

ONLINE CLASSES FOUND ON:
facebook.com/airportroad & **YOUTUBE**
 ► **SUNDAY NIGHTS w/MICHAEL @9PM**
 ► **PHILIPPIANS: REJOICE! -Wed., @9AM** (last one airs 10/1)
 ► **MATTHEW: THE ARRIVAL OF THE KING -Sat., @9AM**
 ► **ACTS: THEN & NOW -Wed., @9AM** (Begins 10/8)
 ALL ▲ CLASSES FEATURE STUDY GUIDE - EMAILED EVERY 1-2 WKS
 ► **Bible Investigation @9PM Weeknights**
 ► **2-Minutes for Encouragement @7AM Daily**
 ► **2-Minutes to a Better Family Life @7:07AM Daily**

"How many loaves do you have?" A simple question with a simple answer but the question is much deeper than all of that.

What a dilemma! Over 5,000 men, women & children had gathered on a hillside to hear Jesus speak. The problem wasn't the size of the audience – it was the logistics. How do you feed such a huge crowd when they've stayed longer than expected, captivated by Jesus' teaching. There were no facilities, no markets nearby, and no food trucks waiting to serve. When Jesus asked the disciples about feeding the crowd, they quickly concluded that the task was impossible. They had assessed the situation, gathered a few loaves, and logically deduced that it can't be done.

While the disciples focused on what they didn't have, Jesus taught them a powerful lesson with one simple question: "How many loaves do you have?" This question reminds us of an important truth: Every journey begins where you are.

You can't plan your next steps until you take stock of your current position. But why is it so tempting to dwell on problems instead of looking for solutions? Human nature often pulls us toward comparison and LACK. Instead of the glass being HALF FULL, it's our human nature to say it's HALF EMPTY. All of that can lead to discouragement and even defeat. By fixating on what we lack, we often miss the opportunities hidden in what we already have.

That's why I have often said, "The BEST DAYS for 70 West are in the future, not in the past." I'm very excited to have Josh and family here and good things are already starting to take place. Let's all work together to achieve the impact in our community that God wants to see in His church.

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.....Tom Shelton
 Song Leader.....Nathan Bonde

R#144 - "O Worship the King"
R#15 - "Step by Step"

Prayer.....Luke Fader

R#349 - "Ten Thousand Angels"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
 Danny Griffith / Jonahan Bonde

R#76 - "How Great Thou Art"

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

"WHAT THE CHURCH LOOKED LIKE TO JESUS"
Matthew 25:12-13

R#916 - "What a Day That Will Be"
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.....Tom Shelton
 Song Leader.....Xander Collier

R#611 - "Heavenly Sunlight"
R#992 - "Can You Count the Stars?"

Prayer.....Charles Hunt

R#18 - "Faithful Love"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
 Danny Griffith / Jonahan Bonde

R#753 - "Farther Along"

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

"KING ABOVE ALL KINGS"
I Chronicles 29:11-12

R#924 - "Just As I Am"
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: 9/21/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....115
 10:15 AM Worship.....233
 PM Worship.....100
 Wednesday Bible Class.....107
 Contribution.....\$8,870.99

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



70 West
church of Christ
Welcomes you!

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YOU ARE
SAVED
 BY GRACE
 THROUGH
FAITH,
 AND THIS IS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES;
 IT IS
GOD'S GIFT
 - NOT FROM WORKS,
 SO THAT
NO ONE
CAN BOAST.
 EPHESIANS 2:8-9


Blaze 2025
IGNITE
 November 7-9, 2025 • Gage Coldwater

HomeBuilders Pumpkin Painting: Saturday, October 25th @7PM in MPB



Paint supplies, S'mores & Drinks will be provided.
Please bring your own pumpkins to paint.
All are Welcome to attend





What Does the Lord Require of You?

Luke Tatum

(Note from Josh...Luke Tatum addresses something here that is quite thought provoking. When we come to worship, we must remember that it is, #1 about God, not me. #2, God is looking on the heart, not the clothes. I am convinced, that with some folks in the church, Jesus, Paul, or Peter would have been asked to go put on a suit and tie before they were allowed in the pulpit. As Luke points out, if you are convicted that you need to wear a dress to worship or have on a tie when you come in the church building, by all means, do so. Let's just be careful of binding such things on everyone else and coming to the conclusion that the one that wears the dressier clothes is closer to the Lord. Let's be mindful of what James is telling us in James 2:1-13. Let's focus on worshipping the Lord in Spirit and in Truth as we should. Love you all!)

I've been doing something this month that I've never done before. For the first time in my life, I've been wearing jeans to Sunday morning worship – and even been preaching in them. I've made this change for two reasons. The first is because I have been blessed to preach before an audience including a handful of new Christians recently. All of them fall into one or both of the following two categories: they either have no spiritual background at all prior to meeting members of the church, and/or they are not what the world would call wealthy (though I assure you, they are spiritually wealthy, and a conversation with any of them would prove it to you). As one of the people they are going to see and interact with every week, it is a conviction of mine that I should endeavor to do nothing that would make them feel uncomfortable being a part of family worship, including contributing to a sense of perceived inferiority on their part or “establishment dress” on mine. Thus, jeans and a button-down have taken the place of suits for the time being.

