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It's About People!

One of the greatest challenges that we face in our lives is connecting with other people. When we think about our purpose, to love God and love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39), we realize that this is the great challenge God has given us. We let things get in the way of doing that. We also let things get in the way of others showing love to us. Being about the Lord's business is being about the business of visiting with and learning about other people. The more that we can do this, the better job we will do in fulfilling our purpose in life. person group

One of the greatest obstacles that we place in our path of connecting with other people is simply failing to talk to them. So often we conceive of prejudices in our mind as to why a person is one way or another. We think, "I can't talk to him/her about this because he/she will never listen." How do we know until we try? Jesus told us that if we have a problem with another that we need to go to him/her and talk (Matthew 18:15). Jesus' way is the best way. More often than not, we will be able to resolve our differences.

Many times the reason we don't want to talk to other people lies within our own heart. We allow others to control us by blaming them instead of doing what we can. This is debilitating. We must take responsibility for our own thoughts, beliefs, decisions, feelings, and actions. This will put us back in control of our own life and go a long way toward helping us be more relaxed and comfortable around other people so that we can fulfill the purpose that God has given us in this life.

Kevin Cauley

Adversity or Opportunity?

Maybe you've heard the story of the farmer who began digging a well one afternoon. By the end of the day, the well was quite deep, and due to darkness, the farmer decided to "call it a day" and resume digging in the morning. However, that very evening, under the cover of darkness, an unsuspecting cow wandering near and fell into the freshly dug hole. The next morning, the farmer and his three sons tried every way imaginable to pull this unfortunate cow out of the hole, but with no success. Finally, the frustrated farmer instructed his sons to give up on trying to rescue the cow and to just take their shovels and cover him up. So the farmer's sons did as they were instructed. However, with every shovel of dirt thrown on the cow's back, the cow would shrug, and the dirt would fall around it. Pretty soon, they had thrown so much dirt into the hole that the cow was simply able to walk out of the hole without any help.

The point is this: "What may be intended to 'bury' us may just become our 'salvation.'" Next time you face adversity, shrug it off. Who knows whether that experience may end up being a stepping-stone to your success and spiritual growth. Give it some thought.

Steve Higganbotham

New Members Contact Information

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Today's Speakers

AM - Joe Venable
PM - Joe Venable

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Charles & Ruby Malone,
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse,
Phillip Mulins, Gordon Love,
Jerry Crabb

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett
Ramona Thurston, April Richey
David & Nell Briley, Chris Buford

FHU Student Series

Sunday Evenings

February 5 - Asa Jopson
February 12 - Timothy Secula
February 19 - Luke Tatum
March 12 - Luke Wamble

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

5th Sunday fellowship meal
following morning services.
Evening service will be
at 1:30 PM

February 5-9

Freed Hardeman Lectureship
Information can be found here
<https://www.fhu.edu/lectureship>

February 19

Men's Business Meeting
following AM Services

Cards to Send

Bonita Staggs
63 Colorado Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Paula Wadley
400 Harts Bridge Road
Jasckson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	8
Bible Class	66/16
AM Worship	93/30
PM Worship	46/0
Wed Bible Study	54/4
Contribution	3028

Those Privileged to Serve

Jan 29 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Read Scripture:
Charlie Richardson
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Joe Venable
Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas
Communion: Paul Hatcher
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer: Ken Ross
Sermon: Joe Venable
Closing Prayer: Mike Wages
Communion: Ray Pack

Feb 1 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Dev0o- Marion Thomas

Feb 5 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Van McConnell
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Ken Ross
Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher
Communion: Joe Venable
Contribution:
Jerry Butcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer: Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross
Communion: Joe Venable

Feb 8 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM