2025 EMBRACING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES

FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Philippians 1:19-21

Introduction: Paul stated, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." -Phil. 1:21 For one to be crucified with Christ, one must have a...

I. WILLING HEART

A. EXAMPLE OF JESUS

- 1. He did not have to be crucified
- *a. He could have called to His Father for more than twelve legions of angels -Matt. 26:53
- *b. He could have walked away as He did before
- -Luke 4:28-30
- 2. Jesus submitted to the will of the Father -Luke 22:42

B. WE COME TO GOD WITH A WILLING HEART

- 1. Those who desire to come after Christ -Mark 8:34-38
- 2. Man is invited to come -Matt. 11:28-30; Rev. 3:20
- 3. Christ holds no one against their will -John. 6:60

II. FOCUS ON GOD'S WILL

A. NOT ON THE WORKS OF THE FLESH

- 1. Paul list some works of the flesh -Gal. 5:19-21
- 2. We are to abstain from the works of the flesh
- -1 Pet. 2:11, 12
- 3. Re-aim your focus -James 1:13-15

B. DISTRACTING AMBITIONS REMOVED

- 1. Some allowed for distraction in their lives:
- *a. Rich fool -Luke 12:13-21
- *b. Rich young ruler -Matt .19:16-22
- 2. Paul was an example of one who did -Phil. 3:8

III. LET GOD BE GLORIFIED!

A. GOD MUST COME FIRST IN OUR LIVES

- 1. We love Him with every fiber of our being -Matt. 22:37
- 2. We love Him above all else -Matt.t 10:34-39

B. HIS PRIORITIES BECOME OUR OWN

- 1. Attendance -Heb. 10:24, 25
- 2. Prayer Mark 1:35; 1 Thess. 5:17
- 3. Evangelism -John 4
- 4. Compassion -Matt. 9:36; 25:31

Conclusion: When the old man of sin has been put to death (Col. 3:5), we then can truly live for Christ. It is a choice and a daily commitment that all of us must make.

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SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's Class posted on the calendar Tuesday evenings @ 6:30 **Wednesday**

Bible Classes for all ages

6:30 p.m.

ELDERS AND STAFF

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Opportunities to Serve

Bible Hour Ann Thompson

ELDER for July LADIES COMMITTEE for July

Eric Bliss Linda Bryant







JULY 13, 2025

Order Of Worship

Song Leader: Ryan Bliss

Welcome.....Eric Bliss

669 This Is My Father's World 510 On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Prayer.....Kevin Thompson

495 O The Depth And The Riches

Lord's Supper......Dale Brand

643 The Lord My Shepherd Is

Offering.....Bob Murray

523 Our God, He Is Alive

Scripture Reading......Danny Donaghe

Morning Service......"For Me To Live Is Christ".......... With David House

529 Out Of My Bondage 513 One Step At A Time

Closing Prayer.....Dale Donaghe

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

July 13th Morning Class @ 9:30 AM

Morning Worship @ 10:30 AM

Evening Worship @ 5 PM

16th Evening Class @ 6:30 PM

19th Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30 AM

MONTHLY POTLUCK

Our monthly potluck is next Sunday, July 20th after morning services. A short devo will directly follow the potluck & conclude our services for the day. If you have any questions, please see Linda Bryant.

A QUINCEANERA

Elias & Teresa Hernandez cordially invite the congregation to the quinceanera for their daughter Genesis Hernandez. It is Saturday, August 2nd @ 2 PM here @ the building. There is a reception to follow @ the Rec Center on Walnut Ave. Please RSVP with Teresa by xxx. Come & celebrate with the family this milestone.

CREDENZA

There is a credenza in the library for anyone that would like it. Please see Roy or Shelli to coordinate the pickup.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

God invites to come as we are NOT to stay as we are.

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

BUT grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ~ 2 Peter 3:18

COME SHOP JINNY'S CLOSET

JULY CALENDARS & THOSE WHO SERVE ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE

PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

- **-Loretta & Tracy Bower** travel home tomorrow. Please keep them in your prayers for safe passage.
- -Diane Hemeon was taken to ER Monday evening. An MRI Tuesday confirmed she had a massive stroke. The family has decided to put in a feeding tube & see how she responds over the next few days. Please keep Kevin, Holly, Scott & Pam in your prayers as well as the extended family. Diane's granddaughter Mackenzie recently had her baby girl. Her name is RaeLynn Diane Helena Hemeon Bishop. Please keep her & the baby in your prayers also. Kevin & Scott were baptized Thursday morning. Angels & Diane are rejoicing! Please keep her in your prayers as well.
- -Please continue to keep **Billie Jean Chadwick** & **Bob** in your prayers. She continues to be in significant pain. Pray the doctors will find the cause soon. **Bob** also asked for prayers for their grandson **Elisha**. He has been diagnosed with Craniosynotosis & is scheduled for surgery this Thursday, to correct the cranial bone structure problems. It will be @ the Children's hospital in LA. Prayers for **Bob & Billie Jean** as they look after the other kids while their daughter **Tamera** & son-in-law **Isaiah** are in LA. Finally, prayers for their oldest grandson **Caden** as he leaves for college in August.
- -Please keep **Bob & Robin Murray's** daughter **Crystal** in your prayers. She is still having issues with her eyesight. She has an appt. with a specialist July 23rd. Pray that he is able to find the cause for her eye issues.
- **-Karen Anderson** had her 2nd surgery Monday & came through well. It was more extensive than planned & she is in a lot of pain. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **-Jan Hayes** asked for prayers for her friend **Pam Beecher.** She is not recovering well from her knee replacement. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **-Roy Senior** asked for prayers for a man he met in the alley. **Aaron** is living in his car & is not working. He asked **Roy** to pray for him. Please keep him in your prayers.
- -Please continue to keep **David House** in your prayers as he struggles with his health.
- -Please keep all those **affected by the flooding** in the south as well as the **1st responders** supporting the rescues. Also, prayers for the **fires throughout California & the country** & the 1st responders working to assure safety to everyone.

ENCOURAGING WORDS

The Blessing of Forgiveness

The Lord makes available to Christian an innumerable sum of spiritual blessings—blessings which are beyond our full comprehension, beyond our imagination, beyond anything we can even measure! And these spiritual blessings are only accessed in one place—in Christ (Eph. 1:3)

Every spiritual blessing of God is valuable! There are none that are worthless! There are none that we can live without! But, consider one that we may sometimes take for granted. Consider one that we may sometimes think is so basic and elementary that it doesn't require much thought from us. Consider forgiveness!

Can you imagine what it would have been like to hear the voice of Jesus Himself say directly and compassionately to you, "Your sins are forgiven" like He did in Luke 5:20! While we do not hear with our ears those words today, the power is no less sweet in our hearts, as He forgives us of our sins today!

The word "forgiveness" comes from a word that literally means "send away." So, when the Lord forgives us of our sins, He literally sends them away! He takes what was once separating me from my God (Isa. 59:1-2) and sends them away, so that I can abide in the holy presence of my God (1 John 3:5-6). He takes the blood that Jesus so freely and lovingly shed on the cross and washes my sins away (1 John 1:7) Like David, I cannot help but exclaim that all of that knowledge is just "too wonderful for me" (Psa. 139:6).

So, the next time you pray and you "end" your prayer like you always end your prayer, with a quick, "Forgive me of my sins," right before signing off, think about those words. God has blessed us with innumerable, immeasurable, unimaginable blessings, and His forgiveness of our sins, with all that entails, is second to none. When you ask God to forgive you of your sins, pause and think about Him saying, "Your sins are forgiven." Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!