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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**

"Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?" (Matthew 7:9). Jesus used illustrations, often humorous ones, to make His point. Trust is the currency of relationships, but not everyone deserves it. Deciding whom to trust, and to what degree, is a critical life skill. However, Jesus addresses this as more than a social issue – it's a deeply spiritual matter. FAITH & TRUST are inseparable; you have faith in what you trust, and you trust what you have faith in. Worldly people claim, "I'm not a person of faith." But we all demonstrate faith daily, often without realizing it: We drive our cars at high speeds, trusting strangers to stay in their lanes. We eat meals prepared by people we don't know. We send our children to school, trusting teachers to care for them. Faith isn't just for religion – it's a foundational part of life.



In the Matthew 7:9 passage above, Jesus uses the example of a parent & child to illustrate trust, one of life's sacred bonds. Parents are expected to provide safely for their children, and society is deeply disturbed when that trust is broken. Early relationships shape how we trust or distrust others, and these experiences often impact our faith in God.

Trust is essential for healthy relationships. It acts as a bridge, enabling the exchange of valuable elements like love, encouragement, empathy, and yes, even humor. When trust is broken, these gifts are withheld, and both sides suffer.

Jesus offers wisdom that has become known as the GOLDEN RULE: Do to others what you would have them do to you. This principle is PROACTIVE, not REACTIVE. It challenges us to act with integrity and kindness, even when others don't. While it's natural to respond in kind to poor behavior, as Christians we are called to rise above. That's the building of FAITH & TRUST.

I did not have the opportunity to finish out the Wednesday study on ACTS. I'm moving that study online to Wednesday mornings, beginning October 8. A free study guide will be available beginning October 1 and can be picked up by the fake palm tree in the rear of the auditorium.

With the approaching winter months, the elders realized that some may have difficulty driving in the dark of Wednesday nights. An alternate Wednesday afternoon devotional service & Bible class will be offered if there is interest. PLEASE INFORM ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

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.....Mark Livingston
Song Leader.....Jonathan Bonde

R#446 - "Hear, O Israel"

R#587 - "Sing and Be Happy"

R#800 - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayer.....Michael Cox

R#364 - "Come, Share the Lord"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Danny Griffith / Jonahan Bonde

R#533 - "A Am a Sheep"

Scripture Reading.....Thomas Livingston
Sermon.....Josh Romo

**What the Church Looked Like:
"Mentoring"
Titus 2:2-8**

R#902 - "Nothing But the Blood"

R#23 - "Our God, He Is Alive"

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.....Mark Livingston
Song Leader.....Clayton Wells

R#509 - "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

R#610 - "I Love My Savior, Too"

Prayer.....Bill Brannon

R#767 - "In the Hour of Trial"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Danny Griffith / Jonahan Bonde

R#853 - "When We All Get to Heaven"

Scripture Reading.....Thomas Livingston
Sermon.....Josh Romo

**"IDENTITY"
Acts 11:21-26**

R#948 - "I Am Resolved"

B#808 - "Abide with Me"

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:**

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: 9/14/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....126
10:15 AM Worship.....253
PM Worship.....112
Wednesday Bible Class.....122
Contribution.....\$8,910.50

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70 West
church of Christ
Welcomes you!

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*But I make known to you, brethren,
that the gospel which was preached
by me is not according to man.*

12 For I neither

received it

from man,

nor was

I taught

it, but

it came

through the

revelation of

Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1.11-12





Do you have heart and tenacity?

I remember when I was fourteen years old and I was playing on my Babe Ruth All-Star team. That team was one of the most tenacious teams I've ever had the pleasure of playing baseball with. During the All-Star tournaments, we played a total of ten games. Out of those ten games, we managed to win eight of them before being eliminated and finishing third in the state. But out of those eight wins all but one of them were come from behind victories in the last inning. The team in any sport that can rally late in a game is the team to beat. Any team that is known for late game heroics is a team that everyone else is worried about. You show me a team or a person that can stay focused and give it their all no matter how tired they may be, and I'll show you a person or team that has a lot of heart. By heart I mean someone that has that staying quality about them; they never give up.

In contrast to this kind of team or person, my high school football team, in my sophomore year, almost always led the game going into the fourth quarter. We only won three games that year after losing four in which we held the lead going into the last quarter of the game. This team had no heart. We felt that because we had the lead, we did not have to do anything more. In other words, we got complacent or content with what we had already accomplished. The person or team that gets content or complacent is the one that gets beaten and pushed around late in the game.

Now, you may be asking yourself, "Where in the world is he going with this?" Imagine the church as the "team" or "unit." The church has members just as a team does. The congregation that has that tenacious nature is the congregation that continues to grow, if not numerically then spiritually. Likewise, the individual member that has a lot of heart and tenacity is the one that continues to bring souls to Christ and his church.

I recently attended a forum in Montgomery, AL. One question that really peaked my interest was: "What have you been doing to spread the borders of the kingdom of God?" The speaker went on to ask, "What would it hurt to take at least a few hours of one day out of the week to go out in your local area and study with someone who is not a Christian?" The last question he asked us was: "How many bible studies do you currently have at this time?" I would like each and every reader to ask these three questions of himself/herself.

As Christians, we are told to go. The "Great Commission" is given by Christ through Matthew and Mark in Matt. 28:18-20 and Mk. 16:15-16, respectively. Some may say, "He was only talking to the apostles." John 17:20 shows that Christ prayed for us. If Christ prayed for us, how can we then say that his commands do not apply to us. Read both accounts of the "Great Commission" and substitute your name for "ye," or "you." This commission applies to every Christian.

