



THOSE TO SERVE June 23, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Paul Hill, Steve Muse, Randy Brann, Jim Robertson, Jeff Nicks, Kevin Dobbins
 Scripture Reading: Josh Scott
 Closing Prayer: Wade Henson
 Power Point: Tim Spain
 Greeters (side): Kevin & Annette Dobbins
 (back): Jerry & Tammy Ross

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

June 16 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8
 June 17 Proverbs 25-26
 June 18 Proverbs 27-29
 June 19 Ecclesiastes 1-6
 June 20 Ecclesiastes 7-12
 June 21 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9
 June 22 Proverbs 30-31



FAITHFUL

How do you measure success? As far as Christianity is concerned, are we actually called to be successful?

Mark Hatfield, who served from the mid-1960's to the mid-1990's as a Senator from Oregon, told of his touring Calcutta with Mother Teresa. One stop on his visit was the place that was called the "House of Dying". As you might assume it was the place where the sick, particularly children, were cared for in the last days of their lives. It was also the dispensary where the poor lined up daily by the hundreds to receive medical attention.

Hatfield watched with great interest as Mother Teresa ministered to the people, feeding and nursing those left by others to die. Hatfield was overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of the suffering she and her co-workers faced daily. "How can you bear the load without being crushed by it?" he asked. Mother Teresa replied, "My dear Senator, I am not called to be successful, I am called to be faithful."

All too often we are tempted to measure success as the world counts success. We would do well to remember her words. We are not called to be successful; we're called to be faithful.

- Ron

July 4th ★
Cookout ★

Burgers, dogs and games Bring fixin's and drinks

5-7 pm

Signup list is on the Information Station board



HUMMINGBIRDS

One of the most powerful ways to learn is by observation. As an observer of both nature and human nature, I have learned some connections between nature and human nature.

Like many of you we have a hummingbird feeder. These tiny birds are so graceful and can change directions in an instant. I am amazed at their agility and relentless pursuit of the sweet liquid in our feeder and our flowers.

Occasionally I look to the sky and see a vulture soaring overhead. They glide over the treetops and the fields searching for something dead and rotting, the corpse of some dead animal. They sail over the flowers the hummingbird had feasted on in a relentless search of a carcass. Vultures, you see, only see rotting meat. Why? That is what they are looking for. They thrive on that diet. No sweet nectar for them—they want only rotting flesh.

Hummingbirds, on the other hand, ignore the stench of dead animals. Instead, they look for the vivid blossoms of plants or suitable feeders. They will pass a dozen carcasses to dart in and out of blossoms.

The vultures live on what used to be. They fill themselves with what is dead and gone. They long for what no longer lives. But hummingbirds live on what is. They seek life. They give themselves to freshness and vitality.

My observation is a simple one: each bird finds what it is looking for. This is also true of us humans: we find what we're looking for.

To the person seeking a great country, marvelous community or exceptional church, he or she finds it. The person seeking to find a corrupt country, appalling community or inferior church, he or she likewise finds it.

This is not to suggest that something is good or bad, holy or evil, wonderful or disgusting based solely on one's observations. I merely suggest that one can find beauty and strength even when disgusting things are present. Likewise, one can discover revolting things in the midst of beauty. To a large degree what we see, perceive or comprehend depends on what we are looking for in the first place.

If all you see are the negative aspects of the nation, the community and the church, you might want to check your "attitude feathers" and see what kind of spiritual bird you might be. Are you a buzzard or a hummingbird?

- Ron





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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am — Bible Study
 10:30 am — Worship
 6:00 pm — Small Group Discussions

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6:30 pm — Bible Study

Worship Service June 16, 2019

474 "Thank You Lord"
 5109 "How Great Is Our God"
 "Father God"
Shepherd's Prayer
 "Night with Ebon Pinion"
Communion
Contribution
 15 "Step by Step"
 991 "This Is My Father's World"
Scripture Reading
Sermon
 744 "God's Family"
Family News
Closing Prayer



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Worship Leader: Tim Spain
 Lord's Supper: Kevin Dobbins
 Scripture Reading: Landon McCage
 Sermon: Ron Newberry
 Closing Prayer: Keith Connor
 Elder Available After Worship: Ron Newberry
 Children's Church: Rachel Clark



◆ Attended Nursery: Renee Ferguson
 Nursery Next Week:
 Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks
 (back): Curtis & Carla Aaron

PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Mary Johnson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden, Anita Nicks, Aaron Tittle.

