

Together

Do you realize how wonderful you are to those around you? You are a blessing in the lives of everyone who knows you. They look at you and see a person dedicated to Jesus and being a good example right in front of their eyes. They respect you for your honesty and cheerfulness. They want to imitate all the good traits you demonstrate everyday.

True, you don't always feel as if you are a very good example, worthy of being imitated, but they see that also. They see you get back up when you fall. They see you apologize to those you may have hurt. They see you start over when others give up and quit. They see you when you think you have hidden the worst in you. They see your humility and kindness. They see you encourage others and help others when they fall.

Understand that you are important to those with whom you interact, some daily and some occasionally. You are the solid person they can depend upon. You are true to your core, not a hypocrite. You are dependable and trustworthy. You are often their North star when they are searching for the right way to live. You have become a part of them.

The time will come when you will not be around them. You may take your last breath and go to be with the Lord Jesus. Or one of you may move a distance from the other. However, you will still be a part of them because you have influenced the way they think. You have become as we say, a part of their DNA. You are there whether they quote you or don't remember where they got the wisdom and strength to live righteously.

Understand that your life is important to you and those who know you. This is true in spite of fact that you did not create some great invention or discover something new. Your name may never be in the history book used in school, but you are important!

Your mind is already filling with thoughts of how ridiculous these ideas are, but that is the evil one talking. The evil one is always seeking to make you feel unimportant and useless because he knows you cannot do your best work if you do not realize your potential. It is too tempting to not try, when you don't think you have a chance of accomplishing anything worthwhile.

You are good, worthwhile and important ..

Charles M. Clodfelter

Did you speak to our Guests on Sunday? Look for them.
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Schedule Services

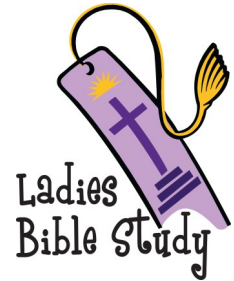
Sunday

Bible Class - 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 10:00 A.M.
Children's Class 9:00A.M.

Wednesday

Bible study 7:00pm
**Children's hour
after communion**

Our Ladies Tuesday Class 10am
Ladies Bible Class. Rm #63 . All ladies are cordially invited to join us for a study in scripture, coffee, conversation. We will be studying the Psalms. See Teri Dove about getting a book. Call 915-637-0351 or 915-822-2419



Happy Birthday

Feb 14, Lucille Ochoa,
Feb 14, Elaine Carrillo
Feb 17, Denise Boles
Feb 18, Lucian Muñoz
Feb 24, Gina Walker



Happy Anniversary

Feb. 7, Bob & Gina Walker



Recycle - Remember to save your aluminum cans and other aluminum for recycling. You may bring them in the foyer or toss your bag into the fenced compound to the trailer. If you crush the cans, we can get more in the trailer. We usually get several hundred dollars when the trailer is taken into the recycler.



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Sunday Morning Sermon

Speaker - Charles Clodfelter

Sermon: Leadership is a worthy ambition

Scripture: 1 Tim 3:1

Preaching is Hard

We are not talking about the fact that public speaking is the number one fear of most people, even before death. Nor of the effort that is required to research the subject and put it together in a way that is understandable to all. Preaching is hard because you do not know if an impact is being made on the hearers.

There is an old story of a preacher moving to a new congregation and preaching his first sermon. The next week he preached the exact same sermon. The next week the same sermon. The following weeks he did it again and again. After six weeks the church leaders met and asked if he was going to preach a different sermon. He replied, when you start doing this one, I will speak on a different subject.

The challenge of a sermon is the audience. Are they lost souls who need to believe? Are they believers who need to repent and be baptized? Are they young in Christ who need to grow in the Spirit? Are they

seasoned disciples who have grown cold? Are they saints who are spiritually mature beyond the speaker? The answer to all is YES! Every week a mixed group comes to seek answers to their varied questions.

Others want to be entertained and if the preacher is not up to their level of dynamic speaking, he is not listened to, even if they are sitting in the assembly. No preacher wants to be dull and uninteresting, some are, and some are even if just occasionally.

Changes in culture mean preachers need to adjust. No, the message is not changed, but people have. The time of entering the market square and drawing a crowd as the apostle Paul did, is over. It is difficult to compete with TV programs that have dozens of people and thousands of dollars. We come to expect that in a preacher, but also want him to do a dozen other things.

Preaching is hard because everyone's need is not satisfied

Charles M Clodfelter

It's Strange

- It's strange how twenty dollars seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping.
- It's strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie.
- It's strange that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend.
- It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.
- It's strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at Church.
- It's strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?
- It's strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it's easy to repeat gossip,
- It's strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

The realm of the impossible

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.—

Corrie ten Boom



Puzzle!

After solving the equations, write the words on the correct numbered lines below. Complete Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) to discover how God shows his great love for us.

14 - 7 = ___ Father
 10 + 9 = ___ heavenly
 9 + 9 = ___ the
 12 + 12 = ___ blessing
 2 - 1 = ___ Praise
 7 + 7 = ___ has
 11 + 11 = ___ every
 13 + 13 = ___ Christ
 8 + 8 = ___ us
 10 + 10 = ___ realms
 8 + 9 = ___ in
 5 + 5 = ___ Lord
 10 + 11 = ___ with

10 + 15 = ___ in
 10 - 5 = ___ God
 6 - 3 = ___ to
 12 - 6 = ___ and
 6 + 6 = ___ Christ
 18 - 9 = ___ our
 22 - 11 = ___ Jesus
 1 + 1 = ___ be
 7 + 6 = ___ who
 2 + 2 = ___ the
 10 + 5 = ___ blessed
 4 + 4 = ___ of
 10 + 13 = ___ spiritual

1 2 3 4 5 6
 7 8 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 16 17 18
 19 20 21 22
 23 24 25 26

Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3, NIV

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In Our Prayers

OUR FAMILY

Alice Bautista - Please have Alice in your prayers. She is having trouble with her lower disk with a lot of pain and may have surgery. Thank you for cards from Ladies Bible Class..

Ernie Bautista - Prayers to get well from his esophagus, check up on Feb 1 and will have heart monitor next Thursday..

Anay Carrillo—Prayers, healing slowly..

Alberto Morales - Prayers. Sugar level is high causing dizziness & headaches. Need to go to otolaryngologist and cardiologist.

Robert Muñoz Jr - (Alberto & Cristina Morales grandson)

Thank you for prayers, need prayers for successful legal Issues....

Lulu Ochoa - Thank you for Prayers. Sending greetings to everyone. Will be on chemo therapy for a long time. She has some cancer pain lately. God has been so good to her for cancer treatment....

Robert Ochoa - Robert has not been feeling well these past couple of months. Needing prayers....

Venson Oliver - Keep Venson in your prayers for his Deployment. Send cards to SFC Oliver, Venson, B Co, 47th BSB 2-1 AD, Fos DPTA Konotop, Apo, AE 09754...

Lorenzo Porras - Thank you for your prayers, Lorenzo is back at home and will continue to recover completely..

Fanny Shearod - Fell recently and will have ankle surgery Feb14..Prayers needed..

Bob Walker - Brothers and sisters, Her is an update. My doctor have found no sign of the throat cancer. But I am wasting away. So, my doctors have placed me on a regimen of diet, exercise, and occupational therapy for long term cancer recovery. The doctors believe by the way I am healing that I should be back to normal within 6-12 mths. Please continue to pray that I have patience. Bob Walker..

SHUT-INS

Mike Baron - Is on dialysis, prayers

Jill Breitingner - In home care with dementia, prayers

Teresa Dalke - Prayers for stronger immune system

Christine Hooper - home and recuperating

Our EXTENDED FAMILY

Aaron Enriquez - Need Prayers. He's in the ER for trouble breathing.

Haynes - Our condolences to the family for the passing of Bobby Haynes. She went to the lord Jan. 29. Visitation Feb 19, 10-11am, New Braunfels Church of Christ, funeral service to follow at 11am..

James Jones Jr—Need prayers. He is at Del Sol Hospital....

Maria Montanez - (ESL student) Prayers. Swift healing from cancer procedure..

Cecilia Perez - (COC Montana member) Prayers needed. She is in the hospital with heart problems.

River Russell - Keep him in your Prayers (Ida Russell's son) for his deployment

Maria Salazar - (Our Community Neighbor) Maria is asking for prayers, She has been diagnosed with cancer..

Please remember in prayers the military & policeman in harms way. **Please call the office to update our prayer list. Names not updated 4 weeks will be deleted.**

Our Records

February 11,2024

Morning Worship – 61

Wednesday - 16

Regular Offering: \$2647.00

Year to Date

Week

Baptisms - 0

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