In the back of their minds, however, they were likely preoccupied with the same questions that trouble us today:

How am I going to pay the bills?

What if I don't have enough money to feed my family?

How can I keep my family safe and housed?



Worry was not unique to Jesus' disciples. Most of us find ourselves fretting about basic needs. Worry often feels like second nature-we don't need to learn it; it comes naturally. Anxiety has become a modern epidemic.

In the Matthew passage, Jesus is not dismissing the importance of necessities. Rather, He was pointing out that WORRY is UNPRODUCTIVE. Instead of wasting time worrying, that energy would be better served strengthening our relationship with God and helping those around us. It's amazing how God takes care of us when we choose FAITH over FEAR.

Choosing FAITH over FEAR causes us to develop a closer connection with the Father and with His church. Choosing FAITH over FEAR is a great testimony to others and an encouragement. Choosing FAITH over FEAR is the best way to live!

Since arriving here in 2017, I have only averaged taking 5.9 days of my annual two weeks' vacation time. This year and next year I will take my full two weeks. Whenever I'm away my heart is always here. I love the 70 West family.

Tonight, on SUNDAY NIGHTS WITH MICHAEL the question is: "If Jesus was sinless, why did He need to be baptized?" Join me at 9 PM on Facebook and YouTube for this approximately 20-minute class. Study guides are located on the back podium stands.

Now, as I close out all my online Bible classes, it is our hope, it is our wish, it is our prayer that we all live for Jesus 24/7...may God bless YOU!

~Michael Cox

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10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Willie Butler
Song Leader.....Andy McCormick

R#3 - "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

R#4 - "To God Be the Glory"

Prayer.....Clayton Wells

R#375 - "Oh, the Depth and the Riches"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Danny Griffith / Jonathan Bonde

R#875 - "Home of the Soul"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox
Sermon.....Josh Romo

**"What the Church Looked Like:
Faithfulness"
Ephesians 1:8-13**

**R#917 - "I Bring My Sing to Thee"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"**

Prayer.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

B=Brown Book ♪ R=Red Book ♪ SC=Screen

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Willie Butler
Song Leader.....Danny Griffith

B#501 - "O Worship the King"

B#419 - "Lord, We Come before Thee Now"

Prayer.....Thomas Livingston

B#784 - "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Danny Griffith / Jonathan Bonde

B#333 - "In the Land of Fadeless Day"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox
Sermon.....Josh Romo

**"Mistaken Identity"
Matthew 16:13-16**

**B#346 - "It Won't Be Very Long"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"**

Prayer.....Donnie Pogue, Jr.

SEPTEMBER ELDERS / DEACONS
DONNIE POGUE, JR / DREW HUDGENS

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:
Pennie Garner & Kim Nickolson

Adult Bible Classes 9AM:

Auditorium
Michael Cox

Room#118
"History of the Church"
-Andy McCormick

Room#112/Library
"First Principles"
-Danny Griffith

MPB-1st floor
Young Professionals
- Tim Togami

**Children's 9AM
BIBLE CLASSES/rooms:**

MPB-2nd floor: 9th - 12th
Josh Romo

Room#113: 5th -8th
Mark Livingston

Room#114: 1st -4th
Angela Livingston

Room#108: 4yrs -K
Martha Dean

Room#107: 3yrs
Christie Landrum

Room#105: 1-2 yrs
Barbara Wells &
Autumn Wells

Room#106: 3-18 months
Cradle Roll
Barbara Pate

Our Record: 8/27/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....126
10:15 AM Worship.....224
PM Worship.....129
Wednesday Bible Class.....114
Contribution.....\$8,166.65

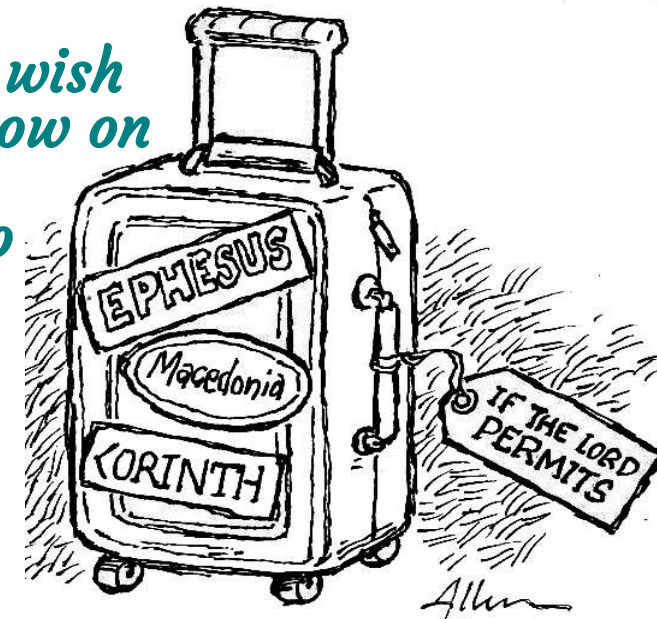
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**70 West
church of Christ
Welcomes you!**

