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*Taking Christ to  
Our Community*

**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 May 6, 2018**

**Welcome**

(In honor of their graduation, each graduate picked out their favorite song)

749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" (Eb McCage)

76 "How Great Thou Art" (Taylor Fuqua)

226 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Olivia Cunningham)

**Shepherd's Prayer**

"10,000 Reasons" (Brooke Killebrew)

"Mighty to Save"

**Communion**

**Contribution**

"From the Inside Out" (Allie Caldwell)

448 "The Greatest Commands (Tyler Bolton)

**Scripture Reading**

**Sermon**

531 "Lord Reign in Me"

Family News

15 "Step by Step"

**Closing Prayer**

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Sunday morning, May 6, 2018

Worship Leader: Tim Spain

Lord's Supper: Gene Clark, Kevin Dobbins, Mike McCage, Tony Dobson, James Bumpus, Jimmy Smith, Chris Gooch

Scripture Reading: Eb McCage

Sermon: Zach Crews

Closing Prayer: Wade Henson

Elder Available After Worship: Jimmy Smith

Children's Church: Renee & Greg Ferguson

Attended Nursery: Christy Henson

Nursery Next Week: Jamie Cunningham

Greeters (side): James & Betty Bumpus  
(back): Virgil & Lori Griffin



**PRAYER LIST**

◆ **OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Mary Johnson, Sue Wilkerson, Vernelle Sellers, Vallie Burden

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

**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

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:** Jay Thomas, Thomas Booker, Chriss Mays, Rebecca Gooch, Claire Lloyd, Dakota McCord, Matt Hester, Clayton Fowler (student of Nancy's, deployed to Korea)

**MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:**

Baja California, City of Children, China, Guyana, Zambia.



When we were small we all likely loved stories – especially bedtime stories. I loved telling them to our girls and they often said, "Tell me another one daddy. Tell me another one." Simply put, a story is the telling of events or connected series of happenings. Stories have three main parts: the character(s), the plot, and the setting. Stories we tell or read have a beginning and an end. Today, our graduates whom we honor today are not at the end of their story but rather at the end of one chapter.

Like all good stories there is the main character – our graduates. The plot is the story itself. Whether one is graduating from high school or college, the commencement ceremony punctuates the end of the chapter. Closely related to the plot is the idea of conflict which every story has.

- It may be a barrier that has to be overcome.
- It may be a problem that needs to be solved.
- It may be an adventure that needs to be played out.
- It may be a challenge that should be accepted.

Whatever form it takes, conflict will be present. The next chapter in our graduates' lives will be no different. Each of them can expect conflict in life. In fact, before this morning was very old, they probably have already experienced it. Conflict can be big or small but they are conflicts nonetheless.

Conflict in the form of barriers, problems, adventures and challenges are not necessarily bad. In fact, they are often the very thing that cause us to grow, mature and write marvelous chapters in life. We along with our graduates need to realize that conflict will never end. I don't mean that in the negative way; it's just reality.

For example, none of us can avoid difficulties and problems in life. Therefore, expect them; embrace them. It's amazing how today's obstacles often prepare one for tomorrow's opportunities. Life will not always go our way. Get used to it. Learn from it. Grow from it. Sometimes we win some; sometimes we lose some.

Consider all of life as an adventure. An adventure is an exciting or very unusual experience, a bold, sometimes risky undertaking with an uncertain outcome. There are some wonderfully descriptive words in that statement: exciting, unusual, experience, bold, uncertain. It is the stuff of life.

Life is all of those things...and more. Life will be filled with moments of excitement – enjoy them. Life will involve the unusual – go with it. Life will often have a "plot twist" – embrace the challenge. Life will ask you to take risks – evaluate them...and if the reward is worth it – go for it.

One thing I always like to be certain graduates understand is this: the ceremony at school is called commencement for a reason. It isn't the end; it's the beginning. It may be the end of preparation for life, but life – real life – is about to commence.

Graduates, your story is yet to be told. And the great thing about your story is you get to write it. I want to encourage you to make certain that God is woven into your story.

**THOSE TO SERVE May 13, 2018**

Worship Leader: Tim Spain  
 Lord's Supper: Greg Ferguson, Bobby Johnson, Wade Henson, Tony Henson, Keith Conner, James Nicks, Jeff Nicks  
 Scripture Reading: Landon McCage  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Ross  
 Power Point: Tim Spain  
 Greeters (side): James & Anita Nicks  
 (back): Tony & Brenda Henson

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE**

May 6	1 Kings 14-15; John 1:1-28
May 7	1 Kings 16-18; John 1:29-51
May 8	1 Kings 19-20; John 2
May 9	1 Kings 21-22; John 3:1-21
May 10	2 Kings 1-3; John 3:22-36
May 11	2 Kings 4-5; John 4:31-54
May 12	2 Kings 6-8; John 4:31-54

After reading through about 40 or so graduation speeches looking for a quote to use for this article, I noticed a pattern throughout these speeches. The main points usually involved "not giving up" and "make great mistakes" along with themes of love, passion for what you're doing, and patience. The only person I can relate to is myself when it comes to saying anything about living life to our graduates. So in saying that I now say this, your mistakes don't define you, it's how you learn from those mistakes and move on with your life that defines you. And to move on from a mistake you cannot give up, you must set yourself a goal and reach it. Even if you get pulled wildly off track you must force your wheels back onto the road. Lastly, remember that the goal you set for yourself after high school or college isn't the only goal; store all your treasures in heaven. That way when the day comes, you've got enough invested to live on... well, forever!



- Zach

**DRAWN BY LOVE WORSHIP June 10**

The ladies of 7th & Mueller Church of Christ announce the upcoming women's worship service. This year's theme is *Wait and See...the best is truly yet to be (Philippians 1:6)*. Dr. Elaine Denman of Wichita, Kansas will be the speaker.

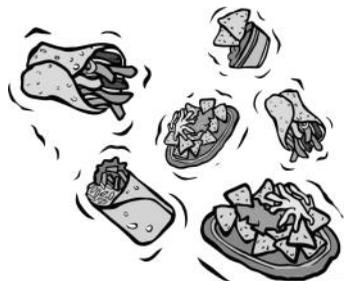


**¡Feliz Graduación!**



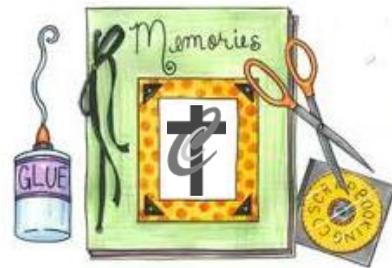
It's here! After worship service today, we will celebrate the graduations of Allie Caldwell, Tyler Bolton and his fiancée Taylor Fuqua, Olivia Cunningham, Brooke Killebrew, Eberney McCage, and Derek Taylor with a Mexicana meal.

There will be a table dedicated to each graduate and their guests, with a basket for greeting cards. Thanks to Jenny and her talented helpers for the Cinco de Mayo décor, and thanks to all who brought tacos, nachos, enchiladas, guacamole and lots of other Mexican style goodies.



**BAKE SALE**

The bake sale planned to raise funds for this summer's mission trip to the City of Children has been re-scheduled for Saturday, May 19th. We'll need your help with baked goods, of course!



**PHOTOS, PLEASE**

Jenny is making photo albums to commemorate all of our church events through the years. She's a master scrap booker but needs your help: she needs your photos, especially of youth activities such as work camp. So, dig 'em out and hand 'em over! This is a great way to share memories with all the members of our church family.

