

Family & Friends..... March 2, 2022

We are so happy to welcome Josh & Hillary Porter, Ben & Erica Sebree, and Kyle Dillard who want to be a part of our church family. We are all looking forward to getting acquainted with you and serving our Lord together.

What does it mean to be humble? There are so many attributes for the word humble and humility, it would be hard to list them all. Some of the ways one is humble is not being proud or arrogant, not boastful, being grateful for everything in life, not being judgmental, not being materialistic, not self-destructive or dwelling on the past to name just a few. We are called upon to be humble followers of Christ and trust in the wisdom and salvation of God. The Bible teaches us how we can be humble. To be humble we must have faith that God will lead us in the best way to live while avoiding temptation. Lean on the understanding and wisdom of God. Humility is recognizing the magnificent power of God and fearing the consequences of neglecting His commands. We are to put complete trust in God! To God Be the Glory!



Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:29

A big welcome to our visitors: David & Sarah Ellison (Fayetteville), Randy & Bobbie Hokr (Pea Ridge), Mike Martin (Rogers), Nathanael & Jessica Green, and Amber Lewis. (Bella Vista), Jane Weiser, Rose Scott (Pea Ridge), Aliene Gregoire and Alyce Johanson.

Hope everyone got through the weather we had last week! I never thought I would see a rain thunderstorm, hail, freezing rain, sleet and snow all in a short time while eating breakfast! It was amazing!

Those on our prayer list: continue to remember and pray for Maggie Wicker, Judith Carmical, Tim & Susan Duffy and Susan's dad, Steven Ashcraft, Doug Klingman, Becky Donceel, Roy & Dianna Fanning, Carolyn Lacey, Vicki Lunsford's dad, Trent Brock, Bob & Pat Musson, our missionaries, our military and police force, and our president and country.

Fair Haven Children's Home: juice, Spam, cereal, cookie mix, & trash bags. March Food Pantry: cereal, canned chicken, applesauce, soups, peanut butter, and canned vegetables.

God's comfort soothes us perfectly. Love you, stay safe.

Karen

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Return Service Requested

LORD'S DAY		8:15 AM	9:45 AM
Early Worship	Bible Class (Livestreamed)	9:30 AM	7:00 PM
Worship (Livestreamed)		10:30 AM	
WEDNESDAY			
Ladies' Class	Bible Classes (Livestreamed)		

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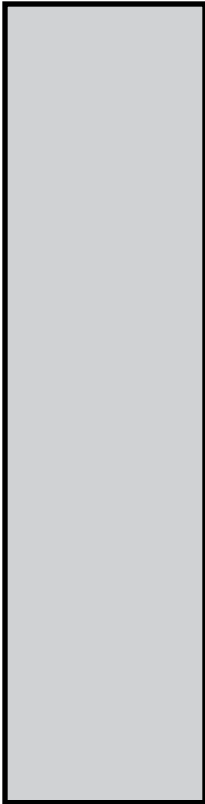
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The Call

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. (Mark 2:13-14)

It must have been seen as strange for Jesus to call Levi, whom we know as Matthew, to come and follow as a disciple. For a new rabbi who seems to be gaining in popularity to invite a tax collector as a follower would be viewed as bad strategy. Everyone knew this move would not win points with the influential groups of the day.

The tax collectors occupied an uncomfortable status in their culture. The Romans looked down on them because they were Jews. Their Jewish countrymen disliked them because they saw their work for the Roman government as collaboration with the system that was oppressing them. They were in some respects, people without a home.

Even as they occupied this uncomfortable space, it still seems somewhat strange that Levi would leave his profession to follow Jesus so readily. Maybe he had heard Jesus teach. Surely he had heard about Jesus as word about him spread through the area. But still, to leave everything he knew to embark on a journey without a clear direction of where he was headed was a courageous decision. There are several things we can learn from this short narrative, but we will look at two in this article.

