

Where You Are Family



News Update

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MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome: Scott Carpenter
Song Leader: John Butts
Prayer: JD Berna
Communion Prayers: David Singletary
Scripture Reading: Lee Coleman
Message: DC Brown
Benediction: Ronny Cook



EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer: Scott Carpenter
Song Leader: Dion Massey
Communion Prayers: Johnny Singletary & Ronny Cook
Evening Lesson: DC Brown
Closing Prayer: Gerry Luther



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Announcements/Prayer: Elder
Song Leader: Bill Rogers
Devotional Speaker: Tom Fikes



ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Evening Worship: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM



SUNDAY ADULT & TEEN BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium:	Minor Prophets	Lonnie Ritchie
Annex Classroom:	Gospel of John	Bill Rogers
Fellowship:	Hebrews	DC Brown
Library:	New Christians	Morris Fridie
Annex Teen Room:	Gospel of John	Nick Schroeder

Welcome!

Selflessness

'Tis the season of giving! And that is the mantra of our free market economy throughout this month. Retailers are hoping for generous hearts and large pocketbooks. But the expression is supposed to call to mind the selflessness of giving to others with no expectations of equal remuneration in return. It is an uncommon act.

Throughout our lives we see selfishness on display in every way imaginable. Selflessness, unselfishness, self-abnegation, altruism – all are uncommon terms that are rarely employed because they describe something that is all but unseen and unheard in daily life.

The Bible is filled with examples of selfishness. Cain, Achan, David, Ahab, Ananias, Sapphira and Simon are but a few examples of those killed, stole, lied and were greedy. Their actions, prompted by selfishness, only stand out because they are in such contrast with the purity and selflessness nature of the God with whom each had communion with. The actions themselves are as common as dirt. You could say, "Everybody does that to one degree or another, it's not a big deal."

Selflessness is also found in the Bible. It is seen in Boaz providing for Ruth and Naomi. It is seen in David's mighty men who fought their way to the well in order to bring David a drink of water. It is seen in the good Samaritan who cared for and provided for a stranger. It is seen in the works of Tabitha's hands and heart.

Selflessness is seen in the compassion that Jesus continually displayed for the poor and the needy, the sick and the lame. It is seen in the time He gave to His disciples, and the absence of funds in a 401K because He ministered to others. It ultimately seen in His death on the cross. As He said of Himself, "...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mt. 20:28; cf. 1 Tim. 2:6).

And it is seen in God. Jesus calls us to be "...sons of your Father who is in heaven, for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Mt. 5:45). He is the giver – not the salesman or lender – of every good thing given and every perfect gift (James 1:17). He loved the world so much He gave His son (Jn. 3:16).

Selflessness is a rare thing to find in the ways of the world – yet constantly seen in its very creation, in its Creator and in its Savior. If only for a season ... let's enjoy the heart of giving when we see it in others. It is a dim reflection of Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us (Eph. 3:20,21).

~ DC Brown

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ENJOY THE WIFI
Network: MCOC Guest
Password: fellowship

for 50 points
DC's Trivia Quiz

Be the first to get the correct answer!
They're your points, use them any way you want!
Some are easy, some are a challenge.
Correct answers in the next issue.

I am not imprisoned; I am not dead; I am a builder, I am upright and I am always right.
Who am I? HINT: The answer is more than a three letter word.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Bob & Kitty Mobley
- ◆ Nancy Morrow
- ◆ Cliff & Barbara Purvis
- ◆ Jack & Katheryn Bullock
- ◆ Jimmy & Charlene Ware
- ◆ Evelyn Stalcup
- ◆ Reina Butts
- ◆ Rick & Sherry Damazio
- ◆ Charlotte Smith
- ◆ Paul Miller
- ◆ Frances Poehl
- ◆ Jerry & Janice Walker
- ◆ Rosemary Lunt
- ◆ Wilma Davenport
- ◆ Louise Hairgrove
- ◆ Barbara Loving
- ◆ George & Vanessa Botkin
- ◆ Harvey Blasingim
- ◆ Leon Juergens
- ◆ Margie Jones
- ◆ Yvonne Jackson
- ◆ Jane Sunday
- ◆ Megan Schroeder
- ◆ Zoe Martin
- ◆ Lilly Ruckman
- ◆ Dolly Gullo

Our Active Military : Cody Damazio, Ricky Damazio, Matt Gilley, & John Neidrich

Prayers for the friends and loved ones of our church family:

- ◆ Hadley Daniel, Jean Lowery's great granddaughter (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia)
- ◆ Ada Etheridge, Barbara Loving's sister (health issues)
- ◆ Faye Cook, Lance Leonard's friend, Shawn Rudasill's mother (hear issues)
- ◆ Alan Schroeder, Nick's father (searching for answers to his medical condition)
- ◆ Becky Whittington, Johnny & Opal Singletary's daughter (stent procedure)
- ◆ Willie Brass, Maggie Polk's brother (health issues)
- ◆ Jerry Hairgrove, Louise's husband (fell)
- ◆ Morgan Pessina, Louise Hairgrove's grandson, (kidney/dialysis)
- ◆ Avery Lunsford, Gerry & Libby Luther's granddaughter (Juvenile arthritis/eye issues)



EVENTS & UPDATES

ELDER IN CHARGE FOR DECEMBER - SCOTT CARPENTER 832.525.7324

- ◆ Small Group meets December 16 (PM) There will be an assembly at the building as well.
- ◆ Prayer Meeting will meet December 18 in the teen room at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Men's morning bible class will December 19 at 9:30 a.m. but then will not resume until 1/9
- ◆ Ladies' morning bible class will not resume till 1/9
- ◆ Office Closed on December 24,25 for the Holiday.



DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY 17 - Titus; **TUESDAY 18** - 1 Peter; **WEDNESDAY 19** - Hebrews 1-7;
THURSDAY 20 - Hebrews 8-13; **FRIDAY 21** - 2 Timothy; **SATURDAY 22** - 2 Peter, Jude



YOUTH UPDATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Valentine Banquet - February 2
- ◆ T3 Commission - February 15-17

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Official Camp Dates
June 2-8



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

EEM Special Collection

A total of \$7,931.35 was collected

Small Groups

Meet December 16.

There will also be an assembly at the building.

Office Closed

December 24 & 25



RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

DECEMBER 09, 2018

Sunday Bible Class:	80
Morning Worship:	130
Evening Worship:	50
Wednesday Bible Study:	39

Contribution:	\$7,910
Budget:	\$8,020
Over/(Under) Budget:	(\$1,111)

