

More than You Imagined

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10 a.m. Sunday
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Many of us remember the horrible disaster involving the *Columbia* space shuttle in 2003. This tragedy ended in the deaths of seven astronauts, with President George W. Bush stating, “This day has brought terrible news and great sadness to our country. The Columbia is lost; there are no survivors.”* The debris from this shuttle stretched across eastern Texas to Louisiana and the search team was tasked with finding as many pieces from *Columbia* as possible. They did such an astounding and thorough job that they not only found 84,000 pieces of the shuttle, but also found a number of murder victims, some junked cars, and a few meth labs.**

The Bible tells us the story of a man who likewise did an astounding and thorough job in his search for something. Matthew 13:45-46 says, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” This man wanted the best of the best, when it came to pearls, and he found exactly that. He sacrificed every single thing that he owned in order to possess this one costly pearl, because it meant that much to him. And what is this costly pearl compared to? The kingdom of heaven (Matthew 13:45).

We can attain the same kingdom of heaven, as well. But that attaining can only take place through the seeking, finding, and obeying of the gospel (II Thessalonians 1:8; 2:14). If you seek and find the truth of the gospel, you will not only find what you are looking for (Matthew 7:7-8), but will also get more than you ever imagined. Don’t believe me? Just listen to some of the blessings that come with

finding and obeying the gospel: salvation (II Timothy 2:10), forgiveness (I John 1:7-9), redemption (Ephesians 1:7), a new family (Mark 10:29), mercy (Ephesians 2:4), access to God (I John 2:1), joy (Romans 15:13), comfort (II Corinthians 1:3-5), amazing love (Romans 8:35-39), grace (II Corinthians 13:14), peace (Romans 15:13), hope (Ephesians 4:4), victory (I Corinthians 15:57), and so much more than we can ever fathom (I Corinthians 2:9)!

Do you want more than you can imagine? The best place to start in your search for the gospel is in the only place where the gospel is found – the Bible. Read about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Read about the beginning of His kingdom and how you can be added to that kingdom in the book of Acts. Read about the struggles that the early Christians faced in the letters of Romans through Revelation, helping you see how to stay on the righteous path. And don’t be afraid to ask a Christian any questions you might have that can help you find the truth.

Isaiah 55:6 says, “Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.” A day is coming when you will no longer be able to seek the Lord, nor be able to call on His name. Don’t let that last day be right before you were planning to start your search.

Luke Yates

*<https://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/news/releases/2003/02/20030201-2.html>

**<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2003/11/columbias-last-flight/304204/>

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



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Charles Collinsworth Sr., Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, Neosho Christian School and Honduras mission work.

- Don Goeman is in Freeman West with pneumonia.
- Kayla Hayes had ankle surgery today.
- Billie Griffin had back surgery today at Mercy Hospital.

Sympathy: Our hearts go out to Mike Hinman in the loss of his sister, Sara Hukill, last week. Our sympathy also goes to Heather Reiboldt in the passing of her grandfather, James Riley, last week.



every **ONE** counts!

Thanks to everyone for giving an extra dollar on Sundays to help someone in need. Recently we helped a single mother of four who has serious health problems and had a long hospital stay. See Luke if you know people we can help.

Hurricane Relief: We'll be sending money from our treasury to churches in the Houston area very soon. If you would like to add extra, please see one of the elders.

Take note: If you would like to reserve the new or old fellowship rooms for an event, be sure to check the office calendar to make sure nothing overlaps.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Luke's Story for God's Glory*
(Luke Yates)
P.M. *What Time Is It?*
(Ecclesiastes 9:4-5, Pat Andrews)

Free Wednesday night dinner for college students begins this week at 6:00 in the new fellowship building! Come enjoy good food and company. Bring friends!

Men's Breakfast: join us at 7:00 this Thursday at Braum's.

The Thursday night ladies' Bible study will meet at Amanda Flint's house this Thursday, at 7 p.m.

Senior Saints will meet this Saturday at noon for food and good times. Join us!

Neosho Christian School Fish Fry: NCS is hosting a fish fry with live bluegrass music this Saturday at 5 p.m. The music will begin at 6:00. Donations only at the door to benefit the school. This event will be hosted by Larry Dodson.

Would you like to build a friendship with a couple married 25 years or more and learn from them how to make your marriage stronger than ever? See Danny to get involved in our **12 Conversations marriage ministry.**



The Seneca church of Christ will host the **Tri-State Youth Series** this Sunday. The van will leave the Hillcrest parking lot at 4:00.

Come and Worship, Go and Serve! Sunday, October 8, we will meet for Bible study at 9:00 and worship at 10:00, then enjoy lunch together in the new building. Instead of coming back together for worship at 6:00, we will spend the afternoon serving older members and our community. How could we help you, a neighbor, a family member or a friend?



Mark Your Calendar

Congregational Singing Seminar with Brad Carter November 3-5. How can we offer God and each other our best when we worship in song? This is for all of us, whether you're a virtuoso or couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. Your kids will enjoy it, too. Brad is a faithful Christian and a lot of fun. He teaches music to kids every day in the school at Dadeville, Missouri.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, September 10

- AM Opening: Tony Flint
- AM Closing: Charlie Phillips
- PM Opening: Chandler Marks
- PM Closing: Jonathan Keith

Wednesday, September 13

- Opening: Bryan Reiboldt
- Closing: Bob Murray

RECORDS	09-03-17	09-04-16
Bible Study	118	146
AM Worship	165	204
PM Worship	139	137
Wednesday	128	124
Contribution	\$7,754.75	\$7,759.51
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67