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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions... fulfill your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:5

Clayton Christensen is a professor at Harvard Business School. He is known for popularizing his theory of *disruptive technology*. Disruptive technology is a new and unexpected product or service that disrupts an existing market and helps create a new category of customers.

Examples of disruptive technologies include desktop publishing, CD-ROMS, DVDs, personal computers, steamships, telephones, and automobiles. Disruptive technologies are usually resisted at first and then accepted because of their benefits and efficiencies.

God allows disruptive moments in our lives that we almost always question or resist because they are painful, unanticipated, and (often) misunderstood. Yet, in hindsight, they are embraced for the good or blessing which results.

In the Old Testament, Job is the classic example of a life being disrupted, while Paul's thorn in the flesh is an obvious New Testament example.

If God has allowed a disruptive moment in your life, walk through it by faith rather than by sight. As author Chuck Swindoll has said, "We all face a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations."

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

My family and I took a trip to Orange Beach, Alabama last week. It was a nice getaway where we enjoyed heaping's of fresh seafood, sunshine, and an excess of waves. On our final night, we went for a late night walk on the shoreline in the pursuit of shells. We all had our flashlights except for my sister, so she had to rely upon us to shine a light for her. Whenever our flashlights would overlap in the same area, she would say "Josh, shine the light where light isn't already shining." Although she said it out of frustration, I told her that it would actually make a great article lesson, so that's exactly what I'm using it for.

It is our responsibility as Christians to shine a light where light is not already shining. What good is a nightlight during the day? Would you use a lamp in a room that already has been illuminated? For our light to do any good, it must be taken out into darkness. This might cause us worry and anxiety, but Micah gives us comfort in chapter 7. Micah 7:8 reads, "Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light." The light we generate is not our own. The light we shine is God's and He will always provide it so long as we let Him. Sometimes, we feel like the world around us is exclusively dark. I saw a very motivational post on social media that read, "If everything you see is dark, then that must mean that you are the light that is supposed to brighten it." Let's go out and use God's light to be the light!

To God be the Glory,

Josh

Join us for our

2nd Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, October 19, 2024
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Food
Fun for all ages
Door Prizes
Games
Fireworks
Hay Ride
FREE

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'Are You the Church That ___?'

I used to get phone calls frequently asking if we were the church that gave away furniture. There was another group in town that did. I do not ever get a call asking if we are the church mentioned in the Bible. People may not ask that question. Doctrine alone may not attract a lot of people. When trying to set up a study with an individual, we may have to initiate the study. Generally, most people will not ask to study the Bible, but when they are asked, many will.

Locally, how are we known? If you were to fill in the blank above, what would you put? Would we say we are the church that sings "acapella?" Would we say we are the church that stresses baptism for the remission of sins? Many might say we are the ones that think we are the only ones going to heaven. How about saying we are the church that believes we are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:5, 9)? How about saying we are the church that believes the blood of Jesus washes away our sins, and that baptism puts us in contact with that blood? (Matt. 26:28; Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16) How about saying we are the church that worships in Spirit and in truth (John 4:23,24)? How about saying we are the church that believes in elders as overseers (Acts 20:28)?

As individual members, how are we known? Are we known as criticizers or encouragers? Are we known as condemners or instructors? Are we known as self-righteous or humble?

It is not our job to argue with people. We should be known as Christians who believe in following the Bible, and living the life as Jesus would want. We should love the souls of others and help them know what the Bible says we must do to get to heaven.

We should be known as the church that believes Christ should be exalted above all others. So, we bear His name, preach His doctrine, and teach His gospel. We do not say that to be arrogant, just biblical.

Bill Brandstatter
Marion church of Christ
Marion, IL

Leadership is accepting people where they are and then taking them someplace.

No man is a leader until his appointment is ratified in the minds and the hearts of his men.

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Calling all volunteers to help with the **Fall Festival** this year!! Sign-up sheets for workers, gift basket donations and food donations are on a table in the front foyer. Please let us know what areas you are willing to help with as soon as possible.

We are collecting money to help the people of East Tennessee affected by flooding due to the recent storms until October 20th. Please give your contribution to Randal Halbrooks or one of the elders. Randal will consolidate the money and send it forward to help. The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) shows more than 15 counties are affected. I-75 and I-40 are both closed. Many bridges have collapsed and several other roads are impassable by vehicle. News reports say many areas can only be accessed at this time by pack animals. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you are interested, there are maps on the bulletin board by the office for the latest updates on road closures.