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*For I do not wish
to see you now on
the way;
but I hope to
stay a while
with you,
if the Lord
permits.
But I will
tarry in*



*Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great
and effective door has opened to me,
and there are many adversaries.*

I Corinthians 16:7-9

DEALING with GRIEF

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- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026**
- **10:00AM: Session 1**
- **12:00 PM: Sandwiches provided in MPB**
- **01:30 PM: Sessions 2 & 3**
- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**
- **09:00 AM: Bible Class**
- **10:15 AM: Worship**

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Examples & Influence

Some time ago, I attended a St. Louis Cardinals game at Busch Stadium. The Cardinals were playing the Pittsburgh Pirates and the game was a good one. Somewhere around the eighth inning it began to rain. After the rain delay, my father, my brother, and I went back to our seats. Sitting near us, were two teenage boys of about fifteen or sixteen. Many people had left when the rain started, so there were some empty seats down in front of us. Three men came after the rain had stopped and took seats about three rows in front of us. All three had been drinking, but one in particular was making a scene.

This man was using vulgar language and making a “pass” at any young woman that passed by. The two teenage boys sitting near us thought this was funny and moved down closer to these men. It wasn’t long before the boys were talking with the men, especially with the fellow making the scene. As I sat watching the boys talking with the men, it was clear to see that the young men were enjoying themselves. The boys, whom I had not heard utter a single curse word all night, were soon using the same filthy language as these three drunk men. I also began to think about how a total stranger to these boys was very likely to be leading these young men down the wrong path. It is amazing how a total stranger can have so much influence.

Now, you may wonder, “How in the world can I have so much influence over people whom I have never even met?” Think about how much the life of a celebrity influences teenagers and even some adults today. They do not necessarily have to be an actor or actress. What about Lance Armstrong and his fight against cancer? Many people who did not have hope before Armstrong came along are still fighting the disease today because they now know the battle can be won. Now let’s look at the other side. Jennifer Lopez seems to be getting married every two weeks or otherwise has a new boyfriend. Believe it or not, this has a tremendous affect on the lives of the public. Young men and women see this going on with a celebrity and are under the impression that if it does not work out, they’ll just get a divorce and find someone new.

You may think, “How does this apply to me?” Whether you think so or not, you are in the public’s eye. Every time you walk out the door of your home, you are being observed by other people. What you do or say may change someone’s life. So how are we to ensure that the change in the person will be for the better? Matthew 14-16 tells us, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” We are to let our “light” shine. Men are to be able to look at us and be able to see without a doubt that we are Christians.

Our language ought to always reflect who we are; followers of Christ. 1 Timothy 4:12 emphasizes the importance of pure speech. We are to be an example “in word” and “in conversation.” We are to refrain our tongues from “evil,” and our “lips that they speak no guile.” Think about what you say before you say it. It is the thing you say that you don’t think about that gets you in the most trouble. I have been in more than one argument that could have been avoided if I would have chosen my words more carefully. “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt...” is a statement made by Paul in writing to the Colossians that further emphasizes the importance of choosing your words carefully. Some things that are said can easily be taken in the wrong way. You may not have meant it in that way, but the damage is already done. Think about every response that may be made to what you say.

We read in Titus 2:7,8 that we are to show ourselves in a “pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity...that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.” Again, we see that we are to always set the proper example to others that nothing bad can be said about our actions. When you see someone come out of a liquor store, you generally tend to believe that the person is a partaker of strong drink. You do not know the person, but because of his actions, you immediately believe he drinks. Likewise, our actions have an impact on the way people think about us.

We are to examine ourselves constantly (1 Cor. 11:38 and 2 Cor. 13:5). If we do this, we will have no problem in setting the proper example for those around us. Ask yourself daily if there is anything in your life you need to change or improve upon. In this way we will be able lead by example. As mentioned before, you never know when something you say or do may change someone’s life. One other true story I’d like to share with you is a great illustration of how a total stranger can totally change another’s life.

“The story is told of Christopher Kerr who was a young person in high school. One day when he was walking home from school he saw a boy who was standing there who had very thick glasses and was carrying a huge load of books. Some other boys noticed this boy also and were joking about how he looked like a nerd. They started to tease him and bully him and one boy pushed him and the books went flying, his glasses went flying onto the grass and the boy, Kyle, was panicking trying to find his glasses. Christopher felt sorry for him and walked over and found his glasses for him and helped him to pick up his books. They walked home together and realized that they lived within a block of each other. They started talking that day and became friends and for the rest of high school they were the best of friends. Kyle went on to be a scholar in school. He also became part of the football team because of Christopher’s encouragement. He became an athlete in school and at graduation Kyle was elected the class valedictorian.

