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Let your light so shine be
fore men that they may see your
good deeds and praise your
Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16



Mike's Message

I think that one of the things that is a part of everyone's life today is disbelief in the turmoil, godlessness, and mind-numbing foolishness that we read about in most every area of the news or internet. Sometimes you just need to be intentional about refocusing your attention elsewhere. The Apostle Paul exhorted the Philippian church in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

One of the ways to accomplish this is daily time spent in prayer, worship, and feeding on God's word. Another thing is to focus on all the beauty in God's creation. Many of you may be weary of hearing me go on about the James Webb Telescope and all the amazing pictures sent back for our amazement. We are able to see of parts of the universe that we were never privy to. Another way is to intentionally focus on all the beauty right before us. Charles Williams was a British poet, novelist, playwright, theologian, literary critic, and along with C.S. Lewis a member of the literary enthusiasts group "Inklings".

Williams had two sayings that sum up the difference and the connection between the Creator and the creation. He would look around the visible world at people and places, at rivers and mountains, at a rising sun, at a field ripe for harvest, at a fierce storm, at a clam, cool breeze and say: "This also is not thee." No matter how beautiful, no matter how valuable, no matter how pleasurable, no matter the pull it exerted on his desires, he would say – actually he would pray, "This also is not Thee," and he would lift his heart from the creation to the Creator.

But then he would look again, often at the same things—at people and places, at rivers and mountains, at a rising sun, at a field ripe for harvest, at a fierce storm, at a calm cool breeze and pray: "This also is of Thee." He knew that every created thing reflects the glory of it's maker, points to it's maker, even sings of it's maker. Some times you can hear the song raised to God above! Sometimes you want to join the choir!

Hebrews 11:3 reminds us, "By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." That focus on the Lord of creation lets us walk through the world in a unique way. The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:12-13, about knowing the secret of contentment in any and every circumstance. "I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

He found contentment because above all and through all and in all we have God, and he has us. So we are set free from the twin demons of hedonism (where we make gods out of our desires and worship them) and asceticism (where we make demons out of our desires and flee from them). We instead can find ourselves content and thankful for all things both great and small and learn to use everything given us to for God’s glory and for those who have need. It all begins when we re-focus our attention on those things that remind us of the glory of the Lord, our strength.

I think Charles Williams had a very helpful prayer.

“This also is not Thee.”

“This also is of Thee.”

Michael’s Update

“Michael is healing well. His hard neck brace has been taken off and replaced with a soft one until discharge. The trach and feeding tube were both taken out! He’s expected to be home for the holidays. We are still asking for continued prayers, love and support.” - Hannah

He was originally told he would go home October 31st, but postponed it to November 7th to give him time to build his upper muscles. You can imagine the disappointment for all of them. Michael was depressed, but determined. They will more than likely have more “hiccups” in their future, but their faith is strong and they will prevail.

“The pain that you’ve been feeling can’t compare to the joy that’s coming.” Romans 8:18



Isaiah’s 1st birthday with Daddy.

Saunee’s Corner

There have been several times throughout my life that I felt I was alone. At the time that I cross stitched “Footprints in the Sand,” I had just come out of a part of my life that I’m not too proud of. I had been very self-absorbed and couldn’t see how my life was spiraling out of control. I had thought during those times that I was alone and certainly not worthy, trying to get the approval and acceptance from all the people in my life at the time.

As I look back none of those people are in my life now. Lesson learned but was repeated again during other times in my life. Even when I was not looking for Jesus in the dark times of my life he never gave up on me, something would happen that would bring me back to him. Time after time being drawn back into his love and forgiveness.

Saunee Hamlett

Just for Laughs

Getting the Answers:

A high school teacher was giving a true/false test. He was strolling up and down the aisles surveying the students at work. He came upon one student who was flipping a coin, then writing.

Teacher: What are you doing?

Student: Getting the answers to the test. The teacher shook his head and walked on. A little while later, when everyone was finished with the test, the teacher noticed the student was again flipping the coin.

Teacher: Now what are you doing?

Student: I’m checking the answers.

Quotes

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.” Henry Ford

“I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught.” Winston Churchill

“I find television very educational. Every time someone turns it on, I go in the other room and read a book.” Groucho Marx

“When I hear somebody sigh, ‘Life is hard,’ I am always tempted to ask, ‘Compared to what?’” Sydney Harris

“Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” John Wooden

3-MONTH CALENDAR

****REMINDER: Every Thursday at 2 p.m.: Mike will be in Covenant Care Group meetings and unavailable.**

**The Baby Bottle Campaign will last from October 29 – December 17:
Pick up your bottle or contact Jeanne Hickey**

NOVEMBER:

Saturday - 4	Samaritan Purse gathering	10:00 a.m.
Sunday - 5, 12	African Crafts on Display	After service
Tuesday - 7, 14, 21, 28	"Behold Your God: The Weight of Majesty"	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	"Dust to Glory" Class	1:00 p.m.
Thursday - 2, 9, 16, 30	Todd Lewis Bible Study	1:00 p.m. (Time change)
Thursday - Friday - 23-24	Office Closed	

