

30-Day Bible Scripture

CHALLENGE



STARTED ANY FIRES LATELY?

<p>Day 1 John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."</p>	<p>Day 2 Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:</p>	<p>Day 3 John 15:1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.</p>	<p>Day 4 John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.</p>	<p>Day 5 John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.</p>	<p>Day 6 Luke 2:11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.</p>
<p>Day 7 Isaiah 28:16 And He said to Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.</p>	<p>Day 8 2 Timothy 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.</p>	<p>Day 9 Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.</p>	<p>Day 10 Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.</p>	<p>Day 11 Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.</p>	<p>Day 12 Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.</p>
<p>Day 13 John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."</p>	<p>Day 14 Revelation 1:8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."</p>	<p>Day 15 Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.</p>	<p>Day 16 Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.</p>	<p>Day 17 John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.</p>	<p>Day 18 Revelation 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."</p>
<p>Day 19 Mark 10:33 Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;</p>	<p>Day 20 John 4:25-26 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."</p>	<p>Day 21 Luke 9:11 But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.</p>	<p>Day 22 John 1:38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"</p>	<p>Day 23 Romans 11:26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;</p>	<p>Day 24 1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.</p>
<p>Day 25 1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,</p>	<p>Day 26 Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,</p>	<p>Day 27 Acts 10:36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—</p>	<p>Day 28 John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.</p>	<p>Day 29 John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"</p>	<p>Day 30 Matthew 1:21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."</p>



A lost backpacker started a fire that became one of Arizona's most devastating fires eventually burning hundreds of thousands of acres. She'd been lost in the arid Arizona wilderness for two nights and desperately tried to get the attention of a TV helicopter passing overhead.

Thirty-one-year-old Valinda Elliott was stunned when told her fire, started with a lighter, had become part of a raging inferno that destroyed 475 homes and scorched more than 470,000 acres before being brought under control. "You can't blame me for saving my life," Elliot said, wiping tears from her face during her first interview since being rescued by the helicopter. "If there was some other way I could have gotten that helicopter's attention, I would have used it. If they want me to apologize for saving my life, then tell them I'm sorry," she said.

The blazing wildfire she started merged with the "Rodeo" fire creating the largest and most devastating fire in Arizona history. The combined fires burned through a number of communities and forced over 30,000 people to flee from their homes. Ironically, the "Rodeo" fire was started by a part-time firefighter from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation who had been looking for work.

Elliot, on the other hand, had walked most of the day and was worn out and desperate. She said she drank from muddy pools, had nothing to eat and worried she would never be found. Once she realized she'd lost sight of the road, she started screaming for help and waving a towel as helicopters flew overhead. When that was unsuccessful, she used her lighter to set fire to a small bush to attract the attention of the helicopter that would eventually rescue her.

Granted, it's an unusual story. But, despite the devastation and loss to the state of Arizona, a life was saved. And isn't that the real priority? I wonder how many of us would do the same thing given the same circumstances? Would you start a fire to save your own life? Would you start a fire to save the lives of others?

Years ago, people would talk about being "on fire" for God or being "fired up" up for the Lord. Whatever happened to all that? Today, unfortunately, it seems that for the most part, the fired up crowd has all but burned out. People want to be politically correct instead and want to be as inoffensive as possible.

Too many churches have redesigned their facilities and ministries to comfort the masses instead of converting them. Outreach and evangelism are hardly mentioned anymore. The term soul winning has become a long-forgotten relic from yesteryear. Some are suggesting we need to stop referring to unsaved people as "lost" and yet, are you ready for this ... more people are headed for Hell right now than any other time in human history.

While I would never recommend anyone having a lighter, it would be remarkably refreshing to see some folks get fired up again about people going to a real, literal, fiery Hell. Don't worry, you'll never have to apologize for getting fired up to save the lives of others. In fact, you're more likely to hear, "Well done."

Blessings,
Pastor David

All Things Made New

Read Revelation 21:1-4 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Reflect

According to this passage, how will the wrongs of this world be made right?

