

February
Feb 04 Directory Photos to be taken
Feb 08 Men’s Fellowship & Bible Study; 6:00 p.m.
Feb 11 Directory Photos to be taken
Feb 11 Valentine’s Day Banquet for 60 and over; details to follow
Feb 25 Sip & See for Emily Pierce and Rhett; 2:00
March
Mar 02 Men’s Hiking Day; details to follow
Mar 10 Chili Cook-Off & Fellowship Dinner; 5:00 p.m.
Mar 24 5th Sunday Fellowship on the 4th Sunday

NEW DIRECTORY
Pictures will be taken this morning and next Sunday morning for our new directory. Please make your way back to the Fellowship Room after services to get your picture taken.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY
Men, join us Thursday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room for a night of great food, fellowship & Bible study. We will be starting a new study. Please let Wes know if you plan to attend. Call, text or email Wes at (918) 607-8489 or husk-erwes1@gmail.com

VALENTINES BANQUET
A Valentines Banquet for 60+ year olds is planned for February 11 immediately following church services in the Fellowship Room. Please sign up in the foyer no later then February 7.

SIP & SEE FOR EMILY PIERCE
A Sip & See is set for February 25 for Emily Pierce. It is going to be held in the Fellowship Room from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Let’s sprinkle Emily with diapers, gift cards and other baby essentials.

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
We will begin 5th Sunday Fellowships again this year. Please mark your calendars as a reminder. The first one will be March 24 as the 31st is Easter. More info will follow.

MIDWEST YOUTH FOR CHRIST
Every 4th Sunday of the month, Christian Youth (3rd-12th grade) and families from area wide congregations gather at a hosting church of Christ between the hours of 3-6 pm for an afternoon filled with worship, friendship, activities, and a shared meal. The first one will be held February 25 in Augusta. If you would like to attend, there will be a van going.

If you are visiting today, welcome! We are glad that you have joined us in worshiping our God.

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK
Where Change Begins

There are some things that we have the ability to change ourselves. And if we are having trouble making changes, there are probably a hundred thousand books and articles that will supposedly tell you how.

But there are some things that we do not have the ability to change ourselves. There are some changes that only God can make. For instance, no matter what we do, we do not have the ability to save our own soul. God had to do something to make that change a possibility for us, the change from damned to saved.

That’s an extreme example, but within that example is a principle. We are powerless to make supernatural changes, but that doesn’t mean that God does not call us into His process. For instance, when we read the Apostle Paul teach us in 1 Corinthians 6:20, ²⁰*...you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body*, we are not instantly changed into a person who no longer thinks of ourself first. Our decision making does not instantly glorify God in all we do.

God works through us, transforming us through the power of the Holy Spirit as we surrender more and more of ourselves to Him. Surrendering more to Him requires taking more and more steps of faith, of trusting Him with more and more of our time, thoughts and service.

But how do we do that? Where do we begin? We begin, in the mind. Paul taught me that I am not my own, okay, so now what? I believe it. It’s important to distinguish the difference between believing and understanding.

It’s easy for me to understand that Jesus purchased me, it’s another thing entirely to believe it, but many people don’t make the distinction. They believe that understanding and believing are the same thing, but they are not.

Understanding is adding knowledge. This is a good thing. Proverbs 18:15 says, ¹⁵*The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge*. But knowledge doesn’t DO anything. That’s the difference.

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Prayer List: Tim Evans, Claire Norris, Marvin Kline, Gary Bodine, David & Rita Carroll, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Eli-za Conwell, Larry Helton, Carrie Harris, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

CHILDREN’S CORNER
Our Theme for Children’s & Teens Bible Classes this month is “Peter’s Ministry.” Here is a peek at this month’s lessons, the Big Picture Question.

February 04—Peter Healed a Man (Acts 3)
February 11—Peter Continued to Preach (Acts 4)
February 18—Peter Confronted Sin (Acts 4-5)
February 25—**(Big Truth Session):** We Are to Tell Others about Jesus (Romans 10)

Big Picture Question:
Q: Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus?
A: We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe Him.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE
February
Feb 04—Audra Hudspeth Feb 11—Linda Wartick
Feb 18—**Volunteer Needed!** Feb 25—**Volunteer Needed!**
If you can volunteer, please see Darlene Cooney!

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Not only does belief do something, belief ALWAYS does something. I know I have been bought with a price. I have that knowledge. What I do with that knowledges defines what I believe. Paul says that since I have been bought with at price, my duty, IF I am a follower of Jesus, is to glorify God in my body, which means to glorify God in the things I do, the things I say and the things I think about.

However, if I don’t glorify God, why should I, or anyone else believe I am a follower of Jesus? Even though true followers never follow or glorify God perfectly, the attempt is ever on their mind and evident in their actions.

So, *let us not lose heart in doing good...* (Galatians 6:9), and to think about who we belong to before we speak and before we do whatever we do.

Much love!

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