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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00 - 3:00

Weekly Services

Sunday

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

No evening worship on the Fourth Sunday of each month.

Weekday Radio Program

"Thinkaboutit" with Charlie

Wharton AM 1240 at 6:55 a.m.

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Welcome Visitors!





We are so glad that you decided to come and worship with our family today. We hope that you will join in with us as we praise God together in our worship. Whatever your situation in life, we pray that you will find what you need to bring you closer to God. Please take a minute and fill out one of the red visitor cards in the back of the pews and drop it in the collection plate when it comes around — we would greatly appreciate it. Please come back and worship with us again!

A Moment With Mark

God existed before all things, and He will exist after all things have reached their destiny. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. And since it is God who sent us out on our journey, it is God to whom we long to return. This longing is a part of our created nature. We may not choose to reach toward Him as we ought, but inwardly we have a persistent yearning to do so. We can no more change the fact that He is our Source than we can change the fact of our physical parentage. And what He is always asking us to do in this world is dispense with our denial and deal honestly with our hearts' desire for Him.

First of all, God is the *reason* why we reach forward. We long for Him because He made us and put within our hearts a need for Him; we reach forward because He gave us a nature that tends in that direction. But second, God is also our *motive* for reaching forward. The mighty force that moves us is nothing less than this: it is *for His sake* that we want to be better than we are. Deep within our hearts, we want to love God *as He has loved us*. The third and most important point, however, is that God is the *goal* for which we reach. He alone is the answer to our questions, the fulfillment of our needs. And the sooner we're able to view God Himself as our goal, the better we'll be able to move forward with our lives.

To live in the world as it now is, is to be “away” from God. This is still His world, of course, and He is still very much present within it. But our sins have come between us and God. Like Adam and Eve, whose rebellion meant that they had to leave the Garden, all of us since then have had to live “east of Eden.” What we are is not what we were meant to be. Yet while this truth is sobering, it need not be our final truth. A way has been made possible for us to overcome what we are. Tomorrow can be better than today, and there is a heaven beyond the best of all our tomorrows. But let us not be deceived or distracted: it is *God* who is both our Alpha and our Omega. Heaven is worth reaching for *only because He is there!*

*From thee, great God, we spring, to thee we tend,
Path, motive, guide, original, and end.*

—Samuel Johnson

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Darlene Duncan is still at home and unable to be out.

Jody Hartman, Jane Davis's niece, has made some improvement and is able to function better. She is seeking an appointment at Mayo.

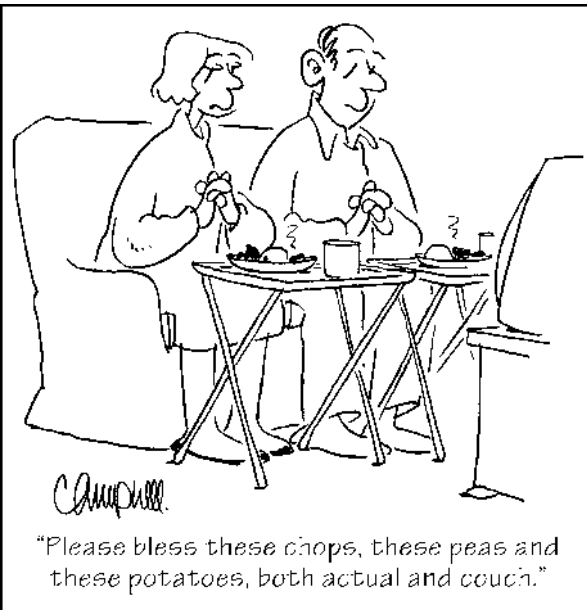
Jeane's mother is having some heart difficulties and will go in the hospital sometime this month.

Michael, the grandson of Jane's brother Forest, has a brain tumor.

"Don't worry about what you do not understand in the Bible. Worry instead about what you do understand but do not live by"

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Margaret Nickels in the passing of her sister this last week. Please remember Margaret and the family in your prayers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 10** Baked Potato Dinner at 6pm.
- Jan 18** Elders/Deacons Meeting
- Jan 21** Ladies Group Lunch at Perkins
- Jan 25** Fourth Sunday Fellowship

BAKED POTATO DINNER

There will be a baked potato dinner here at the building on Saturday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. Potatoes and various fixings will be provided. Bring desserts and whatever special you might like to go with or put on your potatoes. **Please sign up on the board so we know how many potatoes to get.**

ANNIVERSARY

Mark and Jennifer Newton will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

"The person who creates or leads or labors will inevitably make many mistakes. But at least those who strive to accomplish something of worth will not make the mistake of doing nothing."

BUILDING SCHEDULING

Scheduling for building use in 2009 is being handled through the office. If you have an event for which you would like to use the building, please see Mark. Scheduling is done on a first-come, first-served basis, and church events take priority.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **GOD loves a cheerful giver.**”

2 Corinthians 9:7

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome
 Song Leader
 First Prayer
 Communion Leader
 Communion Servers

TODAY

Brad Curtis
Justin Newton
Ed Nill
Corey Huxoll
Mack Wyly
Brandon Osbourn
Taylor Newton
Jeff French
Alan Hyde
Charlie Wharton
Brandon Osbourn
Becky Osbourn

JANUARY 11

Bob Duncan
Brad Curtis
Jeff French
Charlie Wharton
Kris Monroe
Corey Huxoll
Brad Cruse
Max Cruse
Brandon Osbourn
Buford Storrs
Buford Storrs
Diann Storrs

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader
 Communion/Closing

TODAY

Justin Newton
Charlie Wharton

JANUARY 11

Brad Curtis
Charlie Wharton

WEDNESDAY

Songs
 Scriptures
 Closing

JANUARY 7

Mark Newton
Taylor Newton
Taylor Hyde

JANUARY 14

Alan Hyde
Taylor Hyde
Taylor Newton



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