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ABOUT US
<p>Elders Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis</p> <p>Deacons Jon Barry Bill Brittenham Mike Davis Dave Massey</p> <p>Evangelist Bryan Garlock</p>
SERVICE TIMES
<p>Sunday Bible Study9:30 A.M. Worship10:15 A.M. Worship6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study7:00 P.M.</p>
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<p>GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION</p> <p>Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17</p> <p>Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24</p> <p>Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38</p> <p>Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30</p> <p>Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12</p> <p>Walk in newness of life and be faithful unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10</p>



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All In

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There are some things in life for which total commitment is not necessary. One can enjoy a good swim without having to become an Olympic-caliber swimmer. A car worth \$10,000 and a car worth \$300,000 will be nearly identical in many ways, and the cheaper one will get you to the grocery store and back just fine. Sure, there are advantages to being a better swimmer or having a nicer car, but for the great majority of people, these advantages are not necessary to the enjoyment or progress of our lives. I can dabble in painting without having to become the next Rembrandt or Monet, I can learn how to change the oil in my car without having to learn how to rebuild the engine.

But there are some things for which total commitment is necessary, things for which you must be either “in” or “out” with no middle ground possible. A woman is either pregnant or she is not. Your heart is beating or it is not. With God, you are either in or out. *“He who is not with me is against me,*

and he who does not gather with me, scatters” (Matthew 12.20).

The great problem is that although God sees our relationship with him as an either all-in or all-out kind of thing, we often view it as something in which it is fine just to dabble. This, however, is a dangerous mistake to make. *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.”* (Matthew 7.21-23). It is clear what is going on in this scene. These people thought they were going to be saved because they had dabbled in a relationship with Christ, but Christ reveals to them that dabbling was not nearly enough, that their salvation required much more. Even worse, they

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Shelly Byrd was baptized into Jesus this past Wednesday.

Nancy Rowe was also baptized into Christ on Friday.

We rejoice and welcome both of our new sisters to our family of saints.

Melinda Prynne had a follow-up appointment with her doctors this past Friday.

Dee Minter had eye surgery this past week.

Please remember **Maggie Barry's** mother. She has been in the hospital recently.

And please continue to pray for **Joey Avance** that he and his doctors can find some relief for his continuing problems.

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seem to have deceived themselves about this.

"All-in" is what God wants. First and foremost, being "all-in" is an attitude, a mindset, a decision, a determination. If I am "all-in" when it comes to playing the guitar, I will practice every day. I may not ever be as good as other people are at it, but I will get as good as I can be. If I am "all-

in" when it comes to woodworking, I may never develop the steadiness of hand or the eye-hand coordination to carve a grapevine on the leg of a table, but I will do the best and most careful work of which I am capable. Being "all-in" is not measured by perfection, but by attitude. And even if I cannot achieve perfection at something, if I am "all-in" it will definitely show up in many ways in my life.

Likewise, if I am "all-in" when it comes to God, it will show up in all kinds of ways in my life. I will pursue my relationship with him as much as I can. I will put it first, I will pray, and I will read his word. I may not understand everything I read in the Bible, and I may not be able to serve God in the ways that others can, but if I am all-in I will serve him as best I can. If I am "all-in" with God, I will talk with him, think about him and his word, and I will follow it to the best of my ability. I will not allow other things to come first.

The "all-in" attitude will determine how we read, and hear, God's word. If we are committed to a relationship with God, we'll want to hear his every word, learn as best we can, and do it to the best of our ability. Those who only want to dabble in a relationship with God will not take the Bible so seriously. They will ignore parts that are not interesting to them, or they will feel free to add things to suit themselves. Our view of the Bible's authority for us is directly related to our attitude toward our relationship with God.

We must be careful that we do not deceive ourselves like those people in Matthew 7. It is easy to convince ourselves that we are committed to God. We tend to be pretty soft on ourselves when it comes to judging ourselves. We may even see obvious signs of our own lack of commitment, but we minimize, excuse, or

even deny them. The church in Laodicea was like this. "*You say, 'I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,' and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked*" (Revelation 3.17). Clearly, Jesus expected them to be able to recognize their poor spiritual condition, but they had convinced themselves that everything was fine. It wasn't.

The reason we fool ourselves when it comes to being "all-in" with God is that usually we are far too "all-in" with ourselves. That comes to us naturally. The hard thing is to get out of our infatuation with ourselves and turn our attention to God and others, and be "all-in" for them. But it is entirely possible, and necessary if we want to live in the new heavens and the new earth – because that place is only for people who are "all-in."

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David's Faithful Friends Who Wounded Him

Aaron Kemple

*Better is open rebuke than hidden love.
Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse
are the kisses of an enemy.*
(Proverbs 27:5-6)

Aren't you thankful for that close friend who is willing to tell you what you need to hear even if it hurts?

I think of the life of David and how several people in his life told him what he needed to hear at the time. Nathan rebuked him for his sins of murder, adultery and the cover up (2 Samuel 12). Abigail pleaded with him to calm down and not take vengeance upon the house of Nabal (1 Samuel 25). Bathsheba stirred up the aging David to make sure Solomon, and

not Adonijah, was put on the throne of Israel (1 Kings 1). Joab had to confront David after the death of Absalom to help David regain some perspective (2 Samuel 19). Gad was sent by God to correct and pronounce God's punishment upon David and Israel because of the numbering of the people (1 Chronicles 21). There are others, I'm sure, but you can see that God sent many people to David to help him get his head straight about things.

Because those people were sent to advise, correct and rebuke David, he was either put back on the path of righteousness or was kept from straying from it. Some of those friends said some very encouraging things, others said some words that really stung. Regardless, David had people in his life who loved God and loved him enough to say what needed to be said.

Being told you are wonderful may be awesome, but it's like a triple chocolate cake oozing with fudge. A few bites and you're sick. You won't be healthy for long if you eat that stuff.

I hope this helps. If you want to be a person like David, you have to surround yourself with friends like David had.

Psalm 138:5-7 *And they will sing of the ways of the LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is exalted, Yet He regards the lowly, But the haughty He knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.*