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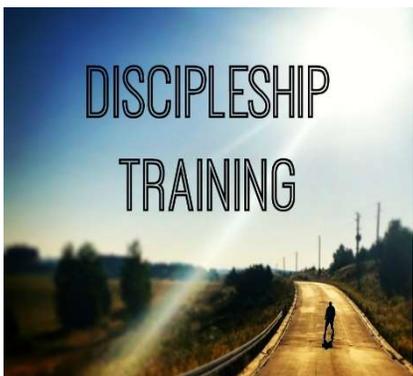
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It's been said that the only reason most American families do not own an elephant, is that they have not yet been offered one for a dollar down and easy monthly payments. It's altogether easy to let life become about accumulating stuff or money, buying or saving. Whatever security it promises, it's a house of sticks waiting for the right wind to collapse. The possession or the dollar that will finally make you happy is always the next one you don't yet have. And when you get that one it's still the very next one, always just out of reach. Edward Mote grew up dirt poor, running the streets while his parents tended a pub. Through hard work and some fortunate circumstances, he came to own his own business and possess much of what he dreamed of earlier in life. One day he was walking to work, thinking about how much he now owned and how little it all meant, both in this life and in eternity. A phrase began to run through his mind, and when he arrived he sat down and wrote the great hymn, "My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness." Owning an elephant, or laying hands on that next possession or next dollar, never delivers what it promises. If that's what your hope is built on, you don't have any hope. But, as Edward Mote reminds us, there is one secure place where you can build yours.

This Sunday morning we return to Romans 8 and focus on verses 31 – 39. Paul's presentation of the Christian life in chapters 5 – 8 comes to climax in this passage; these nine verses are full of deep joy and building excitement, like a symphony entering the final moments and getting faster and faster. If Paul were playing the organ here, all the stops would be out! On Sunday night, we come to Mark 9: 1 – 13 and a unique, unforgettable moment on a mountaintop: the transfiguration of Jesus. Also, we'll have a baptism Sunday evening at the beginning of the service. Don't miss any of this!

Bro. Dean



Discipleship Training, Sanctuary Class:

5:30 PM Sundays

Now underway – a study of some of the great revivals and awakenings in Church History

Be there to learn and grow!



Welcome New Church Members!

Jeff and Lela Woodin

Jeff comes by baptism, and will be baptized this coming Sunday evening. Lela comes by Statement of Faith.



Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

“Whom shall I send,

And who will go for Us?”

Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Isaiah 6: 8

Thomas McGee came forward this past Sunday to share that the Lord is calling him to missions. Pray for Thomas as he prepares to answer the call!



Calling All Men!

What: Assembling Fishing Kits for OCC Shoeboxes

Where: Madden Hall

When: Saturday, September 3, 8:30 AM

Make a difference in a boys life! Breakfast will be provided at at 8:30, assembling of fishing kits immediately following. If you can participate, please let Tonya Davenport or Glenda Hunter know. Change a life by your gift – fishing is a livelihood or a way to help feed the family for some of the boys who receive boxes.



Ice Cream Freeze-Off: September 10, 5:30 PM

Crank up a freezerfull of your favorite flavor, or bring a quart of your favorite, or bring cookies, cobblers, or other desserts to go along with the ice cream. There will be a panel of expert judges for the ice cream, and while the brain freeze wears off we will watch two short films with Bruce Marchiano, prior to his visit with us on Sept. 18. Mark your calendar, find the sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board, and loosen up your cranking arm!



Awana begins a new year September 11!

Sunday nights, 5:30 – 7:00, Madden Hall

See Lydia Womack for more info, and pray for a blessed year to come!



Also On the Calendar!

