

THE WORD

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Sunday

Bible Study: 10am

Worship: 11am

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6pm



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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” -----
---Matthew 5:16---*

Visitors: You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor’s card. You can place in the collection plate or hand to one of us. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get to know you.

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ATTENDANCE week of August 25, 2019

Sun School-----17
Worship----- 27
Wed, night-----7
Contribution-----\$679
Special contribution----\$2250

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are two thank you cards to sign in the foyer for people & congregations who have sent in a onetime contribution for the preacher's house. Please sign them before you leave.

First Sunday fellowship meal today after worship.

Remember Ed and Jan in your prayers as they are traveling this week.

We will be sending out letters requesting additional support. If anyone has a personal connection to a congregation, they think would be willing to help please see Bro. Flowers.

If you wish to add anyone or take someone off the prayer list, please let Bro. Flowers know.

If you are going to be traveling and know you will miss service, please let us know so we can pray for your safe return.

Wednesday Night Bible Study
1st Corinthians Chpt 15

PRAYER LIST:

Nancy Martin
Kurt Guziak
Jerry Clark
Jason Roach
Sonny Gay
E.Y. Fry
Dick Godfrey
Michael Dixon
Josh McElrath
Janice Johnson
Margaret Schoen
Coleen Holt
Jan Townsend
Carolyn Ledford
Muriel Boyd
Martin Davis
Don Blackwell
Sheri Blackwell
Barbara Beard
Lowell Davis

Birthdays:

Kristy Roach (03)

Pursue A Paul (pt1)

By: Kyle Rye

Research has revealed that one of the most critical elements to preventing new converts from leaving the church is friendship. According to one study, “Each new person should be able to identify at least seven friends in the church within the first six months.” In other words, developing faith-based friendships is critical to faith development.

Maybe that is why relationships played such a vital part in Paul’s ministry. Paul was a man who thrived on relationships. Rarely do you find Paul by himself in the New Testament. One author identified approximately one hundred different individuals associated with Paul in some fashion between the Book of Acts and the Pauline epistles. So, while we tend to remember Paul as an author of deep theology or advancer of missional philosophy, we need not overlook the fact that he was a practitioner of broad community. Thus, pursuing a Paul means pursuing spiritually beneficial relationships. But what type of relationships does that entail?

First, pursuing a Paul may mean pursuing an accountable friend.

Peter was a pillar of the first century church as an apostle and an elder, but that did not mean that Peter was infallible. On one occasion, which is recorded in **Galatians 2:11-14**, he was assembling with the predominately Gentile church in Antioch when some Jewish Christians from the Jerusalem congregation arrived. Prior to their arrival, Peter willingly ate with the Gentile Christians, but, after their arrival, he stopped eating with the Gentile Christians because he was “fearing the circumcision party” (**Galatians 2:12**). Paul confronted Peter regarding his hypocritical behavior because he saw that Peter’s “conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel” (**Galatians 2:14**). Confronting the church leader who delivered the first gospel sermon (**Acts 2:14-41**) and shared the gospel with the first Gentile audience (**Acts 10:34-48**) would have been unthinkable for some because there are certain people, we do not feel authorized to correct. But Paul did not think that way. In fact, Paul wrote in Galatians 6:1, “if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.” So, when Paul noticed Peter’s misstep, Paul did not hesitate to confront him about it because Peter’s status did not matter to Paul nearly as much as his salvation did.

All of us need a Paul in our life. All of us need someone who is willing to hold us accountable, someone who is willing to be honest with us, and someone who is willing to lovingly correct us when we are wrong. So, who is going to be your Paul?

SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 9:1-5

THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY

Announcements.....Doug McElrath
Bible Class Prayer.....Ernest McElrath
Song LeaderDon Roe
Direct Lord’s Supper.... Ron Weston
Assist Lord’s Supper.... Brian Farmer
Assist Lord’s Supper.... Martin Davis
Opening Prayer.....Jason Flowers
Scripture Reading..... Doug McElrath
Sermon.....Jason Flowers
Closing Prayer.....Martin Davis

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

HEAR GOD’S WORD—ROMANS 10:17
BELIEVE IN CHRIST—JOHN 3:16, MARK 16:16
REPENT OF SINS—LUKE 13:3 ACTS 2:38
CONFESS CHRIST—ACTS 8:37, ROMANS 10:10
BE BAPTIZED—GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 2:38
LIVE FAITHFULLY—JOHN 8:31, 1ST COR 15:58

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