

Throwing A Party Nobody Wants To Attend

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10 a.m. Sunday
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9 a.m. Sunday
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“Ugh. I can’t believe my teacher would make us have two tests this week.” “Life is so unfair. I never get my way!” “Guys, I’ve just about had it with shallow people.” Have you ever heard someone say something similar to these words? Maybe you have been in a conversation with a friend and they made some complaint about how much life stinks for them. Maybe you see certain people make these “poor me” posts on social media from time to time. Maybe you have made these statements yourself.

One of the most unattractive qualities in a person is the constant need for one to throw themselves a pity party. Whether in person or online, lots of people love to shout, “Look at me! See how bad I have it and how sorry you should feel for me!” People often feed on the currency of attention and praise, cashing in on their own shortcomings and tragedies.

Don’t get me wrong. We need to support people, weeping with those who weep (Romans 12:15). But some people minimize real tragedy and disaster by inviting people to a pity party that no one wants to attend. They breed vain complaints and whining about things they can’t change, by which no Christian lifestyle should ever be characterized. Philippians 2:14-15 says, “**Do all things without grumbling or disputing,** that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.” If we are going to be shining exam-

ples of Christ in this lost world, then we have to eradicate our grumblings and murmurings.

If something bad has happened in your life and you feel the need to tell others about that situation, please ask yourself the following questions before taking action:

- Is this bad thing **really** that bad?
- What are my motives in telling others about it?
- If I am going to share some bad situation in my life, what do I seek to accomplish in doing so?
- Is my complaint a valid one that can help (Acts 6:1ff) or is it one that can harm?
- Do I want attention from others more than I want my bad circumstances resolved?

Another passage in the wonderful book of Philippians reads, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4). The Lord wants us to be selfless rather than selfish. Pity parties are characterized by the latter and scream, “I am more important than you!” to everyone else around them. If you find that your thoughts come from selfish ambition rather than a genuine reaching out for help and prayers, don’t spread those thoughts. Ask God to help you be more humble. Pray that you can stop throwing those pity parties that no one wants to attend.

Luke Yates

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Richard Tink, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, and Neosho Christian School.

- **Pam Babb** will have hip surgery in Dallas this Thursday.
- **Wilma Knoll** is at Medicalodge, room 302.



every ONE counts!

Remember to give an extra dollar every Sunday to help someone in need. Every "One" Counts! For these next few weeks we will be helping

some of the flood victims. Thank you to all the givers!

Green Valley Bible Camp:

- Camp begins a week from Sunday for overnight campers and week from Monday for day campers!
- Register at greenvalleybiblecamp.com. Registration ends at 2:00 this Sunday.
- Someone who recruits someone else to come to overnight camp will win \$123.03!
- If your child will ride the van to day camp, please sign the list on the bulletin board.
- We need van drivers for day camp. Sign up at the bulletin board. If you plan to stay all day and help, get a background check form from Danny a.s.a.p.



Watch!

Men's Breakfast: This Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's. Join us for faith, food and fellowship.

There will be a Ladies' Bible Study at Amanda Flint's house this Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 pm. We will be doing a Bible marking lesson each month this summer. New to Bible marking? This summer is a great time to learn!



This Sunday's Sermons:

- A.M. Soak up the Son
(Luke 10:38-42, Danny Boggs)
- P.M. What Is Lacking in Christ's Afflictions
(Colossians 1:24, Danny Boggs)

ASSIGNMENTS

Prayers Sunday, June 4

- AM Opening: Mike Kidwell
- AM Closing: Casey Flint
- PM Opening: Carl Cobb
- PM Closing: Peter Wald

Scripture Reading Sunday, June 4

- Proverbs 8:32-26, Nathan Babb
- #### Prayers Wednesday, June 7
- Opening: Kaed Thomas
 - Closing: Zane Berner

The **Senior Saints** will meet this Saturday in the fellowship room.

The van will leave for the **Tri-State Youth Series** in Carthage at 3:30 this Sunday. Willie Franklin will be the speaker.

Summer Youth Series! The schedule for the youth devotionals is on the bulletin board. Sign up on the board if you would like to host one on a Thursday night this summer. Please see Luke if you have any questions.

The kindness shown by each of you and the caring thoughts given were very touching and are truly appreciated. Thank you.

Jefferson Street Church of Christ, Anderson, MO

Thank you over and over and over again! Class 46, Thanks so much for the cards.

Joyce Clarkson

To the Cotton Pickers: Ladies, Thank you so very much for your endless support and my beautiful quilt! I will cherish it forever!

Whitney Freund

Your kindness is a wonderful blessing. Thank you for everything.

Debi Wince

To everyone that has jumped to my aid during this flood, Men have come to help with all the hard labor, women have come and mopped and helped also. I will never be able to repay you for your love and support during this time of need. Thank you so much!

Sue York

Adult Bible Classes this Summer

Sundays at 6:00

- Auditorium: *Book of Acts*, Andrews and Reiboldt
- Room 9: *Life of Abraham*, Deffenbaugh and Honeycutt
- Fellowship Room: *Becoming a Better Bible Student*, Babb and Boggs

Wednesdays at 7:00

- Auditorium: *Topical Bible Studies*, Hyder and King
- Room 21: *Book of Ephesians*, Risely
- Room 29: *Practicality in Philippians*, Yates

RECORDS	05-21-17	05-22-16
Bible Study	131	155
AM Worship	195	199
PM Worship	133	128
Wednesday	145	135
Contribution	\$9294.33	\$6,822.20
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67

RECORDS	05-28-17	05-29-16
Bible Study	158	186
AM Worship	195	247
PM Worship	145	140
Wednesday	131	109
Contribution	\$7647.70	\$6,515.18
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67