DECEMBER:

Tuesday - 5, 12, 19, 26	"Behold Your God: The Weight of Majesty"	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 6, 13, 20, 27	"Dust to Glory" Class	1:00 p.m.
Thursday - 7, 14, 21	Todd Lewis Bible Study	1:00 p.m. (Time change)
Friday - 8	NNKCS Christmas Program	5:30 a.m.
Sunday - 24	Christmas Eve Worship	10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Friday - 22, 25	Office Closed	

JANUARY

Monday - 1	Office Closed	
Tuesday - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	"Behold Your God: The Weight of Majesty"	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	"Dust to Glory" Class	1:00 p.m.
Thursday - 4, 11, 18, 25	Todd Lewis Bible Study	1:00 p.m. (Time change)

Have a safe and blessed holiday season and new year.





Building Dreams, Transforming Lives

The school participated in the Montross Fall Festival by submitting a fall themed float with almost all our students and parents in attendance. Our little Paisley, age 3, was especially cute in her movie star sunglasses. We won second place with a prize of \$250. Yea, NNKCS!!!

It started out a cold, rainy morning but by parade time you can see the beautiful blue sky. We rode on the decorated trailer behind a truck singing all the way down the parade route.



Mrs. Manjer, our new teacher from Uganda, finished her first full week of teaching, the students are in love with her. She is presenting the story of the tower of Babel the scripture for the week.



Soccer is a favorite sport for the boys during recess. The score varies

**DON'T MISS OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM OF LESSONS AND CAROLS!!!
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 5:30 P.M. AT LIGHT OF CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolytes

Nov 5 David Gwaltney
Nov 12 Constance McDearmon
Nov 19 Anna Brennan
Nov 26 David Gwaltney

Lessons/Prayers

Nov 5 Charlaine Andrulot (L), Teresa Moffitt (P)
Nov 12 Tony Blackstone (L), Joan Blackstone (P)
Nov 19 Jeanne Hickey (L), Marie Carstensen (P)
Nov 26 Jim Conley (L), Susan Read (P)

Chalice Bearers

Nov 5 David Gwaltney
Nov 12 Suzie Norman
Nov 19 Hoyt Wheeland
Nov 26 David Gwaltney

Chiming of the Hour

Nov 5 Phyllis Parrish
Nov 12 Jim Conley
Nov 19 Elizabeth Lambertson, Pam Smith
Nov 26 Bill Andrulot

November Birthdays

Nov 1 David Jennings
Nov 2 Herb Smith
Nov 4 Linda Hornby, Marley Kimmitt
Nov 5 Saunee Hamlett
Nov 9 Tom Kimmitt
Nov 18 Julie Pritchard
Nov 26 Sharon Baldaccii

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Altar Guild

Nov 5 Anna Brennan
Nov 12 Constance McDearmon
Nov 15 Anna Brennan
Nov 26 Elizabeth Lambertson

Tellers

Nov 5 Courtney Ludeman, George Beckett
Nov 12 Courtney Ludeman, Phyllis Parrish
Nov 19 Courtney Ludeman, Mickey Jennings
Nov 26 Courtney Ludeman, Susan Read

Vestry Person on Duty

Nov 5 Doug Ludeman
Nov 12 Hoyt Wheeland
Nov 19 Ed Feddeman
Nov 26 Constance McDearmon

November Anniveries

Nov 7 Phyllis & William Tracey
Nov 24 Judy & Stan Rasberry

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



LOC WORSHIP MINISTRIES NEED YOU!



We have people covering multiple duties during Sunday worship services, which makes scheduling very difficult. We also deal with the additional fifth Sundays, vacations, choir duties, coffee hour setups, etc., which only adds more to the stress for those that take their duties seriously.

We need the following: Acolytes, Lesson Readers, Prayer Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Guild.

Please think about helping out, if only as a substitute. You don't have to be a member of the church and you can set your own schedule. We can work around your availability. Training is available. Contact Mike Moffit or the office.

Thank you,
Joyce Williams

Those who leave
everything in
GOD'S HAND
will eventually see
God's hand in
everything.

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*The deadline for the Beacon is the
third Sunday of each month.*



Bible Quiz

Immutable God

1. **Acts 15:18** - ...says the Lord, who _____.
2. **Ecclesiastes 3:14** - I know that everything God does _____; there is nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.
3. **Numbers 23:19** - God is not a man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and _____? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?
4. **Isaiah 46:10** - declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, "My counsel _____ and I _____ all my purpose..."
5. **Isaiah 14:24, 26-27** - The Lord of hosts has sworn: "As I have planned so it shall be, and as I have purposed, _____. This is the purpose that is purposed concerning the whole earth,...For the Lord of hosts has purposed it, _____?"
6. **Psalms 33:10-11** - The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. _____ stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.
7. **Proverbs 16:9** - The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord _____.
8. **Job 23:13-14** - But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him back? What His desires, _____. For he will complete what he appoints for me, and many such things are in his mind.