



Lifelines

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am & 10:30am

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Matt Malott

We had a wonderful time of worship Sunday, the music was really good and included a terrific duet by Pam Davis and Margaret Ingmire singing, "Oh My Soul." The song reminds us that we are never alone no matter what we are going through. Thank you, Pam and Margaret.



I mentioned at the end of the service that because giving has been so good, we were able to put an extra \$100,000.00 against our indebtedness. That brought the balance down under 1 million dollars, \$980,000.00 to be more precise. The entire expansion project, the new building, remodel of the old building and the purchase of six acres of land to the east of us, came in right at \$3.4 million. After using the money we had on hand, we ended up with a mortgage of about 2 million dollars. With the most recent payment we have cut that in half in about 3 years. Now we can set our sights on getting it under \$500,000.00 and then eventually wiping it out altogether. Thank you for your spirit of generosity.

If you tuned in to watch the streaming of the 9:00 service this past Sunday, you know that it wasn't there. There was a glitch that prevented it from getting on. But the entire service is on the site now and if you missed it, I hope you will watch it sometime this week.

My view of the Bible is that it is like a jigsaw puzzle: lots of pieces to put together, but when you get them arranged in the order they are supposed to go you get a beautiful picture. There are a couple of ways to approach this. One is to begin with a preconceived idea as to what the end picture will look like. Following this procedure your job would be to make sure the pieces fit so that the picture comes out like you think it should. The challenge comes when a piece doesn't fit where you think it should go. So, you either discard it or you do some "surgery" on it to make it fit. I don't think this is the correct approach, but I believe it is a popular one. There are many Christians who begin with a particular theology and then spend their time finding Scripture they believe will fit. For those pieces that don't fit they either discard them or they whittle them a bit here and there and then force them to fit.

A better approach is to allow the pieces to determine what the picture will look like. You use all the pieces and you don't carve them up in order to make them fit. Actually this is more difficult, because where a particular piece may go may challenge your expectation as to what the picture will be. Over my life I have found pieces that did not seem to fit my idea of the anticipated picture. I wrestled as to how a piece could possibly fit in. It would not fit in until I was willing to let go of my expectations and put it where it belongs. Here's the thing, when you put the pieces where they belong the picture is always better than the one you expected.

Prayer Requests

Michelle Brantley, hospice care
Phil Cahoon, kidney stone recovery
Mike Daniels, cancer
Kiley Daniels, tumor
Fred Davis, chemo regimen
Lois Dowd, rehab

Bill Edward's mother, hospice
Marilyn Freeman, recovery, knee surgery
Vicki Gillotti, skin cancer surgery
Gail Harrison, knee surgery recovery
Bob Lagerquist, having tests
Paul Rabenold, recovering
Dick Taylor, surgery recovery

Jim Wiggins, compression fractures

Long Term Care

Ruth Ewerks, Elan Assisted Living
Bob Galster, home care
Bob Graves, home care
Chuck Graves, home care



Pray for one another, that you may be healed.
James 5:16

Offering June 21, 2020

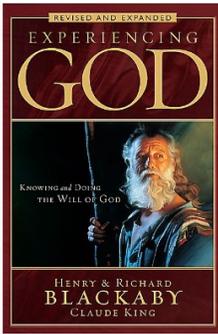
Offering \$ 14,732
June To Date \$ 61,208
June Budget \$ 57,200
Building Fund \$ 1,700

Worship Attendance

First Service: 125
Second Service: 92
Total: 217
Streaming Views: 282

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Audra Jones' Bible Study group will resume meeting Monday, July 13th at 10am in the Fellowship Center, with a new study, "Experiencing God."

This modern classic that has sold millions of copies worldwide is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator.

If you would like to take part in the study, email Audra at audrajo68@gmail.com, so she will know how many study guides to purchase. Study guides are \$15. If you have questions you may call Audra at 240-538-3883.

If you have lost a loved one, consider attending *Living with Loss* that meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Center at 10:30am. The next meeting is July 7th.



Here is what Sylvia Miller, one of the Living with Loss members, has to say: "Norma Bryant does a great job as facilitator for the group, because she has background training for dealing with loss and it shows in how she leads the group. She has a different topic for each meeting, and she asks us for topic suggestions that we are interested in."



EXERCISE CLASS is meeting Mondays and Wednesdays at 1pm in the Fellowship Center. This is an easy Stretch and Balance Class, led by Vicki King. If you have questions, call her at 423-312-5003.

Linda Palma	1	Steve Christopher	18
Linda Brown	2	Sue Schroeder	18
Duane Bennett	3	Bob English	19
Connie Malott	5	Bill Lynch	19
Sonny Matthews	6	Eldon Daniels	19
Ruth Hortin	7	Maureen Wells	27
Claudia West	7	Fran Phillips	24
Ken Westmoreland	7	Erv Shedrick	24
Peggy Allen	10	Philip Palma	25
Judy Lugar	10	Bob Galster	26
Rich Vermillion	12	Mary Lou Aldridge	28
David Perine	15	Dianne Galster	28
Lyn Wiley	15	Garnet Eversole	30
Becky Ledogar	16	Orrin Woods	31
Dave Settlemire	17		

JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

Rick & Joan Corley	2
Jim & Sue Fields	5
Ted & Gail Harrison	6
Carl & Ruth Hortin	11
Alan & Brenda Smith	28
Mark & Margaret Ingmire	29
Lyle & Susan Pettigrew	31



We continue to collect new and gently used medical equipment and supplies for FAME.

Always needed are wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, splints and braces. There is a big need for wound care supplies: bandages and sterile pads of all sizes, first aid creams and ointments, ace bandages, etc. The biggest need on their list is vitamins: children's, prenatal and for adults. For a more complete list of items that FAME can use, see Fred or Molly Plantz.

You may place your donations in the large box by the side door going to the Fellowship Center. Thank you for your support of this vital organization's work.

If you are not connected to a small group, let me share a few reasons why you should join: **1)** you will grow in your Bible knowledge, **2)** prayer will become more meaningful to you, **3)** you will feel more a part of God's family, **4)** you'll be able to handle stress better, **5)** you'll be like the early church which met together for worship, but also in homes to discuss God's Word and support one another. Here are a few of our online groups you can immediately join:



Mark Ingmire

Monday Prayer Session (9am):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/957207735>

Tuesday Men's Bible Study (8:30am):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89465630507>

Thursday Morning Bible Study (10am):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/324433537>