This world is not as it should be and all of us know it. Every day, people suffer with debilitating diseases. The news is full of violence and discord. According to the World Death Clock, about 56 million people die worldwide each year. In fact, more than 100 people die every minute. So why haven't we gotten used to death? Because deep down in our souls, we know that death is just wrong.

Thankfully, John, the author of Revelation, records a promise that God made to us. He will make all the wrongs right. God gave John a vision, and in that vision John sees this sad, fallen

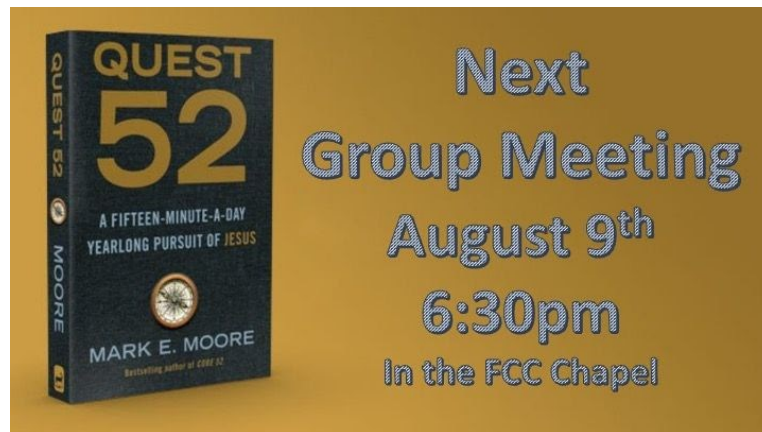
world pass away. And it gets replaced by paradise! Revelation records the beauty that John saw in his vision. A crystal clear "river of life," streets of gold, glittering gemstones of every color imaginable decorate the city walls. Unparalleled beauty.

The best part? God will live among us. Can you even imagine it? I can't. It blows my mind to think of living with God. All of us will be His people and we will live together in peace. There will be no more suffering, no more pain, no more tears, and NO MORE DEATH. We will live forever with the Lord!

But what should we do while we wait? Peter told us, "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him." ([2 Peter 3:11-14](#)).

This world and everything in it is doomed. We should not cling to it. Instead, while we wait, we should seek to live godly lives and conduct ourselves with holiness—eagerly awaiting the day when we see God's promises realized.

Friend, I don't know about you, but I am weary of all the pain and suffering of this world. In the midst of all the chaos in this world, fix your eyes on the future and cling to the promise of the One seated on the throne: "Behold, I am making all things new" ([Revelation 21:5](#)).



Next Group Meeting
August 9th
6:30pm
In the FCC Chapel



TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

On any given weekend, if you are going to be out of town, you don't have to miss a thing. You can join us online at the normal service time at foc.online.church or anytime on our church [YouTube Channel](#).

If you're going to be gone, we hope you'll join us online wherever you are. And, you can still give online at cherokeefcc.com/give to help us continue to reach as many people as possible during the summer months.



Summer Adult Bible Study
JAMES
FAITH THAT WORKS
Tuesdays at 10:30am in the Church Chapel
Join Us!

- 1 – Isaiah 64-66
- 2 – 2 Kings 20-21
- 3 – 2 Chronicles 32-33
- 4 – Nahum 1-3
- 5 – 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35
- 6 – Zephaniah 1-3
- 7 – Jeremiah 1-3
- 8 – Jeremiah 4-6
- 9 – Jeremiah 7-9
- 10 – Jeremiah 10-13
- 11 – Jeremiah 14-17
- 12 – Jeremiah 18-22
- 13 – Jeremiah 23-25
- 14 – Jeremiah 26-29
- 15 – Jeremiah 30-31
- 16 – Jeremiah 32-34
- 17 – Jeremiah 35-37
- 18 – Jeremiah 38-40; Psalm 74, 79
- 19 – 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36
- 20 – Habakkuk 1-3
- 21 – Jeremiah 41-45
- 22 – Jeremiah 46-48
- 23 – Jeremiah 49-50
- 24 – Jeremiah 51-52
- 25 – Lamentations 1; Lamentations 2; Lamentations 3:1-36
- 26 – Lamentations 3:37-66; Lamentations 4; Lamentations 5:1-22
- 27 – Ezekiel 1-4
- 28 – Ezekiel 5-8
- 29 – Ezekiel 9-12
- 30 – Ezekiel 13-15
- 31 – Ezekiel 16-17

August Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Esther Circle Cookie Plates

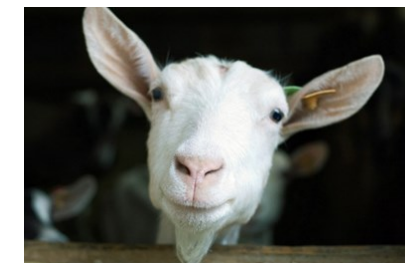
The ladies of Esther Circle would like to have input from the congregation for someone you might know who would enjoy a get a plate of treats this year. We greatly appreciate your input for this particular ministry. We are gearing up for November when the treat plates go out.



We will have a sign-up sheet for cookies the first three Sundays in November. We will send a reminder out when it gets closer to November.

Thank you for your input and participation.

The Goats are Back!



The ladies of Esther Circle are teaming up with IDES to sponsor goats again this year. It has been a while since we have done this. This will take place in the month of October.

One goat costs \$60 and provides a sustainable food source for those who receive them. A goat can provide cheese, milk, and once a herd is built they also provide a meat source.

Please make your donations to Esther Circle directly. You can buy as many goats as you like. If you can't donate for a whole goat that is just fine we will pool all the donations together to purchase as many goats as we can with the donations.



This a fun way to make a direct impact on changing the direction of a families life.

Thanks again for your support!

Date	Offering	On Campus Attendance	Online Attendance	Total Attendance
07/02/2023	\$5253.51	74	22	96
07/09/2023	\$2083.00	58	26	84
07/16/2023	\$2066.81	76	30	106
07/23/2023	\$1744.25	47	21	68

August 2023 Worship Team Schedule

6	13	20	27
Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church
Polly Fishman	Sholeen Sparks	Dixie Draper	Angela Hall
Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School
Polly Fishman	Sholeen Sparks	Dixie Draper	Angela Hall
Communion Message	Communion Message	Communion Message	Communion Message
Guy Fishman	Mike Sparks	David Hall	Kirk Nelson
Worship Leader	Worship Leader	Worship Leader	Worship Leader
Sharon Henkel	David Hall	Sharon Henkel	David Hall
Piano	Piano	Piano	Piano
N/A	N/A	Eleanor Johnston	N/A
Singers	Singers	Singers	Singers
Nancy Nelson	Marica Casey	Nancy Nelson	Angela Hall
Larry Heschke	Mark Casey	Larry Heschke	Sharon Henkel
PowerPoint	PowerPoint	PowerPoint	PowerPoint
Braella Inman	Nancy Nelson	Braella Inman	Nancy Nelson
Sound	Sound	Sound	Sound
Mike Sparks	Larry Heschke	Mike Sparks	Larry Heschke
Janitorial	Janitorial	Janitorial	Janitorial
Polly Fishman	Polly Fishman	Polly Fishman	Polly Fishman
Guy Fishman	Guy Fishman	Guy Fishman	Guy Fishman

New GriefShare Program to Be Offered by First Church of Christ

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

GriefShare will be held **Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00pm beginning September 11** and running for 13 weeks. The weekly seminars will meet in the Chapel of First Church of Christ.

Cost: \$20 (includes workbook)

Child care: No

Any questions, call Pastor David at [641-638-4762](tel:641-638-4762)

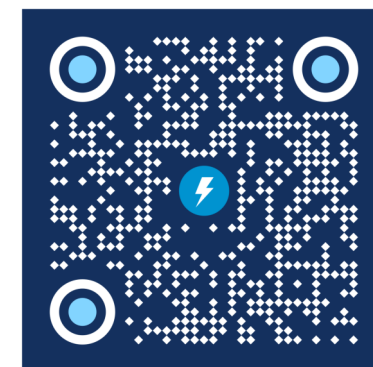
Registration: online is preferred and highly recommended by [CLICKING HERE](#) or scanning the QR code. You can also call the church office at [712-225-2667](tel:712-225-2667). Please register by September 4th.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Mondays 6:30pm – 8:00pm
September 11 - December 4
First Church of Christ, 712-225-2667
772 N 2nd Street, Cherokee, IA 51012
griefshare.fcoc@gmail.com



