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Lessons for Today

AM: Steve Simmons
 "Forsake Not the Assembly"
 Hebrews 10:19-25

PM: David Selvig
 "I'm a Christian, but..."
 Matthew 7:21

Where Only YOU Fit!!

There are times in our lives when we are overwhelmed with the magnitude of the universe and, in contrast, with our own insignificance. Do you remember being in the country away from the city lights staring up at the stars on one of those cool, crisp, cloudless nights? Awesome, wasn't it? There was nothing to inhibit the brilliancy of the stars millions of miles away shining against the pitch black sky from once again confirming the vastness of God's universe. This must have been the very same experience David had before writing:

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, Psalm 8:3-4

Sometimes, though, we allow these kinds of feelings of unimportance to dominate our thinking so much that we fail to realize our place in the mind of God. We may be but a speck of dust, yet that speck of dust has more value and importance to God than all of the stars and planets and galaxies combined!! Of all of God's creation, man is supreme. And not just mankind in general, but each person as an individual is most valuable to God. For the love of a mere speck of dust God sent his only Son to give us eternal life (*John 3:16*).

Yet that's not all. For those who accept by faith and obedience God's gift of salvation, there is a special place. When we are baptized into Christ we become a part of the church, and it's within this church that we have a special place. It's not like a drop of water falling into the ocean, losing all sense of distinctiveness. No, it's more like a new rose blossom – similar to all the others, yet unique in its own way.

Each of us has a place in the body of Christ that no one else can fill.

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5

A.W. Tozer, in chapter five of his book *A Cloud by Day, A Fire by Night*, wrote about unbelief vs. belief. To paraphrase some of his thoughts, he said unbelief is hindering the power of God's laws within us, it is clouding the Lord's leading in our lives, and it is preventing us from being blessed by His promises. Not that we don't believe in these things from God, we do. But we don't believe they are for me and we don't believe they are for me *right now!* Unbelief says to God's laws and promises, "Not me, not here, and certainly not right now!" (i.e., "Let someone else teach the little kid's class"; "Let someone else evangelize the neighborhood"; "Let someone else visit the sick"; "Let someone else ...") On the other hand, faith says, if some other place, then why not here; if some other time, then why not now; if some other person, then why not me! Tozer concludes this chapter by saying, "There are weeds of unbelief choking our belief. Our job is to find them and uproot them from our lives."

You are unique in Christ! You have a function to fulfill that no one else can duplicate, which of course, is both a blessing and a responsibility. So, examine yourself closely and discover what it is that God has in mind for you. Then praise God as you function within the body of Christ. There is a place where only you belong!

Joe Chesser

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
 AM Worship: 10:00 am
 PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 85
 Sunday AM: 127
 Sunday PM: 73
 Wednesday PM: 60
 Contribution: \$4028
 Budget: \$4831

Think on This...

But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
Psalm 3:3

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Kayley Kluesner: 05.03
 Peyton Watson: 05.03
 Caleb Garland: 05.05

Anniversaries

Sid & Laura Naramore:
 05.05

Serving This Week

Announcements: Larry Dowdy

SUNDAY

Greeters: David & Inger Selvig
Ushers: Randy Seabaugh/Kenny Simmons
A/V: Nate Crowden
Nursery: Jenny Newman
Lead Singing: Dale Gilliland
Head Lord's Table: Bill Welshans
Scripture: Francis Ivanovich
Prayers:
AM: Allen Hedge/Ben Allen
PM: Mat Kee/Dan Silvers

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Nick Brown
Devo: Todd Newman
Prayer: Scott Spraggs

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Randy Seabaugh

Worship Organizer: Mat Kee



Remember in Prayer

- **Melissa Brown** had neck surgery on Wednesday to repair a herniated disc pressing on her spine. Surgery went well and she is recovering with minimal pain.
- **Juanita Hedge** spent a few days in the hospital with a virus. She is home now, but still not feeling well at all.
- **Nancy Lester** had a follow-up appointment last week and is doing very well. She has not been fully released for normal activities, but was able to with us for worship on Sunday.
- **Jerry Mitchell**, Brian's dad, had shoulder replacement surgery on Thursday and expected to go home on Friday.
- Kathy Green's niece, **Sandra Schell** learned this week that she has a mass on her brain. They do not believe that it is malignant, but she will have surgery soon to remove the mass.
- Susan Seabaugh's sister-in-law, **Martha Riehn** was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery on Friday. She does not expect to have chemo at this time.

Chronological Bible Reading

April 30: Psalms 102-104

May 1: 2 Samuel 5:1-10, 1 Chronicles 11-12

May 2: Psalm 133

May 3: Psalms 106-107

May 4: 2 Samuel 5:11-6:23, 1 Chronicles 13-16

May 5: Psalms 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68

May 6: Psalms 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Allen family	Sunny Huskey
Ginger Avery	Francis Ivanovich
Esther Beck	Betty Jones
Shannon Birk	Scott Lanpher
Mark Blaylock	Sid Naramore
Dalton Bryan	Carolyn Neese
Reita Conley	Wanda Raper
Donna Cox	Susan Seabaugh
Bill Dillman	Steve Simmons
Newt & Kay Gilliland	Lee Simpson
Jalonda Harris	Don Tawney
Allen & Juanita Hedge	Chris Weaver

News & Notes

- **Children's Homes** item of the week: **Paper Plates/Cups**
- Please join us for a **Potluck Lunch** celebrating our graduating seniors this **Sunday, April 30**. Our high school seniors are **Katelyn Dowdy** (Cape), **Baden Hackworth** (Jackson), **Gage Kelleff** (Jackson), **Macayla Meyer** (Advance), **Hannah Mitchell** (Jackson), and **Emily Newman** (Jackson). Local college grads are **Tori Bryan** (State Tech), and **Luke Selvig** (SEMO). Gift bags will be available soon for cards. [Others we'd like to acknowledge as they will be graduating in May: **Chrissy Gilliland** (SEMO), **Sydney (Watson) Moore** (Faulkner), and **John Singleton** (SEMO).]
- The **Marble Hill** congregation is hosting a **5th Sunday Singing** this **Sunday, April 30** beginning at 2pm. All are welcome...come and enjoy a time of singing and fellowship.
- It's time to celebrate **Mikayla & Ryan Foltz** and their new baby boy (due in July)! Join us for a shower on **May 7** at **2pm** in the fellowship room. They are registered at Target and Amazon.
- The summer sessions for Bootheel Youth Camp are quickly approaching and many of our kids (and adults!) will be involved. BYC is always in need of additional funding for the activities provided as well as general expenses necessary to run the camp. Info is posted on the bulletin board. See Joy Kaye with questions.

Upcoming Area Events

- **May 20:** *Finding Happily Forever After Marriage Seminar* at Central in Paducah with **Wayne & Tami Roberts**

Youth News & Notes

- Applications are now available for all BYC Sessions for 2023. Pick up a copy and get registered soon!
 - Session 1: June 11-16
 - Session 2: June 18-24
 - Session 3: July 9-14

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GLORY, THE ONE
WHO LIFTS MY
HEAD. *Psalms 3:5*