

Writing it on our hearts...(Hebrews 8:10)

Cut out the verse for the week & post it somewhere you will see it often. Read it. "Write it". Live it.

**"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf,
so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."**

- 2 Corinthians 5:21^{NASB}

Serving Today

Greeters: Ryan Young & Tracy Ehlmann
(Next Week: Chris and Tammy Smith)

Announcements and Opening Prayer:
Brandon Jackson

Song Leader: Randy Jackson

Lead Communion: Chris Smith

Assist: Ryan Young
Mike Thompson
Jim Cunningham

Scripture Reading: Garrett Jackson (*Romans 2:3-10*)

Speaker: Aaron Baker

Closing Prayer: Gary Carter
(Sunday pm: Brandon Jackson)

Serving Wednesday

Announcements & Prayer: Brandon Jackson

Song Leader: Randy Jackson

Devotional: Garrett Jackson

Attendance Last Week

AM Worship: 62

PM Worship: 30

Contribution: \$2562

Wednesday: 32

Our Meeting Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study - 9:00am

Morning Worship - 10:00am

Evening Worship - 5:00pm

(1st Sunday of the month - 1:00pm)

WEDNESDAY

Dinner served at 6:00pm

Bible Study 7:00-8:00pm

★ Happy Birthday in February to... ★

13th - Jerry Johnson
28th - Mac Milam

Happy Anniversary in February to...

15th - Richard and Kathleen
18th - Randy and Sherra

Welcome TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Loving the Lord with all our heart...(Mark 12:30)



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If my heart is right with God, isn't that enough?

In the Bible, the heart certainly refers to the physical organ thumping within your chest (2 Sam 18:14). But, it also takes on a figurative sense in which it represents your thoughts, actions, and personality (Lev 19:17; Ps 104:15; Gen 8:21; Dt 8:5). It was in this sense that God told Samuel regarding the next King in Israel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Sam 16:7).

So often today, we think that if our hearts "feel" right with God, then that must be enough. We refer to or even quote the last verse mentioned and use it to justify ourselves. For example, if I don't feel like coming to worship and am just too tired from the night before, we console ourselves with that verse and say to ourselves, "at least God sees in my heart that I love Him." Here are two problems we face when using this excuse.

First, we must realize that our hearts can deceive us (Jer 17:9). Doing what WE think is right may not necessarily be what God says is right. For example, Native American Indians used to think that killing an enemy tribe member and eating his muscles would make them gain the enemy's strength. If they could eat their eyes, it was thought that they could "see" what the enemy saw. Those tribes thought they were doing the right thing. It was even culturally acceptable to do so at

God is calling you. But not on your cell phone. Don't forget to silence your phone during worship!

that time. In their hearts, they thought they were doing the right thing, but in reality this was against God's will (Mt 5:21, 22).

Second, we must beware of "spin". What is "spin"? "Spin" is the concept where you take something that is true (like the Lord looking at the heart), then you "spin" it in your favor. Companies love to use this method to "spin" bad publicity into seeming like something is "not so bad." It is the presentation of the facts in such a way as they become biased in our favor. For example, I might say that the "Lord looks at the heart" and therefore I am free to dress any way I want for worship. If this was true, then could women wear extremely revealing clothes to worship? That's not right, especially in light of God calling women to be modest (1 Tim 2:9, 10)!

The point: Yes, God does look at our hearts. However, we cannot hide behind that and allow our hearts to deceive us or "spin" this fact so that we are not really giving God what He wants. Let's give God the best heart we have, because after all, it's the only one we have.

- Aaron Baker

Brandon's Wednesday Night Food for Thought:

You can worry yourself to death, but you can't worry yourself into better health, financial security, or emotional peace (Mt. 6:25-34).

"Be devoted to prayer..." (Romans 12:12)

- * Kim Johnson's dad, **Marvin Hedden**, had a heart attack last week and had to undergo 4 bypass surgery last Friday (Feb. 1). His recovery is progressing well at this point, however he still needs our prayers for the coming weeks as progress will be slow. Encouragement cards can be sent to:
- * Please continue to pray for Bonnie Irvin's family: **Nadine Hansel, Carson Crocker, Brenda Spurlock and Pam Sunbear** as they struggle with various health concerns.
- * **Greg Haney**, who attends Marysville church of Christ (where Dennis Holst preaches), had to undergo surgery last week to remove a sizable tumor from his kidney and remove the kidney. He is now preparing to start Chemo. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for: Larry Morrow (traveling for work), Tracy Ehlmann, Kay Shepard (health), Harold Fitzjerrell (Alzheimers), Carl Wright (health), Brandon Holst (recovering from surgery), Kim Vogelsang (health), Caleb Sams (cancer), Judy Wicker (pain), Stacy Hagar and her Mom and Grandparents, Elias and Kristi Roque (Hispanic ministry in Memphis), Greg Haney (cancer), Clyde Pruiett (Janet Colvett's father - lung problems)

**Distracted driving is the #1 cause of accidents.
Distracted Christian living is the #1 cause of spiritual accident.**

***"Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent,
to be pleasing to Him." - 2 Corinthians 5:9***

Take Note!

- * Men's Prayer Devotional at Denny's in LSL. Friday mornings at 6:30am. Start your morning off right!
- * Women's Bible Study at the building is weekly on Monday at 7:00pm. Grow your faith as we journey through an Overview of the Old Testament.
- * The next area-wide singing will be February 22nd at Collinsville.
- * Ladies, it is not too late to sign up for Ladies Retreat! It is February 22nd and 23rd and this year's theme is "Birds of a Feather Flock Together". Sign up in the foyer by Wednesday if you are intending to go. There are two sign up sheets: one for all those attending and a separate one if you are staying the night, as well. It is going to be a fun and encouraging time! If you have never attended before, make this year your year to start!
- * March 1st & 2nd - Youth Rally in Dexter, MO. See Randy Jackson if you would like to go.
- * **MAKE PLANS NOW!** We will be hosting a Gospel Meeting March 17 (Sun) thru March 20th (Wed). The topic is: **BURNED**. Many people feel like they have been burned by friends or family, by a church, or by life in general. Let's reach out to others (or to yourself?) with the "Balm of the Bible" and with the help and healing that comes only through Christ.

Gospel Meeting Weekly Checklist

This week: Think of 5 people you want to invite and pray for them daily.

Let's have a heart for the work!

Please bring toilet paper and paper towels for Turning Point Women and Children's Shelter!

For updates or additions to the announcements or prayer list, contact Cindy Baker