



GETTING BACK TO THE CHURCH

THAT WORKS!

This week we were in Acts 5 and we looked at verses 1-16, as we witnessed the first incident of hypocrisy introduced into the church. We saw the problem revealed from a couple, Ananias and Sapphira, who conceived an idea that Satan had sewn in their hearts. We saw in chapter four some spontaneous generosity from a man named Barnabas who gave some property and laid all the proceeds at the disciples' feet for God's glory. That incident is probably what gave this couple the idea; nothing from the apostles or the church was issued that you must give all your property away. They could have said we are giving this land but feel we need to keep some of the proceeds back for ourselves. Instead, they lied to God, not just man. Acts 5:1-5 *"But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, ² and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³ But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.' ⁵ When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it."* (ESV) In verse 9 we see the same consequence for Sapphira. *But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."* (ESV) What was the effect on the church as they witnessed the Holy Spirit's immediate judgment upon this couple? Acts 5:11-14 *"And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things. ¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women."* (ESV) The power was restored back to this church as it was purged from hypocrites within. The people were filled with great awe and respect; you don't play games with the Lord God. God is gracious, long-suffering and full of mercy, but He also is a God who desires sincerity from His people who profess they know Him!

I pray God grows us and uses us to be the church that works among ourselves, in south OKC and Moore, and across the globe to live out examples of the change that He brings about in us that we might earn a platform to share how they can know Him too! Let's strive to love Him with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength, (Matthew 22:36-38). I look forward to seeing you this Lord's day. Love my church family. Classes start Sunday night; join me for an awesome study of Proverbs! Come ready, "Lord speak to us, your servants are listening!"

Love you and striving to fill your bucket!

Bryan

SEPTEMBER

- 9 - 1st Grade Bible Presentation, 9:30am; Deacon's Meeting, 4:00pm
- 14 - Senior Adult Game Night, 6:00pm
- 15 - Youth Paintball, TBA
- 16 - Finance Committee Meeting, 4pm; Ministry Committee, 4:30pm
- 20 - Senior Adult Breakfast at McDonalds, 8am
- 26 - See You At The Pole Rally, 6:00pm
- 30 - Lord's Supper Service, 5:00pm

LIFE

UNIVERSITY

Starts this Sunday at
5:00pm.

Discipleship classes available
for all ages!

LIFE University Classes

Sunday nights starting
September 9 at 5:00pm

Classes offered:

Men - *Conquer Series*, facilitated by TJ Sanders

The *Conquer Series*, unrivaled in its scope and authority, is a powerful tool that is helping thousands of men strengthen their families, grow in their walk with God, and become the leaders God made them to be.

Women - *Armor of God*, facilitated by Hayley Sanders

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. *The Armor of God* is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

Relationship - *Love & Respect*, facilitated by Jimmy & Pam Cox

Cracking the communication code between husband and wife involves understanding one thing: Unconditional respect is as powerful for him as unconditional love is for her. You and your mate can truly start afresh with the groundbreaking guidance provided in this study.

Discovery Series: *Cultures in Conflict* - Ray Vander Laan, facilitated by Kelly Anderson

How do you live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity? Learn from Paul as he presents his beliefs to the most powerful court in Athens and settles among the Greco-Romans of Corinth, who valued wealth and class, worship of multiple gods, and decadent pleasure seeking above all else.

In-depth Bible study - Pastor Bryan

You're not called to just make a living, but we must make a life!
Live a legacy for God's glory!

Wisdom Calls - Proverbs 1:20-9:18

Folly Calls - Proverbs 5-7

Wisdom Contrast - Proverbs 10-15

Wisdom Counsels - Proverbs 16-31

Childcare, children & youth classes are available during this time.

School Teacher/Support Staff Appreciation Brunch

The Ministry Committee will be hosting a Teacher and Support Staff Appreciation Brunch on Saturday, September 15 at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. This event includes those who work in public, private, online or homeschool professions. We would also like to invite our school teachers who have retired from this worthy profession.

This will be a great time of fun and fellowship! Please sign up at the kiosk if you plan to join us for this time of celebration.

Coming in October...

- Brookwood will be hosting the Capital Baptist Associational Meeting on October 9. We will be having a Clean My Church day on October 8 in preparation for the meeting. We hope you can help! Be watching for a schedule for that day.
- Our Senior Adult Ministry will be holding a Senior Adult Fall Conference, October 14-17. The conference will kick-off with a luncheon on Sunday, October 14. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar! More information coming soon.

Like to Play Paintball?

Adam Melton is in the works of pulling a paintball team together for some friendly competition with other area church teams. If you are interested, please call/text Adam at 405.537.9927.

Notes of Thanks....

Dear Brookwood Family,

Very heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your thoughts and prayers during my recent accident. Also, thank you for your prayers during the loss of our son. The service day meal was delicious. Thanks so much to the kitchen staff. The Bibles placed in Scott's name were very appreciated. A special thank you to Bro Robert for the beautiful words expressed at Scott's memorial. Keep me in your prayers as I continue to heal. May God bless each of you.

Johnny & Neva Pendley, Shelly Gregor & boys and the Cash family.

Dear Church Family,

I just wanted to say thanks to all my church family. You are the best! The prayers, visits, food and most of all the love.

Love - Steve & Peggy Gunter