



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Lessons for Today

AM:
Patrick Adam

PM:
Patrick Adam

The Standard for All Decisions

Life is filled with difficult decisions, many of which are life changing decisions. We have to decide a career path, whom to marry, and how many children. We have to choose where and in what to call home, the kind of vehicle to purchase, and how to spend our time. We have to plan for investments, our children's education and retirement. How will we care for our aging parents? What church will we choose? These are indeed difficult decisions. So the question is, what standard will we use to make these decisions?

For Christians that decision should already be made. Our standard is always Jesus! To be a Christian means we have made a commitment to follow Jesus regardless of what the rest of the world may be thinking and doing. We are to have the mind of Christ (*Phil. 2.5*). We are to stop thinking and acting like the world (*1 John 2.15*); we are to let God transform our minds so we can make decisions that are within His will (*Rom. 12.2*). When examining how Jesus made difficult decisions this one principle rises to the top: *the will of the Father!*

His very first recorded decision is found in *Luke 2*. At age 12 Jesus went with his parents to the temple in Jerusalem. When it was time to go home Jesus chose to stay behind to discuss spiritual matters with the temple teachers. Why? His answer: "*Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?*" (*Luke 2.49*). His second recorded decision was to be submissive to his parents (*Luke 2.51*). That, too, is within the Father's will (*Eph. 6.1*). Because God was his first priority, loved learning and was submissive to his parents.

The next decision we read about was his baptism by John (*Matt. 3.13-17*). When John resisted, Jesus explained why he needed to be baptized: "*it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness*" (*Matt. 3.15*). The Father and Spirit verified that his decision to be baptized was the Father's will. The Spirit descended in the form of a dove and came to rest on him, and the Father proclaimed: "*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*"

For Jesus, the most important thing in life was to do the Father's will. "*My food is to do the will of him who sent me*" / "*I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me*" (*John 4.34 / 6.38*). The night before Jesus died he prayed three times that there might be some other way than the cross. However, he ended each request by adding, "*nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will*" (*Matt. 26.39*).

Jesus faced many difficult decisions while on earth. But in everyone of them, his standard was always the will of the Father. Those who follow Jesus will choose the same standard he used when making decisions. The degree of difficulty does not factor into these decisions. The standard is always the same: *the will of the Father*. So, the principles from God's word should guide our decisions regarding church, marriage, children, career, relationships, investments, finances, retirement, etc.? Remember, Jesus said that only those who do the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (*Matt. 7.21*).

Joe Chesser
Fruitland church of Christ

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: 105
Sunday AM: 176
Sunday PM: 84
Wednesday PM: 71
Contribution: \$4919
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1 John 4:19-20

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Jim Green: 05.29
Ryan Foltz: 05.30

Anniversaries

Rick & Susan Floyd:
05.29
Shawn & Trisha Myers:
06.01

Serving This Week

Announcements: Phil Singleton

SUNDAY

Greeters: Nate & Christi Crowden
Ushers: Shawn Myers/Kenny Simmons
A/V: Zach Dowdy
Lead Singing: Phil Swiney
Head Lord's Table: Bill Welshans
Scripture: Kolten Kluesner
Prayers:
AM: Larry Dowdy/Eric Craft
PM: Jerry Singleton/Nick Brown

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Christopher Newman
Devo: Josh Pappas
"Overview of the Sermon on the Mount"
Prayer: Nick Brown

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Dan Silvers

Worship Organizer: Doug Lester

Daily Bible Reading

May 29: Job 21-24
May 30: Job 25-29
May 31: Job 30-32
June 1: Job 33-36
June 2: Job 37-39
June 3: Job 40-42
June 4: Psalms 1-5

Continuing Prayer Needs

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

Tony Boyd	Julie Kelso
Mark Blaylock	Sid Naramore
Thelma Brown	Carolyn Neese
Donna Cox	Lena Schweain
Bill Dillman	Susan Seabaugh
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Steve Simmons
Newt & Kay Gilliland	Sarah Singleton
Wayne Graham	Jerry Tesreau
Juanita Hedge	Mike Turnbow
Tim Hosey	Lucky Vander
Diana Ivanovich	Chris Weaver
Betty Jones	Betty Welshans



Remember in Prayer

- **Gary Ridenour** spent the evening in the ER on Wednesday due to numbness in his arm. After several tests, they determined that his heart is fine, but believe he may have a nerve issue. He is following up with his primary care doctor as soon as possible.
- **Mike Turnbow** was scheduled to see his doctor this past week.
- **Susan Seabaugh** is continuing to have good relief from her recent injection!
- **Jacob Luebbers** is continuing to recover from shoulder surgery.
- **Juanita Hedge's** blood pressure is doing better, but she is having some issues with side effects from the medicine.
- Dan Silvers' older brother, **Earl Silvers** is making progress as some of his health issues are being resolved. He hopes to be able to have his heart procedure soon.
- Kim Spragg's aunt, **Wanda Raper** is in Southeast Hospital after suffering a stroke earlier in the week.
- Rick Welker's mother, **Rosemund Welker**, is now receiving hospice care as she is getting weaker and is unable to eat on her own.
- Randy Seabaugh's mother, **Dorothy Seabaugh** has some upcoming tests.

News & Notes

- We still need several helpers for our VBS on June 18. Helpers are needed to help children transition from one class to the next. Please sign up if you can assist with this need and see Eva with questions.
- There will be a meeting for all **VBS TEACHERS** on **Sunday, June 5** at 5pm. Please make plans to attend.
- VBS this year will be a one-day "**Saturday Extravaganza**" on **June 18** from **9am - 1pm**. The theme will be "**Passport Through the Parables**". Children ages 4-10 years old will rotate through classes to learn about the parables of Jesus. Lunch and a snack will be provided.
- All ladies are invited to a "**Crafternoon**" on **Saturday, June 25** from **1-4pm**. There will be a devotional time as well as finger foods and crafts! Please call or text Jennifer Huskey to RSVP and ensure that there are enough craft kits available! Flyers are available on the entryway table...invite a friend and join the fun!
- There are still a few spots open for the **Branson Trip** scheduled for **June 24-26**. See Larry Dowdy for more information.
- A new list is available on the entryway table for needed items at **Paragould Children's Homes**. The next pickup will be on September 12. Items needed this time are: Bathroom Cleaner (non-aerosol), Paper Napkins, Toilet Paper, HE Laundry Detergent, Bottled (non-refrigerated) Orange Juice, Saltine Crackers.

Upcoming Area Events...

- The **Marble Hill** congregation will host a **5th Sunday Singing** this **Sunday, May 29** at 1:30pm. All are invited to gather for a time of singing, encouragement, and fellowship. Desserts and homemade ice cream will be served afterward.
- The annual **SEMO Children's Homes Fish Fry** will be hosted by the Dexter church of Christ on **Monday, June 6**. All are welcome to attend and meet some of the home's staff and children.

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FIRST loved US
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