

What comes first in your life?

“Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mine. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:36-40). “He that liveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that liveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37). “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

If we study these passages together, what is the conclusion? What is the most important thing to you in your life? Be careful what you say, because your actions are speaking and we can see them more than what you say. If a drunk tells his children not to drink, and he is drinking all the time, which do you think the children will hear? If a thief is telling his children not to steal, but he is stealing all the time, which do you think the children will hear? If a person tells others that they need Christ in their life, but rarely attend the services of the church, which do you think these others will hear? If you are telling your neighbor that they need to attend with you the worship of God, but you don't go, which do you think they will hear? They see you when you pull out of your driveway and see you when you pull in to your house, but never during worship time, which do you think is the biggest lessons in life?

If you invite your neighbor to go with you to the worship services of the church, and they know that you are going because they have seen your car leave at the appropriate times, they are more likely to go with you because they see you putting Matthew 6:33 into your life. They see that you love God more than father, mother, wife, or children, your neighbor will go with you to worship. If they know that you are going to worship God they know that you are seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness first, they are more likely to go with you.

What does it mean to be faithful? “...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). Take a sheet of paper and make a list of what you think it means to be faithful to your spouse.

Take that same sheet of paper and make a list of what you think it means to be faithful to your job. Take that same piece of paper and list all the things that would allow you to be a faithful friend. Now, take another sheet of paper and list what it means to be faithful to God. Take those lists and compare them carefully, is there any difference in any of those list? Do you spend time with your spouse, your job, your friend? Do you spend time with God? Is the time proportionate to spouse, job, friend, or God? Do you spend 40 or more hours at work and only one to two hours a week with God, is that proportionate? What if we spent only one to two hours a week with our spouse, are we faithful to them? Why would it be true in one area of our life but not in another? Again what comes first in your life?

In the first century the Olympian Game were being held. The goal was to receive a crown of leaves that was places upon one's brow. Paul writes of this in 1 Corinthians 9. Read what he said, “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that better the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a causeway” (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). What did it take for the athlete to obtain that crown? Could he train himself for just one week and then on the appointed day run the race and expect the crown? No they would train, train, and train more. Just like the athlete today must train to win, we as Christians must train to win. That means spending time with the program. So if we want the crown of life at the end of our pilgrimage here on this earth we must spend time with God.

Yes, much more that the four hours a week in our public worship, we must spend time with God at home and in our closet with God. What is first in your life? It is showing! Love, Keith

Those serving...Next Sunday

Song Leading
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper

Tom Wolaver
Jerry Martinez
Chuck Michell
Perry Sims(P)

Tom Parker, John Hughes, Clyde Hill,
Tom Tittle, DJ Allen, Timmy Thomas

Closing Prayer
Announcements/Invitation

Frank Long
Tommy Wolaver

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at trudyblue1@yahoo.com. Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514

Those serving...**September 6th-A.M. Services**

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| Song Leading | Tom Wolaver |
| Scripture Reading | Josh Sweeney |
| Opening Prayer | Perry Sims |
| Lord's Supper | Calvin McCoy(P) |
| | Eugene Hendrix, Zane Whatley, Art Hein, Jerry Shepherd, Duke Allen, Timmy Thomas |

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| Delivering Sermon | Keith Dixon |
| Closing Prayer | Chuck Mitchell |
| Media Attendant | Dwayne McCannon |
| Announcements/Invitation | Larry Eldridge |

September 6th-P.M. Services

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| Song Leading | John Hughes |
| Scripture Reading | Josh Sweeney |
| Opening Prayer | Calvin McCoy |
| Delivering Sermon | Keith Dixon |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry Cooper |

September 9th-Wednesday Services

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| Announcements | Tommy Wolaver |
| Lead Singing | Keith Dixon |
| Speaker | Tom Wolaver |
| Closing Prayer | Albert Tolle |
| Media Attendant | John Newham |

WOMEN OF HONOR BRUNCH

The brunch for will be in the fellowship hall on September 12th. Please RSVP by September 6th.

HEARING DEVICES

If you need a hearing device for worship or bible study please let Dwayne McCannon or John Newham know.

LADIES DEVO-THIS TUESDAY

The ladies will have their monthly devo this Tuesday. Please bring a dish and your bible.

For The Record...**August 30th**

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| Bible Study | 69 |
| AM Worship | 83 |
| PM Worship | 50 |

September 2nd

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| Bible Study | 50 |
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Offering August 30h
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SEPTEMBER 05, 2015

Assembly Times:**Sunday**

Bible Study-9:30 am
Worship-10:30 am
PM Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study
Morning-10:30 am
Evening-7:00 pm

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TOM WOLAVER 770-560-3722

MINISTER
KEITH DIXON

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

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| Hear | Romans 10:17 |
| Believe | John 8:24 |
| Repent | Acts 17:30 |
| Confess | Romans 10:9-10 |
| Baptized | Acts 22:16 |
| Live Faithfully | Matthew 7:21 |

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Visitors Welcome!

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

COME BACK TONIGHT! SERVICES START AT 6PM.

UP
Coming
EVENTS

CARDS FOR TEAM 1

Due to the holiday there will be no lunch next door. However, cards are ready to be signed. Please take a moment to sign them.

MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED- 9AM ~ POT-LUCK CAFE

NUSRING HOME VISITATION-3RD SUNDAYS

TEAM 2 NEXT WEK. MENU:SANDWICHES & SALAD

LADIES DEVO EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

SEPTEMBER 12th-WOMEN OF HONOR-9AM Brunch!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Terri Jenkins mother, Anniece peacefully entered into eternal rest. Please keep Terri in your prayers.

Please keep Jackie and Corey in your prayers.

Mary Lynn Thomason broke her ankle.

Carole Wolaver's sister was admitted to hospice care.

Larry Eldridge is recovering after gall bladder surgery.

Kim Layfield requested prayers of the church.

Mary Thomason's brother, Charles, passed away Sept. 2nd.

Sean Nolan, a friend of Donna Parker, has a malignant tumor in his throat.

Calvin McCoy asked for prayers of the congregation.

Tim Dixon, son of Keith, will be going to Afghanistan.

David Cooper, Jerry and Almeda's son had a heart cath.

Edwina will have foot surgery on September 14th.

Kay Davis will be taking care of her mother-in-law.

There are others in our congregation that need prayer.

Please continue to pray for each other.

**PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY**

Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd,
Shilo Crane, Tim Dixon, Matt Shepherd, Corey Henry

IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE ADDED PLEASE LET US KNOW.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-SEPT.

The pantry is used for members or anyone in need. Please help us be able to keep these items on hand. Let your kids bring them to class. They'll be excited to help!

- Canned Ham
- Pork-N-Beans
- Mac-N-Cheese
- Mouth Wash
- Tooth Paste

LADIES DAY 2015

We will host our 3rd Annual Ladies Day here at Monroe on November 7th. Please invite ALL of the ladies you know.

A meal will be served afterwards. Register online.

Please keep any electronic devices on silent during worship.

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