The second reason I have worn jeans for the last three weeks (by the time of publishing this) has been more experimental on my part. I wanted to see how much attention this change would get from those who are not new Christians, and especially those who do not fall into the two categories mentioned above whether they are new Christians or not. Thus, since I've preached for the last two Sundays, I've been counting how many times people have had conversations with me about my outfit, while also counting how many times I've had conversations with people about the content of what has been said by me and by others over the course of worship.

I'm sure this is not an exact count, but here are the numbers: 17 conversations about jeans between the two weeks, 1 conversation about the lesson the first Sunday, and 1 conversation about the thoughts shared before the Lord's Supper the second Sunday. I should note a few things. The first is that the number 17 does not represent any one demographic; these comments came from men and women, from younger people and older people alike, with a pretty even spread across such groups. The second is that the majority of these comments were positive in nature, either appreciating the change or making light of it (which is always welcome) – though more than one were given with an air of judgment. The third is that I am not seeking to call out anyone in particular or one congregation in general by making these observations. For one thing, it is not my job to be the conviction police (it's actually no one's job – see Romans 14), and for another, this congregation does not represent the entire brotherhood, though when it comes to this matter specifically, it is not unique, as I can also attest as someone who has grown up in the church my whole life.

Here is the point: Whether the comments I received were positive or negative, they were overwhelmingly focused on my outfit rather than anything else about the worship that morning. Did people take from those worship services things that they then sought to apply to their lives as Christians in the following week? Maybe, but it didn't seem like the focus in the immediate aftermath. And yes, in some ways what “seems” like the focus isn't as important as we make it out to be. At the same time, when you are reaching out to people with no spiritual background (or seeking to help them in their new walk with Christ), what “seems” like our focus is probably what they are going to assume IS our focus.

I could include several Scriptures with this observation (1 Timothy 2, James 2, and 1 Peter 3 all come to mind), but the one I will include is my mom's favorite verse, which because it is her favorite has become one of my favorites:

“He has shown you, O man, what is good: And what does the Lord require of you, But to do justly, to love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” ~Micah 6:8

Perhaps what we have given cultural significance in the United States of the twenty-first century is not always as significant as we assume it is. If you are convicted to wear the nicest outfit you have every time the doors of the church building are open, then follow that conviction – you have it for a reason. However, if the first thing you see in others coming to worship the God of heaven and earth in spirit and in truth is what they have on (REGARDLESS of whether that comes with negative bias or not), maybe it's time to reevaluate how far that conviction goes and whether or not it is overtaking what the Bible actually says.

When you come to worship with the church, what is the first thing you see? Do you see what people are wearing, or do you see the body of Christ?

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!” ~ Matthew 6:22-23

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LIGHTPOST CALENDAR

TODAY! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- “I DO” BBQ FELLOWSHIP & COUPLES SHOWER FOR NEWLYWEDS ALEXIS (TICE) & EDUARDO GODINEZ●11:30AM●MPB

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!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

- JR. YOUTH & TEENS PARENT HOSTED DEVO●5PM @Gary & Beth Pope’s house ~798 RAGWEED VALLEY RD, ROYAL●Please have Girls bring Frito’s & Boys bring Drinks

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- TUESDAY LADIES’ VISITATION●11:30AM●MPB●Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- TEEN DEVO●5:30PM●MPB

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- HOMEBUILDERS’ PUMPKIN PAINTING●7PM●MPB●Paint supplies, S’mores & Drinks will be provided. Please bring your own pumpkins to paint. All are Welcome to attend☺

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- TUESDAY LADIES’ VISITATION●11:30AM●MPB●Bring your lunch!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK●11:30AM●MPB●Please bring Ham, Turkey &/or Chicken, Cornbread Dressing, Sweet Potato Casserole, Mac-n-Cheese, ...Desserts & Drinks

Prayer Requests

MEMBERS

Ola Freibolt●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
- Cormier, Pris –Health
- Crenshaw, Pauline –NO VISITORS PLEASE –Working w/physical therapy
- Pendleberry, Lois –Back surgery scheduled for Tuesday, 9/30
- Romo, Ashley –Home now
- Wireman, Patricia –Recovering @home, NO visitors at this time please
- Ugbade, Debbie –Recovering

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
JL Bice●Jim Blagg●Nona Barton●June Beach
Sherry Daniel●Sheree Gallagher●Jerry Harris
Jack Haywood●Pam Jackson●Alvena Jones
Sandy Land●Brenda Lavender Daryl
Macon●Phyllis Madlen●Delorious Tolleson
Bettie Lou White

- Genow, Patti (Terry Horne’s sister) Lymphoma has returned (3rd time) very serious situation
- Horne, Terry -He has been diagnosed w/ cancer. He will be having further tests next week including bone scan & abdominal CT. (~Also prayers for a safe trip to CA for Karen’s brother’s funeral)
- Pipkins, Eugene –Home now & will have follow up next week. Next biopsy is 10/7–No Visitors Please
- Ward, Kenny –Home w/hospice

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●Judy Walters
Linda Woepel

- Cook, Henry –@Home hospice
- Poole, Sue –Saline Memorial Hospital, under hospice care
- Walters, Judy– Is using walker, but cannot drive. She’s having hip problems & is in a lot of pain (does not want surgery)

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

- Tharp, Megan (Neva’s daughter) Home now

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

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