

Upcoming Events

WEEKLY SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

- Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Ladies' Bible Class, Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- NEW - John's Gospel @ Alexander Lyles' Home – Wednesday, 3/1 – 7:00 pm
- Men's Breakfast, Fridays at 6:45-7:45 am at @ Joe's Cafe

Prayer Requests

Barb Conkin, Vanessa Matthews, Ken Weatherford, Dewayne and Debra Shannon.

- Ken Weatherford continues to convalesce at home.
- Former members, Max and Charlyn Bailey's son, John, passed away unexpectedly this week in California. He leaves behind a wife and 2 children. Max and Charlyn will be traveling to California to be with family for the services.

Announcements

- We hope you will join us for our Potluck and Congregational Meeting immediately following services in the Fellowship Hall.

Celebrate!

Birthdays

2/23 Julia Mundy
2/29 Cindy Haigler

Anniversaries

3/17 Eric & Kathy Ramso

Attendance & Giving

February 12, 2017

Worship Attendance: 40
Contribution: \$1,002.00



Welcome!

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To make Christ known through acts of loving service.

We hope you have been encouraged in your daily walk with Christ today. If this is your first time with us please complete an attendance card and place it in the collection plate. While we will respect your privacy, our prayer is that this will be a first step towards a relationship that will lift up Christ as we strive together to follow Him.

February 19, 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:21-26, 18:15-20

#162 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

#15 Step By Step

Prayer of Adoration

In Christ Alone

Prayer of Confession

#315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Blue Skies and Rainbows

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship during this song)

Sermon: Caring Enough to Confront

#705 A Common Love

Prayer Request & Testimonials

Prayer of Supplication

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Services

Sunday

Worship 10:00 am
Sunday School 11:15 am
Caretel Service: 10:00 am
Willows Service: 11:00 am
Evening Bible Study 5:00 pm

Tuesday Ladies Class 9 am
Friday Men's Breakfast 6:45 am

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Jesus' Words For The World

Loving One Another: Caring Enough To Confront

1. **You Must Be Born Again** - "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).
2. **Repent!** - "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5).
3. **Come to Me** - "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).
4. **Believe In Me** - "Believe in God; believe also in me" (John 14:1).
5. **Love Me** - "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37).
6. **Listen To Me** - "Hear me, all of you, and understand" (Mark 7:14).
7. **Abide in Me** - "Abide in me, and I in you" (John 15:4).
8. **Deny Yourself And Follow Me** - "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).
9. **Love God With All Of Your Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength** - "The most important [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your souls and with all you mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:29-30).
10. **Rejoice and Leap For Joy When Hated and Reviled** - "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets" (Luke 6:22-23).
11. **Fear God** - "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).
12. **Worship God In Spirit And Truth** - "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).
13. **Always Pray** - Always pray and do not lose heart (Luke 18:1).
14. **Do Not Be Anxious About the Necessities of Life** - "Do not be anxious about your life" (Matthew 6:25)
15. **Don't Be Anxious About Threats** - "You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour" (Matthew 10:18-19).
16. **Humble Yourself & Make War on Pride** - "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted" (Matthew 23:12).
17. **Humble Yourself In Childlikeness, Servanthood, and Brokenhearted Boldness** - "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3-4). "Let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves" (Luke 22:26).
18. **Do Not Be Angry: Trust God's Providence** - "...everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire" (Matthew 5:21-22).

19. **Do Not be Angry—Embrace Mercy and Forgiveness** - "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:21-22).

20. **Do The Will of My Father Who Is In Heaven—Be Justified By Trusting Jesus** – "Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). "The tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 18:13-14).

21. **Do the Will of My Father Who Is In Heaven—Be Transformed By Trusting Jesus** – "Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35).

22. **Strive to Enter Through the Narrow Door, for All of Life Is War** – "And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able" (Luke 13:23-24).

23. **Strive to Enter through the Narrow Door, for Jesus Fulfills the New Covenant** – "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:13-14).

24. **Strive to Enter through the Narrow Door, For You are already in the Kingdom's Power** – "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Mark 10:15).

25. **Your Righteousness Must Exceed That of the Pharisees, for it was Hypocritical and Ugly** – "For I tell, you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

26. **Your Righteousness Must Exceed That of the Pharisees—Clean the Inside of the Cup** – "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean" (Matthew 23:25-26).

27. **Your Righteousness must Exceed That of the Pharisees, for Every Healthy Tree Bears Good Fruit** – "Every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit" (Matthew 7:17).

28. **Love Your Enemies--Lead Them To The Truth** – "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (Luke 6:27-28).

29. **Love Your Enemies—Pray For Those Who Abuse You** – "Pray for those who abuse you" (Luke 6:28).

30. **Love Your Enemies—Do Good To Those Who Hate You, Give to the One Who Asks** – "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (Luke 6:27).

31. **Love Your Enemies To Show That You Are Children Of God** – "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45).

32. **Love Your Neighbor As Yourself, For This is the Law and the Prophets** – "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:36-40).