

May 10 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Announcements
Tommy Wade

SERVICES
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UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE

OUR RECORD

May 3, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE
Sunday Morning Worship: NO SERVICE
Sunday Evening Worship: NO SERVICE
Wednesday Night Bible Study: NO SERVICE
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: NO SERVICE

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

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Every Mother's Day is a First By Adam Faughn

For some, today is their first Mother's Day as a mother. They just had their first child, so today is special in that way.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day as a grandmother. They are seeing their own daughter hold a precious child for her first Mother's Day.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day as a mother of two (or three or...). They are getting extra kisses and hugs (and a well-deserved extra cup of coffee).

For some, today is their first Mother's Day without their mother living. So, today will be bittersweet.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day with an estranged relationship with their mom or child. There might be a phone call, but it will not be easy.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day since losing a child. There will be memories and, likely, some tears.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day with a child a long distance away geographically. It might be the first one where they are not physically in the same place.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day with a child back in the same area; thus, the first they can spend together in a long time.

We could go on, but markers on our calendar, like Mother's Day, are reminders of how each year contains firsts. Some are happy. Some are hard. Others are simply reflections of the normal passage of time. Each, though, is part of the tapestry of life, and mothers are an invaluable part of that picture.

God thought that mothers were so important that He gave every human being ever born a mother. A true godly mother, though, is rare. Today, no matter what "first" you are going through, if you are striving to be a godly mother, we honor and thank you. Reflect on why this Mother's Day is a "first," and use it as an opportunity to be grateful for what is good and learn from what might be a struggle.

To every mother, we say "Happy Mother's Day," but to those who are striving to be godly and righteous, we say a heartfelt and gracious "thank you."

The Life We Have By J. Randal Matheny

Jesus brings us life. To put it more accurately, Jesus is life. "I am the way, the truth, and the life" John 14.6. Here is the life of God, ever near and possible in its fullest:

Life is giving, receiving the multiple gifts of God and offering it to others through the many channels God provides; it's the happy shuffle of sharing.

Life is strength to meet challenges, joy to face the suffering, and comfort when tears fall.

Life is purpose that ties all the disparate pieces of a day together and trusts in God to make sense of it all on down the road.

Life is peace under the umbrella of God's grace, the resting sheep on the green grass at the edge of deep and cold water, the sure movement toward the final goal.

Life is knowledge that not a thought or action is wasted in God's economy; it's catching a ride with him who not only knows the way, but actually built it.

Life is love received from God's presence and multiplied in its passing to others, the sharing of divine friendship and the intimacy for which we were created.

Life is fullness, a heart overflowing with gratitude, a mind that can't stop counting its blessings, a satisfied soul in search of a hungry traveler.

Life is wisdom gained from listening, the daily question of how God makes it all work in his way, in his time; it's the eye that sees what few take time to note.

Life is vibrancy, the feeling of vitality even when all is still and eyes are closed in rest; it's the depth of a universe attuned to the breath of the Spirit who dwells in each child of God.

Life is choice, the cereal-aisle of blessing and service in his moving kingdom, the exercised will to please the Lord in every way.

Life is goodness, the childlike vision to see God's rainbow, the sincerity of innocence to believe that justice will prevail, the compassion that feels the sharpness of another's pain.

Life is continuity, the promise of the morrow, the enthusiasm to see beyond the bend, and the solid hope of eternity; it's the reaching for God, who's never beyond our touch, but always prompting us with new glories to be discovered.

Jesus said, "I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly" John 10.10. And so we do.

A Dried Up and Dying Tree Doug Dingley

I recently limbed out and then cut down a tree in our backyard. Its upper extremities were mostly dead and dried out. However, the lower down towards the root I got, the more solid, living, and filled with life-giving fluids the tree seemed to be. But no matter. By cutting it up and separating it down into fireplace-long pieces, I know that all of it, over time, will become more deadened, dried out, and fit only for the fire. It seems to me that Jesus said something very reminiscent of that, regarding His disciples in John 15:1-10.

The fact is that right now, many of us as Christians are hurting pretty badly because of our Corona virus-induced separation from one another. We miss working, worshipping, serving, studying, and simply seeing and being together with one another, to encourage and feed off one another as the family of God here in Chouteau – as well we should! You see, as a local body of God's redeemed people, God never meant nor intended for us to be socially, spiritually, physically, or geographically distanced, separated, or cut off from one another for any length of time (Acts 2:37-42, 44-47, 20:7-8; Col. 3:12-16; Heb. 10:23-25).

The Bible very clearly explains how God Himself designed the body (or church – Eph. 1:22-23) of Christ, to function just like a physical body; how vitally important it is that we always maintain our closeness and interaction with one another within the spiritual body of Christ, just as a physical body depends on all of its different parts to act and interact together as one, in order for it to live, thrive, and survive (Rom. 12:3-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 4:11-16). We all know that a severed thumb, finger, or any other limb (albeit a human, plant, or animal one) cannot long live, thrive, or survive, apart from its attachment to, and interaction with, the rest of the body.

So; if you are feeling a deep and abiding sense of loss and loneliness due to your currently being cut off and separated from your spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ right now, know that that is a really good thing. Pain is an indicator that something is wrong. However, if you either have, or are becoming accustomed to and feeling quite comfortable with being cut off and separated from your spiritual siblings, then please know that it is only then, when it no longer pains or bothers you, that you could be in some real, serious, spiritual trouble (Rom. 1:8-12; Phil. 1:3-8, 4:1; Col. 2:1-3; Phlm. 1:4-7)... you know, sort of like a dead, dried up, cut-off branch, looking quite natural and comfortable in a soon to be burned up woodpile?

The Church Is Not the Building Steve Higginbotham

All my life, I have heard the oft-repeated message, "the church is not the building, it's the people." Another way I have heard it expressed is, "You can't 'go to church' because you are the church."

Well, now's the time to prove it! Our meeting houses have been empty for a month now, but the church is as busy as it ever has been! While our church buildings have been as silent as a tomb for the past month, the church has raised her voice and proclaimed the gospel of Jesus broader than ever before.

While the doors to our church buildings have been locked and none are entering, the doors to the church are still open and many have walked through those doors into a new or renewed relationship with God.

While our church buildings are dark, the church remains a light to the world, reflecting the brightness of God's glory to the world.

While the last echos of laughter and edification have long since faded away in our church buildings, the church is as active as ever in building up one another in the most holy faith.

And while our church buildings are currently unused tools in the churches' toolbox, thank God they are not the only tool in our toolbox, and thus the work continues.

You know, what I've heard all my life is right! The church is not the building, it's the people, and this pandemic has demonstrated it. And for those who have for many years affirmed "the church is not the building" but who are condemning the church because we are not able to meet at the building at this present time, I would encourage you to start believing what you've been preaching for all these years! The church building is not the focal point of our religion, Jesus is! Remember, the church is not a building, it's the people!

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation of all that was done for our family during the illness and death of our beloved Mother, also known as Granny Shack. Your encouragements, flowers, gifts, cards and food but most of all your prayers helped us to endure. We would have much preferred to share your kindness in person but that was not possible. We wish to say a heart felt "Thank You" and may God Bless and keep each of you safe until we may assemble again.

The Mildred Shackelford Family

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Boogan Rooker (father of Kathi Hurst), Clay Lindsey (co-worker of Evan Yancey).

•**MILITARY:** James B Chapman
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•**REHAB:** Mary Ann Kirkman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Amy May, Johnny Cissom, Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Jimmy Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter, Patricia Waide** (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: **Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).

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