SCAN ME

For the Entire Family Meal Provided

BIBLE BUDDIES KICK-OFF

COOKOUT

SEPTEMBER 6 @ 6:30PM

First Church of Christ
772 N 2nd St
Cherokee, IA 51012
(712) 225-2667
www.cherokeefcc.com

Registration for Children
Ages 4 through 5th Grade

Food! Games! Fun!

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

August 2
 Anthoni A. (MCS Student)
 Joyce Clark

August 3
 Karter G. (MCS Student)
 Polly Jansen

August 4
 Guy & Polly Fishman

August 5
 Samantha M. (MCS Staff)
 Dick Baker
 Mark & Marcia Casey

August 10
 Linda Vannatta

August 11
 Wendy R. (MCS Staff)

August 14
 Keith Ludvigson

August 15
 Brayden S. (MCS Student)
 Mike & Pam Cronin

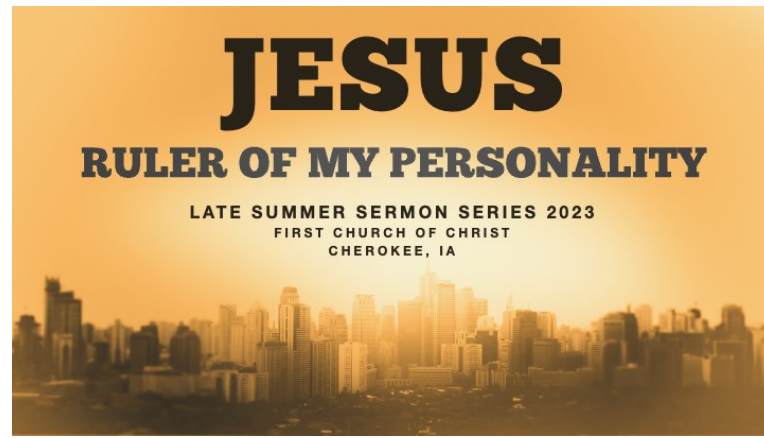
August 17
 Mike Cronin

August 18
 Amy Strahman
 Chris & Karen Weinreich

August 20
 Eden K. (MCS Staff)
 Della Rupp

August 22
 Charlotte Barnes

August 25
 Tom & Shelley Mortenson



What is it like to live with you? Is your personality full of joy, peace, and contentment? Or are you a bear to live with? Do people tiptoe on eggshells around you, hoping not to upset you? The Bible promises, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus Christ wants to make you a new creature from the inside out. He wants to do more than prevent you from getting drunk, having an affair, or robbing a bank. Jesus wants to be Ruler of your personality. He wants to change your attitude. He wants to develop a mature personality in you. He wants to make you pleasant to live with. He wants your personality to be contagious to unbelievers. When you begin to radiate the abundant life in Christ, you are able to make Christ more attractive to your family and to those you meet in the marketplace.

In this 7-week series of messages based on Luke chapters 16 - 18, we will be examining some of the personality characteristics that are so important in the Christian life. If you allow Christ to give you an attitude adjustment in these seven areas, you'll begin to look into the mirror and see a new person. Yielding to Jesus as Ruler of your personality will make you the kind of person others enjoy being with.

Word Search

The Twelve Apostles

Matthew 10:2-4

SIMON PETER

ANDREW

FISHERMEN

JAMES

JOHN

SONS OF ZEBEDEE

BOANERGES

SONS OF THUNDER

PHILIP

BARTHOLOMEW

THOMAS

TWIN

DIDYMUS

MATTHEW

TAX COLLECTOR

PUBLICAN

JAMES SON OF

ALPHEAUS

LEBBAEUS

THADDAEUS

SIMON THE

CANANITE

ZEALOT

JUDAS ISCARIOT

BETRAYED

MATTHIAS

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