I have heard many a member complain about how the congregation where they attend has ceased to grow. If we were to attend that congregation for any length of time, we would see why; the same people that complain about the church not growing are the one's who fail to participate in programs that are meant to help the church grow. What would it hurt us to take a few hours out of our week to knock a few doors or talk with someone in our neighborhood who may never have heard the gospel plan of salvation? Even when we do get out in the community, many of us will discriminate who we take the gospel to. If an area is known to be one of ill reputation, we tend to shy away from it, even though that area seems to be in the most need of hearing the gospel plan of salvation. The command given by Christ is for us to go "into all the world, preaching the gospel to every creature." Every creature indicates that we are not to discriminate who we take the gospel to but to take it to every person, regardless of race, nationality, or economic status.

We also need to realize that we are going to have to give an account of our discipleship. What good is the word of God if we keep it to ourselves? James 2:10 tells us that if we offend even one point of the law, we offend all of the law. James also goes on to tell us that "faith without works is dead." James 2:17-18 says, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." So what are our works supposed to be? 2 Timothy 4:2 tells us, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." Preaching does not mean you have to get up in the pulpit and deliver a sermon. It means as Christians, we are to teach.

We need to ask ourselves if we are doing everything we can possibly do to bring others to Christ. Never give up on anyone. I'd like to leave you with this example showing that anyone can obey the gospel. This particular letter should encourage us to try to spread the word wherever and whenever we possibly can.

*"Dear Brother Elkins,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Thank you so much for sending that encouraging letter, and enclosing your tract, "The Lord's Church Is Different." I enjoyed reading it, and it meant a lot to me.
Yes, I was baptized into Christ on May 10th, around 2:00pm. It was kind of a strange day to be baptized, because that was the day of the solar eclipse. Around 12:00 noon, most of the sun was covered, but by 2:00p.m., the sun was bright and shining again.
A month before I was baptized, I read Mr. Warren's book, "The Bible Only Makes Christians Only and The Only Christians." I had never before realized the importance of baptism. All I had ever heard before was that you "say a little prayer," and then you're saved. The gospel tracts in the prison chapel never say anything about baptism. The tract that you wrote is great! It's the only one that I've ever read that covers the whole plan of salvation, and not just one incomplete part of it. I would like to share the full plan of salvation with other inmates. I wonder if the Church of Christ has any tracts that are not copyrighted. If they did, then I could run some off on the library copier.
I don't know what I should do about attending the chapel worship services. The different church groups that come in each Sunday almost always play instruments along with the singing. I don't know if it would be worse to not go at all, or go despite the instruments...I've also read "The Warren-Ballard Debate," and "God Demands Doctrinal Preaching;" both of them made for some very good reading! Thanks again for writing Mr. Elkins. May our Great God bless both you, and your work. I'll keep you in my prayers."*

Sincerely, Jeff Dahmer"

What happens to the zeal we have when we first obey the gospel? In the letter above, we read a letter written by a man who, after leading a murderous life, became a Christian and had a real zeal for the word of God. If we could all keep the same fervent zeal and love for the word of God we have when we first obey the gospel, the church would be growing greatly. Let us show our tenacity and heart. Let us all regain our zeal and love for the Lord and his word. Let us once again do everything within our power to spread the word of God.

Josh Romo

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LIGHTPOST CALENDAR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION•11:30PM •MPB •Bring a Lunch!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- TEEN DEVO•5:30PM•MPB
- SINGING SERVICE•7PM•Auditorium

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- "I DO" BBQ & COUPLES SHOWER FOR NEWLYWEDS ALEXIS (TICE) & EDUARDO GODINEZ•11:30AM•MPB•Registered at: Amazon •Colors: Dusty Pink, Burgundy, White•RSVP on Lightpost

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION•11:30AM •MPB•Bring a Lunch!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- JR. YOUTH & TEENS PARENT HOSTED DEVO•5:30PM @Jason & Keri Powell's house ~897 MCCLENDON RD, HOT SPRINGS•Please have Girls & Boys bring Pumpkin carving tools if possible

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- TUESDAY LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON •11:30AM•@ SANTORINI Greek Rest. ~1018 Airport Rd, STE 130, Hot Springs

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- TEEN DEVO•5:30PM•MPB

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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



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

- Allen, Phyllis –Health
- Cook, Henry –@Home hospice
- Cormier, Pris -Struggling w/bladder/kidney infection & upper respiratory issues-medications are not helping
- Crenshaw, Pauline –NO VISITORS PLEASE –Working w/physical therapy
- Freibolt, Ola –Health
- Wireman, Patricia –Recovering @home , NO visitors at this time please
- Ugbade, Debbie –Recovering

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

- Ferguson, Kristie (Carolyn Scott's daughter) Home now
- Tharp, Megan (Neva's daughter) Will have out-patient knee surgery on Monday, 9/22

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

BATTLING CANCER

Jennifer Baker•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

- Bice, Jimmy Lee "JL" (Kay Ward's son) -Lung proved benign, but he does have bladder cancer
- Genow, Patti (Terry Horne's sister) Lymphoma has returned (3rd time) very serious situation (she just lost her husband in May)
- Harris, Jerry (Karin Grisham's cousin) Late stage pancreatic cancer has metastasized to other major organs
- Jones, Alvena –Radiation is working –PET in a few months
- Pipkins, Eugene –admitted to UAMS on 9/12 for 10 days –No Visitors Please
- Ward, Kenny –Home w/hospice

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

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