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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. So, He touched her hand and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

Matthew 8:14-15

Archeologists believe they have found the home of the Apostle Peter, where this miracle of healing occurred. The humble home is found in Capernaum. Let's think for a moment about what happened there.

When Peter's sick mother-in-law was healed by Jesus, she immediately stood up and started serving them. She used her new gift of health to help others.

What a great example! This is what we are *all* called to do. We are healed to help. We are blessed to be a blessing. We are *saved to serve*, not just sit around and wait for heaven!

Have you ever wondered why God doesn't just instantly take us to heaven the moment we are saved? Wouldn't that be the safest thing to do? That way, we could never stumble or fall. We could never drift away from Him. We would never have to experience any more problems or pain.

Why doesn't He do it that way? Why does He leave us in this fallen world?

Here is the answer...

He leaves us here to fulfill His purposes. He leaves us here because He has a *ministry* for us in the church and a *mission* for us in the world.

Let's get it down... big, plain, and straight. *We are saved to serve!*

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Romans 5:7-8 (ESV):

"For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Our society loves defining what it means to be a "good person." Oftentimes, that definition is what determines who receives love and who receives hate. Christ, as shown by this passage in Romans, loved us regardless of our sin. How many of us would love our neighbor the same way? We are sometimes so quick to turn our backs on the lowest of humanity or spit in the direction of someone we deem unrighteous. Folks, that's not our place. In a world where love is often conditional and self-serving, Paul reminds us of the radical nature of God's love. Human love may extend to the deserving or the "morally upright" but God's love reaches far beyond. He did not wait for us to clean up our lives or prove our worth. While we were still in rebellion, He gave His life for us on a cross. This is what the gospel is all about: unearned, sacrificial love.

To God be the glory,

Josh

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 17, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	239
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4,892
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out an attendance card you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the basket or leave on the seat and it will be picked up.



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THE THING ABOUT JUDAS



There is an interesting text in the book of Matthew that reveals a subtle insight into the mindset of Judas Iscariot, which may also be found in many professing disciples of Jesus today. Let's take a closer look at a familiar passage.

In Matthew 26:17-25, Jesus was celebrating the Passover with his disciples for the last time. It was during the Passover meal that Jesus dampened the mood by saying, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me" (Matthew 16:21).

This pronouncement made the disciples exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say, "Lord, is it I?" But note the subtle difference in what the disciples asked and what Judas asked. Judas asked Jesus, "Rabbi, is it I?" (Matthew 16:25)?

Did you catch the difference? The "eleven" apostles asked, "Lord, is it I?" while Judas asked, "Rabbi, is it I?"

This subtle difference, which can be easily overlooked, speaks volumes! While the term "Lord" could be used in a respectful way similar to how we might teach our children to say, "Sir." But, by this point, the disciples had been with Jesus long enough to recognize him as their "Lord" in the sense of "master." Jesus was their "Lord" in a way that had deeper meaning than just a common means of addressing him.

On the other hand, the term, "Rabbi" was a term that acknowledged Jesus was a teacher, and that, he was. But he was more than a teacher; he was the "Lord," but not to Judas. Of course, Judas proved that by having already begun the process of his betrayal when he asked the question (Matthew 16:25).

That brings me to the application. Is it possible for one to respect Jesus as a great "teacher" and yet refuse to make Jesus "Lord" of his life? Is it possible for one to recognize Jesus as a teacher, but refuse to allow his teachings to impact the way he lives?

Friends, when we resist the lordship of Jesus in our lives, when we refuse to surrender our wills to his will, we align ourselves with Judas Iscariot. Give that some thought the next time you consider resisting the lordship of Jesus in your life.

Steve Higginbotham

On the Lighter Side

A mechanic was working on the motor of a car when he spotted a famous surgeon standing off to the side of his shop. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hello, doctor! Please come over here for a minute." The surgeon walked over. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag, and said, "So doctor, look at this. I also open hearts, take valves out, grind 'em, put in new parts. So how come you get the big money when we're both doing basically the same work?"

