



FBC eBlast

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A certain man had an evil cat. He drove it out and cleaned the house: out with the cat hair, litter box, and all. The cat could find no new food bowl and came back to the house. Finding no dog, he rounded up seven other cats and they all moved back in, so the last state of the man was worse than the first—Matthew 12: 43-45. I use this paraphrase to irritate my cat, Ernest. An important point remains the same: you cannot improve your life just by quitting bad habits, stopping your sins, eliminating your

hurtful attitudes and wrong priorities. We've all tried—"If I could just stop doing this..."—but willpower doesn't work; we either replace them with something just as bad, or after a time they come back stronger than ever. In his famous sermon on 1 John 2: 15, "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection," Thomas Chalmers points out that the love of sin can only be driven out by the stronger love of God, the "ultimate affection and the very aroma of heaven." If you really want to improve your life, then, as the hymn says, "turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim." Seek Him, focus on Him, spend time with Him, and other things begin to lose their foothold. If you want the cat to stay gone, replace it with a dog.

This Sunday morning we will look at Numbers 21: 4 – 9: the passage used by the greatest preacher of all time as His text for a message to a congregation of one person in the middle of the night. On Sunday evening, we'll look to Matthew 21: 28 – 32 and consider what to do, and what not to do, when God speaks to you. Join the Lord's people, in His house, on His day—you hear from Him in worship with the church in ways you just don't otherwise!

Bro. Dean



High School Students: New Wednesday Night Study!

Wed March 10

"What community is like" 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

Wed March 17

"Your community = Your Witness" John 13: 35, 17: 20-24

Wed March 24

"Expanding the cool kids table" Galatians 3: 28

See Bro. Tony for more info; be here Wednesdays at 6:00!



Nursery Volunteers Needed

The Nursery is open in all services for ages birth - 2. We still need more volunteers to re-open for ages 3 and up. We have families who would like to return, but need the nursery to do so. If you are willing to take an occasional turn on Sunday AM, Sunday PM, or Wednesday nights, please contact the Church Office.



The Deacons meet this coming Sunday afternoon. Please pray with us as we discuss and seek the Lord's will for resuming Sunday School and other ministries and church activities. If you have thoughts you'd like to share, feel free to contact Bro. Dean or your deacon!



OCC Collection: Hygiene Items Extended through March

In 2021, we are asking the church family to consider providing items each month, to be placed in the shoeboxes we prepare this fall. The items for March continue to be soap, deodorant (travel size for boys and girls), hairbrush and combs, toothbrushes, washclothes,, and colorful adhesive bandages. Items can be left on the OCC table near the entrance behind the Sanctuary.

Memory Verse

“Because of Him I have suffered the loss of all things, and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness of God based on faith.” –Philippians 3: 8 – 9



In-person Attendance: the Current Schedule

Those with no symptoms of illness are welcome to attend Sunday AM worship (10:30), Discipleship Training (Sunday 5:30), Sunday PM worship (6:30) and Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Group (6:00).

Livestream will continue. Masks are required in Madden Hall and recommended in the Sanctuary; everyone is asked to respect social distancing, refraining from hugging, close conversation, etc. Pray with us as we look toward resuming other activities, and watch for announcements!



**CELEBRATE RECOVERY –
UNDERWAY AGAIN!
TUESDAYS, MADDEN HALL
6:30 PM (SUPPER AT 6:00)**

Reading & Praying through God's Word in 2021

March 4: OT—Num. 31, 32, 33; NT—Mark 9: 1 - 29
March 5: OT—Num. 34, 35, 36; NT—Mark 9: 30 - 50
March 6: OT—Deut. 1, 2; NT—Mark 10: 1 - 31
March 7: OT—Deut. 3, 4; NT—Mark 10: 32 - 52
March 8: OT—Deut. 5, 6, 7; NT—Mark 11: 1 - 18
March 9: OT—Deut. 8, 9, 10; NT—Mark 11: 19 - 33
March 10: OT—Deut. 11, 12, 13; NT—Mark 12: 1 - 27
March 11: OT—Deut. 14, 15, 16; NT—Mark 12: 28 - 44



A helpful reminder, brought to you by Jeff S. and Jeanette T. of the Children's Message...

Elisabeth Elliot Quotes, from Suffering Is Never for Nothing

(available in the Church Library!)

