



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

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February 5, 2023

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Above and Beyond

The United States Congress issues a Medal of Honor to members of the armed forces who distinguish themselves "conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States." Many service men and women have received this medal over the years. Since 1941, over half of them received it posthumously.

The idea of *above and beyond the call of duty* intrigues me. What would motivate a man or woman to do that, to go *beyond* the call of duty? I haven't researched it, but I doubt seriously if the motivation of those who have received the Medal of Honor was to receive the medal. Why would someone endanger their life for a medal, especially a medal they might never personally receive? No, I suspect there's got to be something more than that! So, as I thought about it, several things came to mind, but they all filtered down to one basic motivation – *love!* Those who choose to go above and beyond the call of duty must truly love their country, their unit, and the greater good they are risking their lives to achieve. Anyone can do their duty out of fear of punishment or reward for performance. But love will motivate one to stand apart and to go *beyond the call of duty*.

People who love the Lord with all their heart, soul, strength and mind (*Mark 12:30*) are people who choose to go *above and beyond the call of duty*. They are the ones who are willing to step out from the crowd and do whatever it takes to serve God (*John 14:15*). They are the ones who are willing to take up their cross and follow Jesus every day (*Luke 9:23*). They are the ones who give beyond their ability because they have first given themselves to God (*2 Cor. 8:1-5*). They are the ones who stop and help those in need along the roadside (*Luke 10:29-37*). They are the ones who obey God even when they don't understand why (*Luke 5:4-6*). They are the ones who never look back once they have put their hands to the plow (*Luke 9:62*). They are the ones who never ask if Sunday and Wednesday nights are required (*Hebrews 10:25*). They are the ones who have the courage to tell others about Jesus wherever they are (*Acts 8:4*). They are the ones who refuse to bind themselves in any ungodly relationship (*2 Cor. 6:14-18*). They are the ones who choose to worship God in ways that pleases Him, rather than to seek what pleases themselves (*John 4:23-24*). They are the ones who walk by faith, not by sight (*2 Cor. 5:7*). They are the ones who always put God first in everything they do (*Matt. 6:33*). They are the ones who are always looking for ways to go *above and beyond* the call of duty.

And they do it because they love God more than anyone or anything else! Do you love God that much, to go *above and beyond* basic requirements? If so, you will receive from God something far more honorable and valuable than a Medal of Honor!

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: 93
Sunday AM: 140
Sunday PM: 75
Wednesday PM: 70
Contribution: \$4796
Budget: \$4831

Think on This...

Love the Lord your
God with all your
heart and with all
your soul and with all
your mind and with
all your strength.

Mark 12:30

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Carolyn Allen: 02.06
Bryan Azinger: 02.07
Rainey Garland: 02.07
Jeff Garland: 02.11
Jim Seabaugh: 02.11

Anniversary

Bill & Betty Welshans:
02.10

Lessons for Today

AM: Joe Chesser
"Learn to Lead Your
Heart"
Mark 12:28-31

PM: Joe Chesser
"Love's Greatest
Enemy"
Philippians 2:1-5

Serving This Week

Announcements: Leonard Fulbright (AM)
Larry Dowdy (PM/Wed)

SUNDAY

Greeters: Terri Bryan

Ushers: Shawn Myers/Seth Spraggs

A/V: Luke Selvig

Nursery: Susie Lee

Lead Singing: Greg Dowdy

Head Lord's Table: Randy Seabaugh

Scripture: Lance Kluesner

Prayers:

AM: Murray Dunn/Allen Hedge

PM: Phil Singleton/Charlie Kluesner

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Todd Newman

Devo: Nick Brown

Prayer: Mark Essner

Elder Chair: Gary Ridenour

Communion to Shut-Ins: Nick Brown

Worship Organizer: Scott Spraggs

Daily Bible Reading

February 5: Exodus 19-21

February 6: Exodus 22-24

February 7: Exodus 25-27

February 8: Exodus 28-29

February 9: Exodus 30-32

February 10: Exodus 33-35

February 11: Exodus 36-38

Continuing Prayer Needs

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

Ron Anderson

Ginger Avery

Esther Beck

Mark Blaylock

Lee Brooks

Dalton Bryan

Reita Conley

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Jalonda Harris

Allen & Juanita Hedge

Betty Jones

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Wanda Raper

Susan Seabaugh

Steve Simmons

Lee Simpson

Robin Star

Don Tawney

Chris Weaver

Remember in Prayer

- **Newt Gilliland** is settling well in at Life Care Center and would be happy to have visits!
- **Kay Gilliland** was hospitalized briefly with a virus but is back home and doing well...she also enjoys having visitors.
- **Margaret Dowdy** is dealing with back trouble and was to begin physical therapy this past week. She has an MRI in two weeks.
- **Chris Weaver** recently injured her arm and was to see a doctor this week.
- Please keep **Ben & Carolyn Allen** and their family in prayer as they deal with a very difficult custody issue with **Ephraim Rains**.
- **Lorna Thompson** was recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer and will begin treatment on Tuesday at Siteman Cancer Center.
- Please remember the **Ivanovich family** in prayer as they adjust to recent changes in their family.

Sympathy

Please keep these families in your prayers as they are all suffering recent losses:

- Dan Silvers' brother, **Earle Silvers** passed away on Sunday after a long illness.
- Margaret Dowdy's brother, **Orvan McClure** passed away on Sunday in Springdale, Arkansas. There will be no service.
- **Glenda Francis**, long-time friend and Sister from the Marble Hill congregation, gained her reward on Wednesday. Her visitation will be next Saturday, February 11 from 11am - 1pm and the funeral will follow at 1pm at Hutchings-Pendergrass Funeral Home in Marble Hill.

News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Ranch Style Beans**
- Please pick up a new **Timothy Can** to help support Christian Family Services' Timothy Campaign. The goal for each can is \$75 and they are due back in June. Your small change can make a big difference for CFS and the children they serve!
- A new **Helping Hands** list is posted outside the Nursery. Please pull a tab or two and return grocery items by next **Sunday, February 12**.
- Please see **Shawn Myers** if you would be willing to play a role in this month's security training on **Sunday, February 19** at the church building. Anyone is welcome to volunteer for this exercise.

Women's Retreat

- **March 24-26: SPARK Women's Retreat** in Branson. Theme: "Protected" based in Psalm 91. Registration has been completed. Please see Lesley Kluesner if you still need to pay for your Esther ticket.

Youth Corner

- **Sweetheart Banquet Practice** Sunday at 5pm in the fellowship room for all kiddos Pre-K through 6th grade.
- **February 23-26: CYC** in Pigeon Forge.
- **March 10-11: Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is "Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground".

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL
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MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR
STRENGTH.

- MARK 12:30