The doctor smiled and said, "Try to do it when the engine is running."

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Aunt Matilda was astonished when the bank called and told her that her checking account was overdrawn. She offered this response as proof of her good standing: "How can I be overdrawn? I still have checks."

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While the family was sitting around the dinner table, Jennifer, 5, turned to her brother, Andy, 3, and pointed to their dad. "That's not your real father," she said, startling the whole family. "Yes, he is!" Andy replied. "No, he's not," Jennifer insisted. "God is your heavenly Father." Then pointing to her dad, she said, "That's your homely father!"

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As a young man was filling out an employment application, he paused over this question: "Person to notify in case of an accident." Finally, he wrote, "Anybody in sight."

Some Basic Wisdom

- Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.
- Self-control is keeping yourself from telling others how much you know.
- About the only thing you can do on a shoestring today is trip.
- Always remember the future comes one day at a time.
- If you think no one cares you're alive, miss a couple of house payments.
- Nothing needs reforming more than other people's habits.

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Chris Wright

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Psalm 30:4-5

Preside Lord's Supper: Mike Breece

Left: Adam Jude

Right: Don Beard

Buddy Chandler

Wayne Prince

Larry Primm

Carl Daugherty

Curtis Edwards

Norman George

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Zack Harvill

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Proverbs 2:20-22

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Lord's Supper: Gerry Hinson

Gary Basford

Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Song Leader: Rodney Rochelle

Opening Prayer: Josh Copley

Van Driver: Chris Love (931-994-7855)



August 31st will be the 5th Sunday. Our guest speaker for the day will be **Denny Sissom**. We will have a potluck lunch after classes with afternoon service beginning at about 12:30 pm.



The elders would like to thank all the church members who donated to the Texas flood victims. We collected \$1,940 which we are sure will be greatly appreciated.

The Elders

"Memorizing scripture is a sure defense against sin."

UPCOMING EVENTS

It was good to see **Yvonna Caillouet & Dana McCaleb** back at services Sunday morning and **Barbara Meadors** Wednesday night.

Congratulations to **Preston Rochelle**, who was baptized here last Friday by Rodney.

The elders will meet with the men of the congregation today (Sunday) at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

There will be a bridal shower for **Addie Dorton & Lane Roberts**, September 7th at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to the Beacon Light Thursday, August 28th. Sign-up lists are in both foyers. The van will leave at 5:30 pm.

We will continue to be collecting for the **Magi Boxes**. Boxes are in both foyers sheets with recommended contents and should be returned by August 31st. There are several dresses donated for the boxes. If you would like one, they are in the library.

Our **Ladies Day** on Saturday, September 6th at 9:00 am is fast approaching. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer. Please sign up if you would like to actively participate in a task that day. Mark your calendars and invite your friends to join us for a morning of fellowship.

Relay for Life is selling luminaria bags that will be lit on Relay night September 20th. They are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any Relay for Life team member. These can be purchased in memory or honor of anyone affected by cancer.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the **Fellowship Hall**.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday at 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The next Ladies Bible Study will be Tuesday, August 26th in Room 104 at 6:00 pm.

PRAYER REQUEST

Cindy Bailey came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Janice King, Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Barbara Meadors (home), Curtis Edwards, Mary Morphis, Yvonna Caillouet, Barbara Kelley, Violet Shelby, Whitney Carroll, Melinda Sullivan, Faye Rochelle (broken foot), Woody Woodruff, Brenda Carroll, Willie Powers, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

Friends & Family: Dottie McClellan, Drew Elliott, Lois Gilbert (critical condition-hospice), Tanya Rochelle (St. Thomas swing bed), Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, Janet Barber, Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: Jean Barber, Floy Cochran, Willie B Coates, Debra Clark, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green

The Bridge, Columbia: Hattie Mayberry

If you have a **prayer request**, please write it on a blue card and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



AUGUST

24th - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A big thank you to everyone who came out to have their pictures made for the church directory. We took photos of 104 individuals and families. Please remember to come back September 2nd or 3rd to preview your photos and select one for the directory.