



Order of Service

***Greeting/
Announcements***

Chris Andrews

Children's Time

Justin Hatfield

Song Leader

Elijah Morrison

595

#297

Prayer

Kenneth Bowling

350

645

The Lord's Supper

Jason Luna

#497

Contribution

Jason Luna

#"Make Me A Servant"

Message

Justin Hatfield

391

Prayer

Jon Ewing

Emphasis on People

In the beginning of his ministry, Jesus began with people. That's one thing I take from Luke 5, our reading for this first day of a new week. Observing the Lord's approach makes us grateful for his valuing us. It also instructs us to imitate him by prioritizing persons in our service to God.

Follow the actions of Jesus through the chapter. He gets into one boat and teaches a crowd of people from it. But he then directs his attention to a person, the owner of the boat, and rewards him richly for the use of it. That person, Simon Peter, is astonished at the catch and in awe of the Lord. Jesus, however, turns him toward people. "Do not be afraid," he says, "from now on you will be catching men" (5:10).

After that, a man who's full of leprosy comes and falls down before the Lord. He is unclean, isolated, hopeless. But he's convinced that Jesus, if he will, can make him clean. And, of all people, Jesus focuses on *him*, touches *him*, and says to *him*, "I will; be clean" (5:12, 13). What a difference in that one person's life!

Next we come to a scene that has all kinds of moving parts: Jesus in a house teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, a crowd pressed all around, and fellows on the roof letting a paralyzed friend down through the tiles. Jesus sees the faith of those who're helping their friend, but he gives his attention to that individual who needs what only he can give—forgiveness—and he gives it (5:20). It's an extraordinary thing, done for an ordinary guy.

Then there's a tax collector, Levi (Matthew, as we know him). He's perhaps as much an outcast as the leper above was, only in a different way. But the Lord sees *him*, speaks to *him*, and says to *him*, "Follow me." And this particular man does! He gets up, leaves everything, and follows Jesus (5:27, 28). We're blessed that he did, too.

Finally, a large company of people is at Levi's house for a feast he makes for Jesus. "Tax collectors and sinners!" some grumble at his associating with them. But the Lord sees persons—persons who need who him, people whom he has come to call (5:31, 32). He sees people who can change, people who would rejoice in having him present, and in having the new situation he brings into the world (5:33, 34).

The one who came to do the will of God started with people. He made persons his priority. Surely his church will do so, too.

—Bill McFarland

Happy Anniversary

10-04 Dustin & Kim Stokes - 3 yrs
10-05 Luis & Carol Tovar - 30 yrs
10-13 Jeremy & Alison Thurlkill 3 yrs
10-13 Taylor & Krystal Cox 3 yrs
10-21 Greg & Scheryl Larimore 10 yrs
10-25 Jon & Coyeatte Ewing 35 yrs.

⇒ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on October 7th at 10:30. Beverly McCormick will be teaching Lesson 10 from the book "A Study of Angels."**

⇒ **Quilters will meet at 9:00 am**

⇒ **Card Makers will meet at 9:30 am**



October 31st at 5pm at Water Mill. More details to follow.

Youth Group News:

Sunday PM—GATHER—location to be announced!

Mark Your Calendar - Fall Retreat - Oct. 15-17 - Belonging - We will join the Mountain Home church of Christ youth group at Camp Galilee for a retreat. The cost is \$30 and you can sign up using the following QR code. We also need sponsors, you can sign up with the same code.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next Men's Fellowship will be **Saturday, 10/16 from 8-10 am in the fellowship room.** Breakfast will be provided.

Please sign the list in the foyer if you will attend so we may plan accordingly. Thank you.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Barnes
Pat Blackburn
Ron Bower
Mary Bratcher
Don Essex
Clarence & Ola Jean Feeney
Wanda Frost
Betty Grabber
Doris Iorg
Jim & Ruth Reaves
Dennis & Carolyn Smith
Doris Tobler

Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze
Wayne Harmon
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingenot
Nancy Snider



Dear church family, Thank you so much for cards and best wishes for my birthday. Special thanks to our precious children who made cards, sang on video and gave me beautiful roses. Our young parents are so loving and special. We are so Blessed. Lovingly, Ruth Essex

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10-04 Lexie Brill
10-04 Emma Winters
10-05 Fred Lorenz
10-06 Charles Crum
10-09 Dustin Stokes
10-10 Randy Blackburn
10-10 Aaron Schwartz
10-11 Dave Blackburn
10-12 Jerry Brummet
10-14 Amy Winters
10-16 Celeste Loomis
10-16 Lisa Stokes
10 16 Ike Ussery

Marriage Workshop

Marriage Enrichment Workshop

"For Better, For Worse: Making Marriage Thrive!"
October 22-23, hosted by Crowley's Ridge College in Paragould, Arkansas. Click on this link to register:

<http://bit.ly/forbetterforworse21>

or call Erica Richardson at 870-236-6901 ext. 164.



Youth and Families for Christ will meet in the fellowship room after services today for a study and practice session for our Youth Led Service later this month. We will be learning more about the word, "Loyal", practicing singing, and signing up for the Youth Led Service that is Sunday evening, October the 24th. This will be our last Youth Led Service until January. Thank you, all for your support and encouragement!

~In Need of Our Prayers~

Barney Crawford's sister, **Kathy Farris**, is now in hospice care. **Truman Coltrane** is at home in poor health. **Julie Alexander** had hernia surgery, Friday, Oct. 1. **Carl Tindall** will have 2 more tests and then they will figure out a treatment plan. **Chris Low**, Sheryl Low's son, has been diagnosed with diabetes. **Bonnie Cole** remains in the hospital in Wisconsin. **Steven Cobb** (Aubrey & Anita's son) is having surgery in Arizona on October 6th. Connie Fortner's brother, **Don Todd**, as he prepares for bypass surgery. **Jeff Mahon** requested to be restored in his walk with the Lord.

Continued prayers for health:

Karen Duncan, Tom Meeks, Illene Birdsong, Ruth Reaves, Laura Easterly (COVID); **Ray Reynolds** (Minister at Summerdale Church of Christ, and his wife); **Becky Marsolf, Ethan** (Barry & Cindy Hannah's nephew), **Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Ruth Raines, Sheryl Low, Pat Blackburn, Robert Raines** (Denzil & Ruth's son), **Wanda Lou Hurd** (Nancy Snider's cousin), **John Alspaugh** (Ruth Lund's brother), **Alice Daniels, Ima Coleman** (Sara Keener's friend), **David High** (Lucile High's son), **Linda** (Sue Aherin's sister-in-law), **Jacquelyn Raines** (Kim Maples grandmother), **Beverly Hammond** (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), **Sandie Shelby** (Lucile High's niece), **Sherrie Stern** (Shirlane Horton's sister), **Hasseltine Pendergrass** (Helen Harber's mom), **Gary Huff** (Constance Jackson's friend's dad)