

February

Feb 11 Valentine Banquet after morning services
Feb 11 Life Groups meet at 6:00 p.m.
Feb 12 Seven @ Seven
Feb 17 Emporia Avenue Ladies Day; Theme: "Deborah"
Feb 19 Seven @ Seven
Feb 21 Bring Cookies for Winfield Rest Haven
Feb 25 4th Sunday Luncheon
Feb 25 All Life Groups meet at the building at 6:00 p.m.
Feb 25 Elders/Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m.
Feb 26 Seven @ Seven

WHERE IS YOUR FOCUS?

A man went to the preacher of his church and said, "I won't be attending Church anymore."

The preachers said, "May I ask why?"

He said, "I see people on their cell phones texting and typing during the service, some are gossiping, some just aren't living right, some are sleeping, some are staring at me, they are all just hypocrites."

The preacher was silent. Then he said, "Can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decisions?"

He said, "Sure, what's that?"

He said, "Take a glass of water and walk around the building two times and don't let any water fall out of the glass."

He said, "Yes, I can do that!" He went and got the glass of water and walked around the building two times. He came back and said proudly, "It's done."

The preacher asked him these questions, "Did you see anybody on their phone? Did you see anybody gossiping? Was anybody living wrong? Did you see anyone sleeping?"

He said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't spill out."

He told him, "When you come to church, you should be just that focused on God, so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said, 'Follow Me,' He did not say follow them."

Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused you are with God.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*LEARN to love with all your heart and
ACCEPT the faults of others in your life.
REMEMBER, anyone can love a ROSE but
it takes a GREAT HEART to include the THORNS.*

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Every child of God has to look into a mirror and make two decisions: Who will I be and what will I do. In his reflections on the book of Daniel, Bobby Valentine writes:

"Every person who has been baptized into Christ has been born again by God's grace. Christians, therefore, exist in what may be called a state of grace or a state of salvation. Because we believe the testimony of God's Spirit through Scripture and his witness to our spirit, we know we are his.

Yet every person who is, by grace, in Christ also knows that Satan has not put a "Do Not Disturb" sign around us. Rather he has hung a Bull's Eye on us in order to destroy us. Christians know more than their critics that living a godly, holy and Spirit-filled life is a struggle. Paul even compared it to warfare! So we look for resources to live a life of faithfulness before God.

The stories in the book of Daniel were written precisely to help God's people face the assaults that come from a hostile and pagan world – the attacks of the Enemy. From the book of Daniel we learn two important truths about discipleship: we must have a strong sense of identity and we must have integrity.

Daniel does have a strong sense of identity. He knew that he belonged to God. In chapter one he refused to "defile himself" which meant he did not allow himself to be put under obligation to a pagan king (1.8). In chapter nine Daniel prays to Yahweh, this prayer reveals his deep roots in the story of Israel with God. Daniel knew if he was not only to survive in a worldly, pagan environment he needed a strong sense of "who he was and whose he was" – identity. His identity was rooted in and derived from the God of heaven.

Daniel also had a strong sense of integrity. His integrity was that of faith. From reading the book of Daniel we see this young man was a student of Scripture and a prayer warrior. Twice this man of God is indebted to Jeremiah (2.36-38, cf. Jer 27.6-7; and 9.2-3, cf. Jer 29.10) and frequently uses language from Ezekiel. Daniel's faith had integrity. He knew he would not be able to live faithfully without constant feeding upon Story of God in Scripture. When he needed insight or strength, Daniel had God's word imprinted on his heart due to his habit of meditating upon it.

Daniel's integrity is also seen in his prayer life. Few characters in the Bible are said to have prayed as often as Daniel. He prays in chapters. 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 12. The reason Daniel was put in the dungeon with wild lions was because of his commitment to prayer.

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PRAYER LIST

Teresa Pierce, Harlan Bay, David Whitley, Richard Wartick, Rita Carroll, Tom McReynolds, Dalton Brownlee, Tim Evans, David Brundage, Matt Norris, Norma Gooch, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Patsy Pierce, Allen Stone, Deedra Bostick, Crystal Anderson, Jack Edwards. *Shut-In's:* Bertha Brown, Jerry Howell, Dorothy Lauterbach, Gene Deffenbaugh, Maxine Cole, Georgia Spencer, Bennie Jefferies.

CARD SHOWER FOR MAXINE COLE

Maxine Cole is celebrating her 95th birthday on February 13. Let's shower her with cards. Her address is Maxine Cole, Sterling House #109, 500 North Plum, Wellington, KS 67152

ELEVEN WAYS TO LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (I Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)
11. Honor without fail. (Hebrews 13:4)



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Daniel, who was kidnapped from his homeland as a youth, was taken to a strange land, a land of a different language, different values, and different religion. It would have been easy for him to throw in the towel on living as a resident alien for Yahweh – but he didn't. We live in a world very similar to the world of the book of Daniel. We are exiles in a foreign land. But if we have a strong sense of identity, we are God's people and have integrity to spend time to be nourished by Scripture and prayer, I believe we will live lives full of faith for God our King.

Do you know who you are? Do you have integrity before God? – the questions of the Book of Daniel."

—Bobby Valentine

You must learn a new way to think
before you can master a new way to be.



SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED: FAITH

1. A faith that _____.

2. A faith that _____.

Scriptures: James 2:14-26; Romans 8:1-4

THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY, 10:30 AM
SCRIPTURE READING
PRAYER
COMMUNION

February 11
Alan Shields
Ed Newberry
Levi Turney, Mike Neal
Wade Pierce, Chris Dillon
Larry Helton, John Rayl

USHERS
CLIPBOARDS
DISMISSAL PRAYER

Marvin Kline

WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM
LEAD SINGING
DISMISSAL PRAYER

February 14
Alan Shields
Leroy Lewis

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY—February 4

BIBLE CLASS.....56
A.M. WORSHIP.....102
P.M. WORSHIP.....NC
CONTRIBUTION.....\$2,111

WEDNESDAY—February 7

Fellowship Room—26 Teens—10 Bible Hour—10 **Total—46**

COMMUNION PREP

February Aaron Hines

COORDINATOR

February Aaron Hines

ELDERS

Rex Harris Marvin Kline
Ed Newberry Tom Norris

DEACONS

Kevin Dodds Aaron Hines
Leroy Lewis Mike Neal
David Pierce Alan Shields

MINISTER

Michael Nelson

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

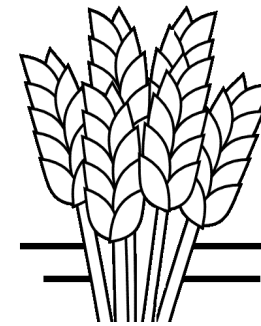
Bible Classes.....9:30 A.M.
Worship.....10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Children’s Class.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class...9:30 A.M.
Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

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Upward, Downward”

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 11, 2018

Call to Worship

Song #3 “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Song #679 “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Song #837 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Prayer

Scripture Lamentations 3:19-25

Song “In Christ Alone”

Lord’s Supper

Song #469 “Faith Is the Victory”

Sermon

Song #560 “Living By Faith”

Song “We are the Body of Christ”