Sunday, Sept. 18: Bruce Marchiano in AM service
 Sunday, September 25: Gideon Service
 Friday-Sunday, October 28-30: Church Directory Photos
 Saturday, November 5: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
 Sun. – Wed., Nov. 6 – 9: Revival Services with Evangelist Phil Glisson



Want to think on that passage a little further? Manuscripts of the message are available for every service—Sun. morning, Sun. evening, and Wed. night. It can be emailed or printed out. Have trouble hearing during the service? You can get a copy before the service and follow along while it's being delivered. Just see or email Bro. Dean (pastorfbc@dtccom.net) with the date(s) of the message(s) you'd like.



Suggested items for August:

crayons, Glue Sticks, Small Coloring Books, Soap, Toothbrushes, Deodorant (Mens and Womens), Hairbrushes, Combs, Washcloths and Band-aids. Donations can be left on the display table at the entrance behind the Sanctuary.



If you don't yet have an appointment to have your photograph taken for the new church directory, please contact Glenda Hunter ASAP! Photography weekend is October 28 – 30, and the only appointments left are on Saturday the 29th—yet many do not yet have one! We can schedule another day for photos, but only after we fill up Saturday. WE NEED YOU IN THE BOOK!

Reading & Praying through God's Word in 2022

- Aug. 18: OT—Psalms 100, 101, 102; NT—I Cor 1
- Aug. 19: OT—Psalms 103, 104; NT—I Cor 2
- Aug. 20: OT—Psalms 105, 106; NT—I Cor 3
- Aug. 21: OT—Psalms 107, 108, 109; NT—I Cor 4
- Aug. 22: OT—Psalms 110, 111, 112; NT—I Cor 5
- Aug. 23: OT—Psalms 113, 114, 115; NT—I Cor 6
- Aug. 24: OT—Psalms 116, 117, 118; NT—I Cor 7: 1 - 19
- Aug. 25: OT—Psalm 119: 1 - 88; NT—I Cor 7: 20 - 40

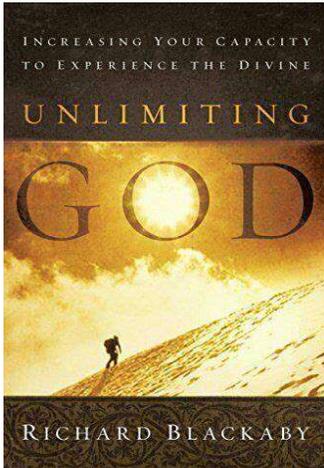


Sunday, August 21:

3T Nursery: Beth Cowan & Rachel Jessup
Children's Message: Rhett Brewer
Deacon of the Week: Matt Powers

“The grace of God is something like: ‘Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are, because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you.’” –Frederick Buechner

Church Library Resource of the Week



People have their limits. Some choose to ignore them. God’s power and love have no limits. So why do Christians put limits on their relationship with Him? We could be pursuing greater knowledge, experiencing deeper intimacy, and abiding in freer joy... and yet we routinely settle for mediocrity in our spiritual lives. If you are ready to explode your self-imposed limits, Dr. Richard Blackaby can guide you through powerful and passionate insights. By contrasting mediocrity with the spirituality of the great heroes of the faith, Dr. Blackaby shows that you need not settle for less than God intends for you. He can do extraordinary things through ordinary people like you, but only when you allow Him to enlarge your spiritual capacity and overcome your self-imposed limits. 248.4, in the Church Library!

[NORMAL SERVICE TIMES](#)

<i>Sundays</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>
Sunday School – 9:30 AM Morning Worship – 10:30 AM Discipleship Training – 5:30 PM Evening Worship – 6:30 PM	GA’s, RA’s, Mission Friends – 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting – 6:00 PM High School Student Group—6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal—7:00 PM
<i>Nursery Provided During Each Service</i> <i>Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).</i>	

NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM,
 Closed: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Memory Verse

“Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.” –Romans 14: 1

Sunday Morning, August 14



The Children’s Message



Trevor Sledge leads a Scripture Reading



IMB Missionary Angela Dawson, serving in Thailand, brings the message, turns Charlie Wies and Jace Smith in Thai farmers, and shares with Thomas McGee.