OUR COMMUNITY: Yates Graham, Scott Albright, Hudson Hayes, Debbie Jordan, Mary Hepler, Debbie Bowling, Evelyn Williams, Carl Ivey, Michelle Cook (Brian Clark's boss), Shawn Weaks, Jean McCullough

OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Erica Albritton, Alan Jones, William Gardner, Hazel Williams, Terry Grady, Louis Woods (cousin of Aaron Tittle), Adam & Jennifer Cooley, Katie Harris, Clinton Battles, Jason Elliott; Kimberly & Giovanni Rodriguez, Tresa Mudd (Autumn Garrigus's mom), Dwight Baggett, Philis Wilkinson (Amy Hawkins' mom), Bob Yates, Thomas Aker

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chris Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Brady Moore, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler, Brady Moore, Chris Floyd, Eb McCage

◆ **MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:**
 Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.



June 16, 2019



Erma Bombeck was one of my favorite authors, not just because of her wit, but because she spoke in such penetrating easy to understand language. In a word, she was real. She was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease (an incurable, untreatable genetic disease) when she was 20 years old. She survived breast cancer and a mastectomy, and kept secret the fact that she had kidney disease, enduring daily dialysis. She went public with her condition in 1993. She waited for years for a kidney transplant. Finally, one kidney had to be removed, and the remaining one ceased to function. On April 3, 1996, she received a kidney transplant; she died on April 22 from complications at age 69. The following is a "guest" article courtesy of Ms. Bombeck.

Last year I received a letter too late to use for Father's Day, but it is still relevant. A single mother had raised a son who was about to become a dad. Since he had no recollection of his own father, her question to me was "What do I tell him a father does?"

When my dad died in my ninth year, I, too, was raised by my mother, giving rise to the same question, "What do fathers do?" As far as I could observe, they brought around the car when it rained so everyone else could stay dry.

They always took the family pictures, which is why they were never in them. They carved turkeys on Thanksgiving, kept the car gassed up, weren't afraid to go into the basement, mowed the lawn, and tightened the clothesline to keep it from sagging.

It wasn't until my husband and I had children that I was able to observe firsthand what a father contributed to a child's life. What did he do to deserve his children's respect? He rarely fed them, did anything about their sagging diapers, wiped their noses or fannies, played ball, or bonded with them under the hoods of their cars.

What did he do?

He threw them higher than his head until they were weak from laughter. He cast the deciding vote on the puppy debate. He listened more than he talked. He let them make mistakes. He allowed them to fall from their first two-wheeler without having a heart attack. He read a newspaper while they were trying to parallel park a car for the first time in preparation for their driving test.

If I had to tell someone's son what a father really does that is important, it would be that he shows up for the job in good times and bad times. He's a man who is constantly being observed by his children. They learn from him how to handle adversity, anger, disappointment and success.

He won't laugh at their dreams no matter how impossible they might seem. He will dig out at 1 a.m. when one of his children runs out of gas. He will make unpopular decisions and stand by them. When he is wrong and makes a mistake, he will admit it.

He sets the tone for how family members treat one another, members of the opposite sex and people who are different than they are. By example, he can instill a desire to give something back to the community when its needs are greater than theirs.

But mostly, a good father involves himself in his kids' lives. The more responsibility he has for a child, the harder it is to walk out of his life.

A father has the potential to be a powerful force in the life of a child. Grab it!

Maybe you'll get a greeting card for your efforts. Maybe not. But it's steady work.

Thank you Erma! Thank you for reminding us of things that matter to children and to families. - Ron