

SUNDAY MORNING

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Bill Brittenham

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Clay Morris Jack Calvert

Jon Barry

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Mark Davis Pete Rowland

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

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Phil. 4:11 "... I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

Examine ourselves. Examine our lives. Examine our hearts.

Can we truthfully say we are content in whatever circumstances we are?

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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"As For Me And My House, We Will Serve The Lord

Max Dawson

One writer called it being "proactive." No matter what you call it, whether "taking responsibility," the "power of choice," or something else, it comes out the same. It is to recognize that you are in control of your choices and that your greatest possibility for having a rewarding life comes from making good choices. And doing that with regularity!

You take responsibility for your life. You make choices that lead to success. You are what you are today because of choices you made yesterday. Whatever you will be tomorrow depends on the choices you make today.

The "take responsibility" person refuses to see himself as the helpless and hopeless victim of circumstances. All of us experience things we can't control—the weather, our parents, past mistakes,

skin color, or where we were born. What we can control is how we respond to those things. Not only *can we* control our responses, *we actually do* control our responses. And sometimes our responses are not good. Taking responsibility says I choose to make positive, productive and beneficial responses.

This person takes responsibility for his attitude and actions in every situation. He takes the initiative to make things happen. He thinks about solutions and options that are before him. He then acts in a way that he has chosen that will potentially produce the best outcome.

My favorite Bible example of this is seen in the text of Joshua 24:15.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please remember **Maxine Burnham** and **Jean Cronce** in your prayers.

Please pray for **Maxine Burnham**. She has tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. Thankfully, so far, she has no symptoms.

Here is the current schedule of services:

Bible Study: 9:30 AM

Services: 10:15 AM

Kids Only: 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Sunday and **Wednesday** Bible Studies are concluding the **Gospel of John** and will begin **Galatians** next.

Additionally, we are having studies on the life of Paul:

Monday: 7:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 PM

Ladies Bible Class:

Next class will be October 13th.

At this time, Israel faced a choice. Would they serve the Lord, or would it be idols? Joshua could not change the fact that idolatry was in the land. But he would do everything he could to keep it from coming into his family! He took responsibility for himself and for his family.

The other side of this issue is to be reactive. You never plan for the future. You only react. You don't make conscious choices that will protect you. You are victim of the circumstances around you. And you can't do anything about your victimhood. You wallow in self-pity.

Instead of taking responsibility for your actions, you blame others. It is their fault that you didn't graduate, didn't get that job, that you are always sad and always seem to lose.

Suppose Joshua had said, "There is idolatry in the land, and I guess we will just have to go along with it. There isn't much we can do about it." If he had done that, he would have just made himself the victim instead of the victor.

We can do better than that. Our God has given us the power of choice. He has made us with minds that can think, plan, and carry out those actions that lead to good results in life.

Your biggest and best proactive choice is to choose to serve King Jesus. Take responsibility!

GOD IS GREAT!

Max Dawson

Because of Covid-19 almost all sports came to a halt back in March of this year. Some sports, however, found a way to at least put on some kind of show even though they could not do live events. One of those was NASCAR. Instead of live events at the race track, the drivers raced in computer simulations. Not the real thing, but at least it was something for action-starved fans.

Eventually, the sport returned with live events, but with no fans in the stands! It was different, but at least it was real racing again. There were post-race interviews, but no cheering fans. The lack of spectators in the stands did not stop the winners from thanking their crews, sponsors, etc.

Justin Allgaier claimed victory at the Dover, Delaware Speedway two weeks ago. His first words in the post-race interview were "God is great!" It was Allgaier's first win of what has been a difficult season.

His statement struck me in a strange way. I thought to myself, "Of course, God is great. But He is great whether you win or not." I think Justin Allgaier's exclamation was a way of giving thanks to God. In a culture like ours today, I am glad when people give recognition to God. I would hope that Allgaier's thought about God is there even when he loses a race.

What about you? Win or lose, do you still recognize that God is great? His awesome nature and power remain the same no matter what happens to us in life. He is still the same, regardless of our ups and downs. He said, "I am the Lord. I do not change" (Malachi 3:6).

And, indeed, He is great! I recall the words of Deuteronomy 7:21, when Moses spoke of the enemies of God's people. He said, "You shall not be terrified of them; for the Lord your God, the great and awesome God, is among you."

God was great and awesome when Moses spoke those words. He is the same today. He is among His people even in the days of Covid-19, financial distress, and social unrest. He is our God no matter what life brings.

God is great!

2 Peter 1:2-3 "...seeing that His divine power has granted to us **everything** pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence."

Thayer defines "everything" as:

1) individually

1a) each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything

2) collectively

2a) some of all types

The question is: What else do we need or want to know.

Answer: **Nothing**

Adam and Eve had everything from God!

Yet they ignored their blessings, doubted God and wanted more.

Gen. 3:13 *Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"*