

SUNDAY MORNING

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Clay Morris

Song Leader

Jack Calvert

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

Via Zoom

by his word (Ezra 7:10). This will authenticate the message and passion in which you portray it. Be a steady example of godly living and discipline and pray that God will soften the hearts of the lost (I Cor 9:24-27). One day they might get tired of doing things their way and realize the answer is Jesus.

Make the most of every opportunity and may it never be said of us "you never mentioned him to me."

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham

Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.

Worship10:15 A.M.

Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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I'm Thankful For...

Michael Cawthon

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

- My wife.
- The children He has given me to love and lead and how they teach me more about my relationship with God.
- The parents God gave me to follow as they followed Christ.
- My brothers and sister as life-long friends and supporters.
- My extended family with their love and care.
- Friends who know me and accept me anyway, who sharpen me as iron upon iron, who laugh with me, but correct me in love when needed.
- My daily bread, with butter and grape jelly.

- Education and especially for capable teachers who enjoy their work.
- Working transportation
- Air conditioning, (and heating for the other two weeks of the year).
- Able doctors and available medications when needed.
- Indoor plumbing with hot and cold running water.
- Electricity for all my modern conveniences.
- My glasses.
- The measure of health I enjoy.

"And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me'" (1 Corinthians 11:24).

- The privilege to worship God.
- The blessing to worship freely in this country.

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas** and **Francine Davis**.

Cathy Monaghan is continuing treatment for her cancer.

Bible Study: 9:30 AM (and Zoom)

Services: 10:15 AM (and Zoom)

Kids Only: 5:00 PM (Zoom)

Monday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)

Wednesday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)

Thursday: 7:00 PM (Zoom)

- The avenue of prayer to the Creator.
- The beautiful voices raised in song praising Him and exhorting one another.
- The privilege of being an ambassador of His good news to others.
- The unfathomable sacrifice He gave to save me.
- The beautiful creation He has made for me to live in.
- His love.
- His mercy.
- His longsuffering.
- The Bible in my language.
- The ability to read it.
- The simplicity of the gospel.
- The promise of heaven.

"...do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers" (Ephesians 1:16).

Our qualified, caring shepherds who watch for my soul.

- The smiling people who greet me at the doors on Sunday.
- The young people who are taking a stand for the truth.
- The people who are physically hurting, but come to worship God and encourage me.
- Those who prepare the communion, the folding of the bulletins, the cleaning of the building and organizing the men to serve so that I can concentrate on worshipping God.
- Those who prepare and teach my children in the Bible classes with truth and love.
- Those who record and duplicate the service so that others might be encouraged who cannot get out or who must gather in small congregations.
- Those who patiently wait and lock up the building after the services.
- Those who are preaching and teaching in difficult places with little encouragement, with their families.
- The memory of those saints who have gone on.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Make the Most of Every Opportunity

Steven Bockmiller

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door or our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:2-6).

The year was 1995 and the setting was 10th grade *World History* class. "Boring, boring, boring" was all I could think to myself. "I hope the new teacher will at least be easy." With a first-rate attitude I took my seat on day one and was ready to survive. My outlook quickly improved as an attractive girl sat down in the seat to my right. I had met her in 7th grade but our paths never crossed and we hadn't exchanged more than a few words. I soon found that her personality and intelligence were commensurate with her looks. A friendship was born.

One day we started a discussion on the subject of world religions which sparked a debate between us. I told her about the Bible and what I believed and where I went to church. We continued the discussion and debated long after the subject ended in the class. My tact was terrible, but I was knowledgeable and convicted in what the Bible said. I must have done something right because a couple months later she asked to join me for worship services. "I'm

going to convert and marry this girl;" life could not have been better. One thing led to the next and my Dad baptized her about a year later.

The spread of the gospel was not over at this point because her Mom and Dad and two sisters needed the truth as well. It didn't start well after they learned of her baptism. They thought we were pulling the family apart. Over the next few years we let our light shine and helped put a hurting family back together. Her younger Sister was the first to show interest, followed by her Mom and older Sister, and lastly her Dad. They were all baptized five years later. Today (17 years later) her Dad is a deacon in the Church alongside her Mom who is the quintessential servant of Christ. Paul said "make the most of every opportunity." You never know how God can turn a World History class into an opportunity to lead someone to Christ.

Evangelism does not always turn out like this. In fact it usually does not. It is complicated, arduous, and frustrating. We are competing against thousands of religions, Bible interpretations to match any idea or belief, various personalities, human resource rules to keep you quiet at work, and the devil working against you each step of the way (I Pet 5:8). However, through all of these impediments, don't give up. Proclaim the gospel as much as possible because the person truly looking will jump on those words and it may lead to their salvation (Acts 4:19-20). Find creative ways to turn any discussion towards the Bible. Compliment your proclamation of Jesus with a life governed