--The deepest things that I have learned in my own life have come from the deepest suffering. And out of the deepest waters and the hottest fires have come the deepest things I know about God."

--Those who have most profoundly influenced my life are without exception people who have suffered, because it has been in that very suffering that God has refined the gold, tempered the steel, molded the pot, broken the bread and made that person into something that feeds a multitude—of whom I have been one of the beneficiaries."

Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

Church Family

Don, Dean Barker
Wallace Burke
Patrick, Karie Cecil
Helena Coppinger
Mark Davis
Mance Davis
Bruce Haley
Drunell Higgins
Judy Holt
Doris Markum
Barbara Melton
Benton Parker
Shirley Reed
Misty Stankoff
Mamie Vance
Charles Wilder
Lowell Womack
Bro. Bobby Zumbro

Brennon Parker (Barbara Parker)
Ronnie Pittard (Darren Jessup)
Mimi Pollock (Richie Hunter)
Mamie Powers (Matt Powers)
Mark Poynter family (Darren Jessup)
Bruce Rector (Bro. Dean)
Kristy Reuhlan (Shirley Parker)
Family of Ray Shipp (Randall Holt)
Cindy Singleton (Jeanette Todd)
Carl Smith (Doris Markum)
Pete Stankoff (Misty Stankoff)
Don, Eunice Stevenson (Jeff Stevenson)
Declan Sullivan & family (Ann Haley)
Michelle Swann (Shirley Parker)
Johnny Taylor (Ann Haley)
Michelle Wilkerson (Jeff, Jeanette Todd)
Jay Williams (Marna Higgins)
Jeff Woodford (Julie Powers)
Jacque Zimmerman (Ann Haley)

Friends & Family-submitted by the person listed

Ron Abner (Dean Anderson)
Buddy Alexander (Randall Holt)
Veeneda Anderson (David Anderson)
Janice Bailey (Judy Holt)
Patsy Barrett (Shirley Reed)
Carl Brewer (Cynthia Brewer)
Debra Briggs (Darren Jessup)
Ben Cates (Charles Wilder)
Kelly Collins (Dean Anderson)
Terry Conley (Jeanette Todd)
Christopher, Phoenix DiGiacomo (Penny DiGiacomo)
Augusta Donnell (Shirley Parker)
Tim Duttle (Joy Logan)
Family of James Eason (Dot Elrod)
Jerry Fickle family (Darren Jessup)
Paul Fries (Dean Anderson)
Roberta Froome (Jesse Froome)
Ken Harpe (Wade Campbell)
Emaly Johnson, Baby Barrett (Beth Cowan)
Kelli Lamb (Will Farris)
Sharron Lyon (Douglas Jennings)
Margie McFerrin (Martha Burke)
Lisbeth McGonegal (Lydia Womack)
Pat Mathers (Jan Purvis)
Fletcher Moore (Tonya Davenport)
Donnie Odom (Jan Purvis)
Donna Oliver (Jamie Anderson)
Branson Pack (Lowell Womack)

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Edith Northcutt,
Loretta Wilkinson

Missionaries: Buck/Annie Barton, Lee/Sophia Ford,
Marcus/Sara McBee, Al/Margaret Patterson,
Gavin/Laura Pinkston, PJ Scott, Chris Abner family

Church Staff: Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Tony
Burnett, Julie Matheny, Glenda Hunter

Military: Caleb Daniel, Brad Davis, Josh England, Chris
Gillis, Michael Hallman, Stephon Harris, Zachary Hyde,
Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Parker Woodworth

College Students: Melissa Burnett, Lytton Haley, Laura
Beth Nichols, Ashlyn Nokes, Julianna Schau, Etta
Gaines, Chandler Todd, Jacob Todd

Active Deacons: Darren Jessup, Jeff A. Todd, Jeff D.
Todd, Mark Matheny, Jeff Stevenson, Bob Walls, Bill
Sharp, Phil Purvis, Darrell Goins

Church Matters: Covid-19; Celebrate Recovery; Bro.
Tony/Student Ministry; Bruce Marchiano/Gospel of
John film; IMB Missionaries; Bethesda Baptist,
Brockton, MA; Generations; nation & those in authority;
Gideon Ministry; Jail Ministry, the lost