‘They call me Mom’

God gives unexpected family to single missionary

By Leslie Peacock Caldwell

From the IMB Newsroom (<https://www.imb.org/2020/07/21/they-call-me-mom/>), July 21, 2020

The words weren’t easy for Angela to hear: “If you go back as a single career missionary, you probably will never get married.” She understood that her adviser wanted her to consider the sacrifice she might have to make by committing to long-term missions. A one-way ticket to another country could greatly decrease her chances of meeting a husband and having a family.

“It was a count-the-cost moment,” Angela says, though she was not deterred from God’s call on her life.



IMB missionary Angela Dawson and the girls who call her “Mom” make a common hand sign for “love.” Though the girls in the house may come and go, the house is always full of love. “God gave us to each other,” Angela says. From left to right: Thip, Ann, Earn, Angela, Prame, Noi (IMB photo)

In 2010 she was appointed by the IMB as a career missionary to Thailand and she built a fruitful ministry working with medical clinics as a translator and leading English camps in local elementary schools. She started her service in a rural area, but after a diagnosis of Meniere’s disease, which causes her vertigo, she moved to a town where she would be closer to the medical care she needed.

She also moved to a larger home and it didn’t take long for her to find out how God intended to use the house for ministry. As she was moving in, she heard about a 15-year-old girl, Ying, whose mother wanted her out of the house.

“My daughter is such a burden to me. Can you take her?” Ying’s mother asked Angela’s supervisor, Doug Derbyshire.

Wanting to protect this frightened teenager, Doug arranged for Ying to move into a dorm-style room at a guest house the team uses for volunteers. But Angela couldn’t imagine how scared this girl must be. She felt the Lord telling her to open her home.

Ying moved in, and the following week, Ying’s friend, Ploy, asked to move in too. Ploy’s family had sent her to work at a truck stop. Fleeing the terrible conditions, Ploy returned home only to face the anger of her parents. Her father beat her, claiming that she was refusing to support the family. With nowhere else to turn, she went to Angela’s house.

Ying and Ploy decided on their own to call Angela “Mom” from the very beginning. For Angela, God was making it clear that He was building a family she didn’t expect.

Angela was adjusting to two teenaged girls in the house when a third girl needed housing. Ann attended the church's youth group but was not a believer, and her words and actions were evidence. Angela says that when they first met, Ann cursed a lot, was often angry, and could be very mean to other people. But she was a friend with the other girls and Angela wanted her to feel welcome. After a weekend slumber party at Angela's house, Ann began to stay over more often. Soon she asked if she, too, could move in. Since her family was very poor, Ann's departure would give them some relief.

Angela moved two sets of bunk beds and a spare mattress into her second room to make room for the girls and the extra company who often joined them on the weekends. She also converted a small office space into a room for Prame, a high school senior, who was living with her grandparents. Prame wanted to study and go on to college, but her grandmother was cruel toward her and made it very difficult for her to focus on school. Prame moved into the small office space and became one of the family. In Angela's home, Prame had peace and encouragement in her schoolwork.

In December 2017, the year God first began to build this new family, Ying and Ploy left Angela's house and never returned. At first, everyone was concerned, but later Angela found out that they were safe but were choosing to live a life apart from God. Angela missed them, but in the spring, God led another young woman to the family.

Noi had recently moved to the city to work as a nanny. Angela's home and family were a perfect match for her. Noi was a brand-new believer and was seeking growth in her faith.

"This turned into a good time of discipleship," Angela says of Noi's move to the house.

As the leader of this family, Angela says that she has a few rules, but is glad that, for the most part, the girls have been very compliant.

"They have to help me clean the house and do dishes. And they have to go to church and have a quiet time," Angela says. "And no boys in the house!"

