

The Messenger

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WOOOHOOO WE DID IT
**THANK YOU
EVERYONE!**

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May Memory Verse

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Psalm 16:8

From My Heart



to Yours....

The College/Career small group has just finished working through a study by Craig Groeschel entitled, *Liking Jesus*. It is a really good study in which he calls into view the pro and cons of social media, texting, etc. and its relationship to the message of the Bible. He has some very good insight on both mediums. One of his main thoughts is that there is a true irony going on with our present day communication. On one hand technology has enabled us to be more connected than ever before with people nearby and far away from us. While at the same time people seem to be connecting in more impersonal ways. He fears that we are raising a generation of young people who are uncomfortable and inept with the face to face conversation because they have so little experience with it. There is an unpredictable element as to where a face-to-face conversation will go and one has less control over it than texting and Facebooking. So, we avoid some vulnerability with others but sacrifice personable-ness and closeness. Fear of closeness then keeps us from loving each other as well as we might. We end up with a culture where real communication is minimized while technologically has been maximized.

It causes me to think that the personable-ness of Jess would be quite out of vogue today, while being no less needed. Even though at times crowds followed Jesus, we read that He often went out of his way to address the needs of one person. He cared about those who were social outcasts and He touched the untouchable lepers. In our day, even a personal handwritten note has become a rare item, but I think most of us still appreciate getting one (which reminds me, thank you to those who sent me birthday cards!) I think that as a church we need to realize the increase of impact we can have as a church through media technology, while not forgetting at the same time the impact of the personal touch. Living out in our church the "one-another" commands of the New Testament will include utilizing social media (We met a new family at the Easter Egg Hunt because Jacob had posted online we were still having it, in spite of the terrible weather) and also our literal, loving selves connecting with others.

He cares, I care,
Brother Ed

**GOD IS EVERYWHERE,
SO PRAY ANYWHERE.**



**Meeting
Monday May 6
@ 10am
Church Library**



Thank you to everyone who brought eggs and candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Also thank you for all the volunteers who helped with the Egg hunt. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you,
Children's Committee



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Struggling to cope with life? Marriage need a tune up?
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Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Celebrate Recovery

Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups & Habits

Fellowship Hall



Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

**Contact the church office (825-5725)
if you wish to participate.**



Last weekend I had to throw away a toy that belonged to my 3-year old daughter, Perri June. It was a toy that cost just a couple dollars and it was one that she often used as a bath toy, his name was Gecko. While her mom was gone and I was feeding her sister, she decided to get out of the

bath and put the toy in the toilet, to go for a swim in a different pool I guess. I happened to catch what was happening out of the corner of my eye and so I came in and explained to her that the toy had to be thrown away due to the fact that she had gone potty, and not flushed, just before Gecko took the plunge. She handed the very germy toy to me and I tossed him into the garbage. What happened next was terrible. You would have thought that I had abused her, the way she started screaming. It took 15 minutes just to calm her down. That toy had a value to her that I will never understand. To me, it was a 2-dollar toy that I can easily replace. To her, it was THE toy. The only toy that mattered in that moment.

For some reason we all think things should be valued by how valuable we view them as. We have some sort of issue seeing the perspective of other people when they value something differently than we do. Whether it's a type of music, or a profession, or a piece of technology, we all would put a different value on some things than other people would. And we think that we are always right.

It's the same way with God's value system. So often what God sees as valuable, we see as not having much worth at all. So often we are this way with people that God loves dearly. We don't see the value in some people the way he does. He is absolutely in love with people we love, and people that we don't. He's deeply in love with the politicians we agree with, and the ones that we think are absolutely wrong.

When we see less value in a person than God sees in them, it is like telling God that we know better than He does. I have been guilty of this as much as anybody and I pray all of the time God would help me to see people the way He sees them.

"For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9

Let's try and remember that this week.
-Jacob



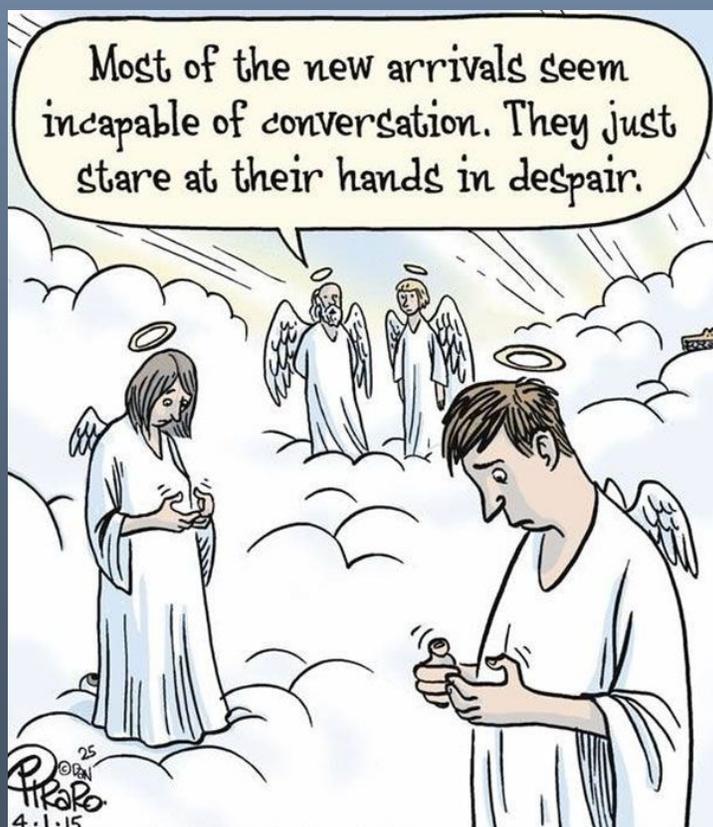
This Sunday is the last fundraiser for our student's summer camp. It will be during normal service times. So come ready to give, to get our students to camp!



American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE

Together, we can save a life

Tuesday, May 7, 2pm-7pm
Fellowship Hall



Advisory Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 19 @ 4:30pm

Weekly Calendar

Sunday May 5

- 9:00 Traditional Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Contemporary Service
- 5:30 Youth Worship
- 6:00 Small Groups

Wednesday May 8

- 7:00am Bended Knee Society
- 8:15am Daniel Plan
- 6:00pm Youth/Children Activities
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting
- 7:35pm Choir Rehearsal

Counting Committee

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**HAVE YOU
JOINED
ONE YET?**



**CONNECT
GROW
SERVE**

Small Groups Sundays @ 6:00pm

Adult Study: "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way"

@ Lucille Parham's (1771 Hwy 49)

Women's Study: Jen Wilkin's The Sermon on the Mount @ FBC
Fellowship Hall upstairs

College/Career – McQueen's home

Daycare is available on Sunday nights from 5 to 8 at the church.

THE DANIEL PLAN
Glorifying God in the Way We Eat, Move, and Think!

Come and join us and learn to glorify
God in the way we eat, move and think!

Wednesdays @ 8:15am

Exercise Days:

Monday & Friday @ 8:15am

Bended Knee Society



Wednesdays
7am-8am
Church Library

THE KEITH CHAMLEE TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



APPLICATIONS FOR A STUDENT EDUCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FROM THE KEITH
CHAMLEE TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FUND FOR 2019-2020 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS
ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY **JUNE 3.**

****YOU MUST BE A MEMBER (& ATTENDING SERVICES) OF FBC TO
QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.****



Monday-Thursday

8:30-4:30

Closed for lunch

12:00-12:45

Friday

8:30-2:30

Office Closed May 27 for
Memorial Day.