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Family Matters

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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"The Ability to Do It Right"
John 1:35-39

PM: Brian Mitchell
"Introduction to First Corinthians"
1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The Ability to Do It Right

Are you familiar with the term "mulligan"? It is a term used in golfing and it can be the best friend of the casual weekend golfer. It basically means a "Do over." If a golfer makes bad shot they can redo it without adding an additional stroke to their score. They just call a mulligan and take the shot again—of course I usually mess that one up too.

The principle behind the idea of a "mulligan" is useful in life, too—especially our spiritual lives. There are times when we need a second chance, a new start. One of the basic tenets of the gospel is that we, through Christ, can get a second chance—a do-over. There's no question that we all, at times, need one. We are in the third week now of a series called It's A Wonderful Life. It is so because Jesus makes it so.

In Jesus, life is wonderful because we see life from a new perspective that changes how we view life and the effect we have on others in life. In Jesus, life is wonderful because, although it doesn't always work to our advantage in life, in regard to my relationship to God, It Is WHO I Know that Matters!!! Today we're going to look at another reason that, In Christ, Life Truly IS Wonderful: The Second Chance.

In 1999 18 year old Josh Hamilton was on top of the world after being drafted #1 in the MLB draft and receiving a then record 3.96 million signing bonus from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. However, in 2001, after a promising start to his career, Hamilton was in a serious car wreck where he sustained back and other injuries—it was then that he began experimenting with drugs. By 2003, after failing repeated drug tests, Hamilton found himself completely out of the game he had spent his entire life preparing to play professionally.

It wasn't until 2006 that Hamilton finally hit rock bottom and began the road to recovery and it wasn't until 2007, after nearly 4 years out of the game, that Hamilton finally got what all of us need from time to time—A Second Chance. Since then he has gone on to make several all-star appearances, win an MVP and twice play in the World Series. Everyone, at one time or another, needs a fresh start.

What I want you to know this morning is that, Life is Wonderful, because we serve a God of second chances. When Jesus came into the world, he came offering a fresh start, a chance to pick up the broken pieces of our lives and start over. You don't always get that chance in life but, in Christ, life is wonderful because when we mess this life God has given us up, whether for the 1st time or the 50th, God allows us a chance to start over.

This is not an excuse to give in to sin, but it is certainly a comfort for those of us who do—last I checked that was all of us—Rom.3:23. How does God do this? He does this: for non-Christians when they submit to the gospel plan of salvation in faith and obedience. For Christians as they confess and repent of their sins, seeking His forgiveness—1 Jn.1:7. If you need a "do-over", today we're going to look at 3 things Jesus does to help you do it over and do it right.

Brian Mitchell

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: 53
Sunday AM: 148
Sunday PM: NA
Wednesday PM: 78
Contribution: \$3964
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

I will praise you,
LORD, with all my
heart; I will tell of all
the marvelous things
you have done.

Psalm 9:1

Celebrating This Week...

Birthday

Theodore Long: 01.01
Donna Cox: 01.03
Leon Dexter: 01.04
Gage Kellett: 01.04
Lesa Gilliland: 01.04
Mikayla Foltz: 01.06

Anniversary

David & Inger Selvig:
01.01

Serving This Week

Announcements: David Selvig

SUNDAY

Greeters: Randy & Emma Seabaugh

Ushers: Patrick Kellett/Justin Simmons

A/V: Greg Dowdy

Nursery: Eva Mitchell

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs

Head Lord's Table: Bill Welshans

Scripture: Michael Newman

Prayers:

AM: Larry Dowdy/Shawn Myers

PM: Kelly Garland/Doug Lester

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Greg Dowdy

Devo: Larry Dowdy

Prayer: Wally Eck

Elder Chair: Gary Ridenour

Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Ridenour

Worship Organizer: Doug Lester

Daily Bible Reading

January 1: Genesis 1-3

January 2: Genesis 4-7

January 3: Genesis 8-11

January 4: Job 1-5

January 5: Job 6-9

January 6: Job 10-13

January 7: Job 14-16

Continuing Prayer Needs

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

Ron Anderson

Ginger Avery

Esther Beck

Mark Blaylock

Lee Brooks

Thelma Brown

Dalton Bryan

Reita Conley

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Donna Hand

Jalonda Harris

Allen & Juanita Hedge

Diana Ivanovich

Betty Jones

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Wanda Raper

Susan Seabaugh

Earle Silvers

Steve Simmons

Lee Simpson

Sarah Singleton

Robin Star

Don Tawney

Chris Weaver



Remember in Prayer

- **Dylan Seabaugh** had a procedure on Wednesday to break up a kidney stone. He is feeling much better.
- **Lee Simpson** is continuing to do very well in his recovery from open heart surgery.
- **Donna Cox** has a cracked bone in her ankle and is in a cast.
- **Allen Hedge** is doing much better and is continuing to work with his doctor to take care of his issues.
- Dan Silvers' brother, **Earle Silvers** is continuing to struggle with health issues and is still in the hospital, but has moved out of ICU.

Thank You...

...to **George Clark, Scott & Seth Spraggs, Nate Crowden, Kevin Bolen, Mark Essner Randy & Dylan Seabaugh**, and Randy's brother-in-law, **Billy Inzer** for their work in getting the new flooring done in the downstairs classrooms. Also, big thanks to **Barbara Clark** for providing their lunch during the work day.

...to **Charlie Kluesner** for making sure the parking lot was taken care of after the snow last week!

News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Spaghetti Noodles**
- We will be hosting our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Wednesday, January 4** from 2:30-6:30pm in the fellowship room. Please sign up to donate if you are able. A sign-up sheet is also posted for those who would like to help with snacks.
- A **pizza lunch** planned following morning services on **January 15** to conclude our youth rally. All are invited and encouraged to attend, but we ask that you sign up for planning purposes if you intend to stay for lunch. A sign up is posted...please plan to bring a dessert or soda.
- Our **Daily Bible Reading** for this year will be a chronological reading...so, it may appear out of order as the readings will take us through the Scriptures in the order events happened rather than the order written. Copies of the full year of readings are available to pick up on the entryway table if you'd like to have that schedule. Read along with us!

Upcoming Area Events

- **January 8: Bernie Youth Emphasis Night** at 5pm with **Gordon Hogan**. Theme: "*Intensity of Desire*". We will take the bus for anyone interested in attending. Please see Todd or Jenny.
- **January 14-15: IGNITE 2023: Ignite Your Legacy**. We are hosting our annual youth rally with keynote speaker, **Jeremy Pierce**. Please make plans to attend and be challenged and encouraged!
- **February 23-26: CYC** in Pigeon Forge. Watch for details!
- **March 10-11: Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is "*Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground*".

I WILL PRAISE YOU, O LORD,
WITH MY WHOLE HEART;
I WILL TELL OF ALL YOUR
MARVELOUS WORKS.

PSALM 9:1