Angela supports them as any mother would—making sure they have lunch money and school uniforms, reminding them to study and taking time to listen to them. Since going out for lunch is not expensive in Thailand, she takes the girls out to eat every day. She also provides food for the house and the household items they need. Angela explains that some of these girls could not afford to eat three meals a day before they moved into her house. Their lifestyle now, though simple, provides more than they've ever had.

"It's nice not having an empty house. I like having them around," Angela says of her family, which she is open to expanding. "I don't have any limits about how many can be in the house. My home is open."

Angela knew what she might be sacrificing when she chose to make Thailand her home for the sake of the gospel. She's grateful that God planned for her to be a mom after all.



Each girl has a story of God at work, and Angela Dawson says she feels blessed to be a part of it. She describes one of the highlights in their family as Ann's profession of faith. As Ann grows in her faith, Angela has seen a significant transformation in her attitudes and actions. Angela describes Prame as being very serious and never smiling when she first moved in. "She changed into this person who was able to laugh. And you can see joy in her face," Angela says. "Noi was a brand-new believer when she first moved in, and now she is sharing Christ with people. She's led a lot of people to the Lord." Pictured left to right: Ann, Prame, Angela, Noi (IMB photo)



“These are some of my favorite times,” says IMB missionary Angela Dawson of family Bible study and prayer. “I really enjoy when we get to read the Bible together and I get to hear their insights on what we’re reading,” says Angela. (IMB photo)



To encourage family time, Angela Dawson told the girls in her home that they can only run the bedroom air conditioning units to cool their rooms at night. During the heat of the day, they gather in the living room if they want to be cool. This leads to some sweet family fellowship and discipleship. (IMB photo)

If you’d like to receive Angela’s newsletter but didn’t get to sign up for it last Sunday, let Bro. Dean know!

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

Wallace Burke
Melissa Burnett
Patrick, Karie Cecil
Ralph Coley
Mark, Lesa Davis
Dot Duggin
Lou Goins
Cecil Gregory
Drunell Higgins
Doris Markum
Benton Parker
Shirley Reed
Branden Schwartz
Bill Sharp
Windol Tate
Jeannette Todd
Betty Wilder

Caroline Rowden (Brad Garrett)
Tamaria Russell (Phene McCurrey)
Ruth Anne Semlinger (Sandy Bogle)
Lisa Simons (Betty Smithson)
Robert Singleton (Jan Purvis)
Jack Smith (Lesla Davis)
Don, Eunice Stevenson (Jeff Stevenson)
Brenda Tate (Tonya Davenport)
Kendria Walkup (Julie Powers)
Joyce Wilburn (Anna Farris)

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Missionaries: Buck/Annie Barton, Lee/Sophia Ford, Marcus/Sara McBee, Al/Margaret Patterson, Angela Dawson, Gavin/Laura Pinkston, Phil/Laura Metcalf, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Thomas McGee

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Mike & Shirley Allen (Glenda Hunter)
Elijah Bell (Julie Powers)
Mildred Bowerman (Morgan Bostedt)
Mary Ann Brady (Marilyn Ault)
David Brannan (Bob Davenport)
Pat Curran (Jeff Stevenson)
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)
Augusta Donnell (Shirley Parker)
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)
Garl Fugit (Tonya Davenport)
William Geroy (Lydia Womack)
Michael Grubbs (Lesla Davis)
Norma Hancock (Martha Burke)
Melvin Hayes (Shirley Reed)
Phyllis Judkins (Lesla Davis)
Jesse Keener (Melissa Burnett)
Kelli Lamb & family (Will Farris)
Shane Lamb (Ann Haley)
Pat Lipp (Tammy Wies)
Doug Lowe (Matt Powers)
John Wayne McKinney (Matt Powers)
Cynthia Maxwell (Sandy Bogle)
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Church Matters: Bro. Tony & Student Ministry; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; persecuted Christians worldwide; nation & leaders; Gideons; Jail Ministry, the lost