

June
June 30 5th Sunday Fellowship Luncheon is today

July
July 03 Wes is speaking in Clearwater
July 7-13 Silver Maple Camp First Session for ages 9-13 years
July 11 Wes to speak at SMC; van will be going
July 18 Men's Fellowship & Bible Study; 6:00 p.m.
July 14-20 Silver Maple Camp Second Session for ages 13-18 years
July 21-27 Silver Maple Camp Third Session for ages 9-18 years
July 28 MYF at 47th Street Church of Christ in Wichita

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 SERVICES IN CLEARWATER
Wednesday, July 3, Wes will be speaking in Clearwater for their Summer Series. In lieu of having services here, we will be traveling to Clearwater to worship there. If anyone wants to ride the van, please let Wes know.

WES TO SPEAK AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP
Wes will be speaking at Silver Maple Camp on Thursday July 11. If anyone wants to attend, please let Wes know. He will be taking the van out there that night for dinner and worship.

MIDWEST YOUTH FOR CHRIST
Midwest Youth for Christ will be meeting at 47th Street Church of Christ in Wichita on July 28. Wes will be driving. Please see him or Kendall if you wish to ride the van. They will be leaving at 2:15

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

June
June 30—Jennifer Palacio

July
July 07—Audra Hudspeth July 14—Linda Wartick
July 21—Need Volunteer! July 28—Jennifer Palacio

August
August 04—Audra Hudspeth August 11—Linda Wartick
August 18—Kaitlin Francisco August 25—Jennifer Palacio

If you can volunteer, please see Darlene Cooney!

2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"The Great Jungle Journey"
An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation!
Date: July 21st - 24th
Ages: Kindergarten - 5th Grade
"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen".
—I Timothy 1:17



FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

The Many Confusions of Grace, Faith and Works

Over the years, I've heard or been a part of endless conversations about the relationship between grace, faith and works.

I don't mean to oversimplify things or overcomplicate things in this never-ending discussion, but after so long, you have to come up with an explanation that you can live with.

There are many things that can be said, but for this article, I'll simply share one of my favorite responses.

In the ministry of Jesus, he proved to be the son of God by two primary means. First, by His preaching and teaching and second, by performing miracles to validate His teaching and preaching.

Throughout His ministry, He continually said "follow me." It may not be clear in a theological argument, but it is clear when we read the Gospels, that Jesus not only wanted people to believe He was the son of God, but having believed in Him, He called people to follow Him.

To me, this is the biggest disconnect I see when people want to argue about what it means to be a follower of Jesus today.

So, what would following Jesus today look like, since we cannot literally follow Him anymore? Jesus answers that question in Luke 6:46 when He said,

"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

A big part of the disconnect is not understanding that to call Jesus, "Lord," is to call Jesus, "Master." It helps us understand the verse better to replace Lord with Master.

The question is no longer lost in its cultural language. Jesus is asking, why would you claim that I'm your master when you don't obey any of my teachings or commands? He's asking, why do you claim to follow me, but when I look around, you're nowhere in sight?

If learning and obeying the teachings of Jesus are not the top priority of your life; If Jesus is not your master, evidenced by your following Him, no well-worded theological argument is going to save you.

Someone might argue that what I'm describing sounds like a works-based theology. It's the farthest thing from it – I follow Jesus because I believe He's the Christ. I follow Him because I believe that He lived, died and rose from the grave.

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Prayer List: Patsy Pierce, Tom & Louise Kirkwood, Tim Evans, Gary Bodine, David & Rita Carroll, Bob & Beth Brownlee, Richard Wartick, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Carrie Harris, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

BLESSING BOX

We are **very low** on items. If you can bring some, please do so. No canned goods during the hot season!

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items:</u>	<u>Hygiene Items:</u>
Peanut Butter	Shampoo/Conditioner
Granola/Protein Bars	Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss
Nuts, Oatmeal, Cereal, Crackers	Brushes/Combs
Beans, Rice, Lentils, Pasta	Deodorant
Pasta Sauce, One Box Meals or Mixes	Body Wash
Kitchen Staples (Flour, Sugar, salt/pepper)	

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Our Theme for Children's & Teens Bible Classes this month is "Paul's Mission to Rome." Here is a peek at this month's lessons, the Big Picture Question and the memory verse.

- June 30—Paul Returned to Jerusalem (Acts 21-22)
- July 07—Paul was on Trial (Acts 22-23)
- July 14—Paul was Sent to Rome (Acts 26-28)
- July 21—VBS
- July 28—Paul Preached in Rome (Acts 28)

Big Picture Question:
Q: Why should we praise Jesus?
A: We should praise Jesus for what he has done to provide our salvation and because he will one day make all things right.
"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples" —Psalm 96:3

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And I believe that it is His blood that cleanses me of my sin, and not anything that I do. But I also know that if I only believe and do not follow, that there is no evidence that I believe and if there's no evidence that I believe, I will hear the dreaded words that Jesus says in Matthew 7:23,

23... 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

Is there more that can be said, that *should* be said? There always is. But this is a good starting point. Who is your Master? You don't have to answer with words – the evidence lies in who or what you prioritize in life.

Much love!
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