~When he got up to give his speech he said to the crowd,“ You know that most valedictorian speeches are usually about teachers and parents who inspire us. But today I want to tell you about the importance of friendship. When I first came to this school I was bullied. One day I was on my way home from school when some kids bullied me and knocked me over. And my best friend helped me that day, find my glasses, pick up my books. That was very important because that day I had cleaned out my locker because I was on my way home to commit suicide because of the bullying. I had cleaned out my locker so my Mom wouldn’t have to do it. Because of a friend my life was changed.”

Before that day Christopher had no idea who Kyle was. Christopher showed an act of kindness and it changed the course of an individual’s life. We never know how the most insignificant act (to us) can affect another person. A simple act of kindness can turn a life around. Sometimes the best thing we can do for those outside of Christ is to live the proper kind of life before their eyes. Always strive to set the proper example so that others can see Christ in you.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

♦ **TUESDAY LADIES’ VISITATION •11:30PM •MPB**
♦ **Bring a Lunch!**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

♦ **TEEN DEVO•5:30PM•MPB**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

♦ **Senior Game Day•1-5PM•MPB•Bring your favorite Games, Cards, Dominoes,...& Snacks!**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

♦ **WORK DAY—POWER WASHING CONTINUED... •9AM•@North side of the buildings**

♦ **HOME BUILDERS @GARLAND COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS•1-4PM•We will meet @1PM @ticket booth in Carnival Ride area. *Carnival Ride matinee price from 1-4PM is \$2 per ticket or \$1.50 when purchased in a sheet of 20(saving \$10). Each ride takes one ticket during this time (normally each ride takes 3-5 tickets). Please RSVP on Lightpost if you plan to attend***

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

♦ **TUESDAY LADIES’ VISITATION•11:30PM •MPB•Bring a Lunch!**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

♦ **TUESDAY LADIES’ VISITATION•11:30PM •MPB•Bring a Lunch!**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

♦ **TEEN DEVO•5:30PM•MPB**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

♦ **SENIOR GAME DAY•1-5PM•MPB•Bring your favorite Games, Cards, Dominoes,...& Snacks!**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

♦ **“I DO” BBQ & COUPLES SHOWER FOR NEWLY-WEDS ALEXIS (TICE) & EDUARDO GODINEZ ►► •11:30AM•MPB•Registered at: Amazon**

Prayer Requests I Thessalonians 5.16-18

MEMBERS

Pauline Crenshaw•Debbie Frenzel•Bob Garner
Billie Gregory•Jean Kazimier•Bob Johnston
Walton/Elaine Kyle•Christie Landrum
Carla March•Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall
Glenda Pannell•Karen Pate•Leslie Pate
Stuart Reeves•Freddie Sharpe•Neva Tharp
Diana Ward•**Ann White**

- Cook, Henry –Now on hospice care at home
- Crenshaw, Pauline –NO VISITORS PLEASE –Working w/physical therapy
- Freibolt, Ola –Health
- **Wireman, Patricia –Back surgery on Tuesday, 9/9 in Little Rock**
- Wunderlin, Mike & Dina –Covid
- Ugbade, Debbie –Home now, after fall & surgery, long recovery ahead

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Crow, Jake (Army) Fort Lewis, WA
- * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA
- * Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Meridian, MS
- * Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- * Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wethington, “A.J” Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- * Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

SHUT-INS

Craig Archer•Mike/Shirley Baka•**Henry Cook**
LaVonne Depew•Marcelle Green•Lorene Mount
Charles/Virginia Parker•David Pendleberry
Wes/Sue Poole•Pat Richens•Linda Woeppel

BATTLING CANCER

Gabe Barnhart•Andy Bennett•Jim Blagg
Nona Barton•June Beach•Sherry Daniel
Sheree Gallagher•Jack Haywood•Pam Jackson
Sandy Land•Brenda Lavender•Daryl Macon
Phyllis Madlen•Delorious Tolleson
Bettie Lou White

- Jones, Alvena –Radiation is working –PET in a few months
- Bice, Jimmy Lee “JL” (Kay Ward’s son) -Lung & bladder cancer
- **Eugene Pipkins –Home doing well, biopsy results next week –No Visitors Please**
- **Ward, Kenny –Oncologist is recommending Hospice**

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kim Butler•Courtland Palmer•Breanna Dishongh
Jenna Duvall•Paula Crippen•Cindy Cunningham
Becky McCombs•Matthew Qualls
Rhonda Rivers•Don Rutherford•Barbara Sickels
John Smith•Judy Straut•Bob Troutman
Harrel Walters•Kay Ward

- **Callie (Kay Ward’s granddaughter) Problems w/pregnancy, scheduling an early delivery**
- **Sysco, Mary –Health**

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

❖ **Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam**
❖ **Nigeria -Chad Wagner**
❖ **Pacific Islands -Randy English**

please join us for an

I Do BBQ!

Couples’ Shower for
Alexis & Eduardo Godinez

@MPB on Sunday,
September 28th, 2025
11:30AM –2PM

Registered @Amazon
Colors: Dusty Pink, Burgundy & Whites
Please RSVP on Lightpost or text to 501.520.8551