Be Careful How You Treat People

Standing at the airport ticket counter waiting my turn, the guy ahead of me was giving the attendant all kinds of grief. He complained about his reservations, shouted out loudly about the delayed flight, and with foul language criticized the airline for its inefficiency. He continued his tirade in a sarcastic and rude manner. Finally, after the attendant directed him to his gate, I stepped up to the counter.

I had to say something. I complimented the attendant on the way she had handled the situation and complimented her on how she had managed to remain calm in spite of the anger directed at her.

She thanked me for the compliment, and then said, "Sir, don't think too highly of me. You see, our happy friend is going to Chicago, but his bags are going to Seattle."

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 6, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	202
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5074
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Mike Breece
Scripture Reading: Keith Harvill
Scripture: Psalm 100:1-5

Preside Lord's Supper: Willie Powers

Left: Mathew Wright	Right: Josh Copley
Edwin Wright	Quincy Cochran
Brett Wilson	Ethan Willis
James Jett	Carter Bates

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Matthew 6:34

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman

Lord's Supper: Roy McCoy, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Gary Basford

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Song Leader: Rodney Rochelle

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

A Front Role Seat

Jimmy took his seat in the third row of the arena for the big basketball game. Upon looking around he was surprised to see his young neighbor just in front of him in the very front row. "Hey Jerry" he called out as he waved.

Jerry turned around, "Hi, Jimmy," he called out, "so good to see you."

Jimmy shot back, "How in the world did you get a front row seat. I called weeks ago and they were sold out."

Jerry answered, "I got this one from my older brother." "And where is he," Simone asked? With a sheepish grin Jerry answered, "At home looking for his ticket."

One of us is not as smart as all of us.

You can impress people from a distance, but you must get close to influence them.

The most essential quality for leadership is not perfection but credibility.



It was good to see **Yvonna Caillouet** back at services last Sunday morning.

Melissa Plunkett, a former member here, who now lives in Idaho, came forward Sunday morning asking for forgiveness and seeking restoration to the church.

Relay for Life will hold a Pretty in Pink Tea Party on October 13th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in the basement. Tickets are \$10 each. See Sheila or Cindy for tickets.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to The Manor restaurant in Dickson on October 24th with the bus leaving at 5:30 pm. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

There will be Baby shower for **Ethan & Gabbi Horner** October 27th from 2 - 4 pm in Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

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

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in **room 104**.

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



Oct 15 - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30p at Field House

Oct 19 - Fairfield Fall Festival, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.
Volunteers needed

Oct 20 - 3rd -5th grade Devo, during evening service

Oct 27 - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

Oct 31 - Halloweenie Roast, 5-7p, front porch of church building. Need individually wrapped candy and volunteers to prepare hot dogs, setup/clean up, and/or handout treat bags.

If you plan to attend Celebration, health release forms are due **Sunday, October 13th**! See Teresa if you need a form.



Members: Barbara Kelley, Alyssa Cozart, Brenda Stoltz, Glenda Newsom, Chris Kimbro, Rita Sullivan, Mike Batts, Donna Pitman, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Carolyn Phillips, Kenneth Chandler (visitors welcome-call first), Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert (vein surgery this week), Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes (hospice), & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Hurricane victims in Tennessee, North Carolina & Florida, John Basford, Jason Harness, Greg Canada, Marilyn Mathis, Pam Hinson, Davy Baker, Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mattie Boehms, Ruby Church, Mary Sue Sands, Ronald Cochran, Jeff Clark, Betty Baird, Terry Barringer, Edgar Clyde Beard, Linda Canady, Mike Dorton (home-no visitors), Carmela Brown, James Tidwell, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Gail Brown, Judy Baggett, David Gossett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Martha Ann McCord, Gethlyn Gardner, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart & newborn granddaughter, Truu, Willie Lawler, James Coates (address on the bulletin board), Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, David Talley, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Stephanie Pitman, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Anthony Stacks, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.

We received a note from **Mary Young**. She wrote: I am partially deaf, but my heart can hear you. God be with you. She is at Life Care. Her room number is on the bulletin board by the office.

HOW WEALTHY ARE WE?

No matter how much wealth the rich young ruler had, he could not ride in a car or fly in a plane, get a shot of penicillin, get a flu shot or take any of a multitude of patent medicines, have surgery, turn on an electric light, wash dishes in heated running water, sleep on an inner spring mattress, listen to recorded music, talk on the telephone, or any number of other things you could list. There is much, much more.

Dear Lord, if he was rich, what am I?