The first is that Jesus invites indiscriminately. Our invitation from Jesus doesn't depend on our goodness, our position, our respectability, or anything else about us. It is all about his grace, his desire to be with us. This is the way God has dealt with humanity for a long, long time. God told the Israelites this same thing, as they were about to enter Canaan.



For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (Deut. 7:6-8)

To the church in Corinth, Paul wrote, *“For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)*

Great news! Because if the invitation of Jesus only went to people who were worthy, no one would receive it. We have been invited to follow Jesus, to share in his inheritance, to have a life with hope, purpose, and a future because of his immense love and grace.

Secondly, answering the call of Jesus means following wherever he may lead. I think it is safe to assume that Levi had no idea exactly where Jesus would lead him, but he followed him anyway. He trusted Jesus to lead the way and that Jesus had his best interest at heart. Life, as Levi knew it, would never be the same, as he had a front-row seat to the way in which God interacts with the world around him.

Jesus calls us to a new life that is radically different than our lives before answering his call. He teaches us to react to the world around us differently than we did before. He teaches us to interact with others in a way that doesn't make sense to the world around us. He invites us to interact with him and with the Father in a whole new way. Unlike Levi, however, we know where the journey will ultimately lead, but the journey is still one defined by our continued faith, as we trust Jesus to lead and teach us.

Let's take time today to be thankful that Jesus is willing to call us, not because of who we are, but because of who he is. Let's respond to that call by sharing that invitation with others we meet. Let's step out in faith every day and allow him to lead us, knowing that he will ultimately bring us home with him.

-JEFF GRISHAM

Thank You, Lord

Giving thanks is rooted deep in Scripture. Biblical greats are those found praising and thanking God: Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, the Prophets and Apostles.

We have so much for which we should be thankful. “Every good and perfect gift comes from Him.” Can I give you a challenge? Start tomorrow by waking up each morning with a “thank you Lord” in our heart and on our lips.

Thank You Lord for life! Life is from God. “God made the world and everything in it”... “in Him we live, move and have our being.” Thank you, Lord: For the sunshine, the rain, the seasons, the air we breathe, our homes, family, friends, flowers, birds that sing, all that makes life so good.



Thank You Lord for family! “What God has joined together, let not man put asunder.” Family has always been there for me. What a blessing to gather with those God has given us. Thank you, Lord, for

the love that flows, the tie that binds us together in family. May we never, never, interrupt or take for granted, those you have providentially bound together as our family. And may we do everything possible to protect the unity of this blessing. Amen?

Thank you Lord for country! “There is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.” Scripture tells us that the rise and fall of nations are in His hands. What a blessing we have inherited! We are citizens of the greatest country ever to exist. We have more freedom, liberty, privilege, wealth, more blessings, than any other nation in history. Indeed, we have lived in the best of times. Let us never lose sight of who makes it all possible. Thank you, Lord, for country.

Thank You Lord for our salvation. *“Praise God who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ.”* Jesus is God's Son given to save us: *“Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”*

- He is Messiah: *“Live lives worthy of God, who calls you into His kingdom and His glory.”*
- He is Kinsman Redeemer: *“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.”*
- He is our Savior: *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”*

Remember our challenge? Have you accepted it?

*Thank you Lord for loving me;
Thank you Lord for blessing me,
Thank you Lord for making me whole,
And saving my soul.*

-RANDALL CASELMAN

SUNDAY SERVANTS: 3/6/22

First Service

There will be no early service this week. We will have a combined worship service at 10:30 with Kelly Neill from Harding University leading our worship.

Second Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture.....	Mike Spencer	Song Leader.....	Kelly Neill
Greeters.....	John Bowman, Don Cope	Communion Scripture & Prayer.....	Mitchell Whittington
		Closing Prayer.....	Ray Reiss
Nursery Workers.....	Jennifer Royer, Becky Pittman	Van Driver.....	Bryan Busbee

March Worship Coordinators

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