The Purpose

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From here to Heaven…
following God wherever he leads us.

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Monthly *Men's Breakfast* next Saturday

The November *Men's Breakfast* is next Saturday, the 14th. We will eat at about 8:30 a.m. As always, we can use some help getting things ready and setting up tables and chairs, starting at 8:15. We invite all the men, teen guys, and boys to come join us. We do this every second Saturday of the month unless otherwise announced.

Lord, Reign In Me
Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Wake Up, O Sleeper

Prayer

Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims

Scripture reading:
Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon
Subdue…or be subdued

The Battle Belongs To the Lord

Because He Lives

We remember Christ's sacrifice

Contribution collected
More Precious Than Silver

Elder blessing & prayer

We're Marching To Zion

Unison Reading
Matthew 28:19-20

Men To Serve (today)

	Communion
Scripture reading – Brandon Adkins	Ian Sebold
Prayer – Troy Wallace	Tyler Wade
Communion prayers – Doug Blount	Dean Weber
Contribution prayer – Todd Zwetzig	Tyler Blount

News Notes Events

Thanksgiving Banquet on November 22nd

Our annual Thanksgiving Banquet will be two weeks from today, November 22nd. *This is one week later than usual as it will be the Sunday before Thanksgiving*. There were some scheduling details we needed to consider. It will be at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. A sign-up is in the lobby. ***Begin inviting friends now!*** There is no set cost but is a donation-only event. We'll let you know next week the plans for setting up and decorating.

Help serve the Hispanic Thanksgiving Banquet

Each year, the Hispanic group provides workers and servers in the kitchen to help with the English banquet. And the English does the same for their banquet. Their banquet will be Sunday, November 15th, one week from today. We need about a half dozen servers. Let Terry know if you can help.

No classes on Sunday morning, the 29th

We will not have our regular classes on Sunday, November 29th. Instead, we will have an extended fellowship time in the fellowship room following our worship together. Plan now to stay and enjoy this time together.

Families Discovery Group meets next week

The next meeting for the *Families Discovery Group* will be next Sunday, the 15th, at 5 p.m. We will meet in the fellowship room at the building. The menu is a deli sandwich bar. Check with Cory & Katie for more details and info.

November Bible Reading Plan available

The handout for Bible reading strategies for November is available and in the lobby. There is also a PDF available. Let Terry know if you need that emailed to you.

Calendar notes

There are several calendar notes to make as we head toward the holiday season:

- Sunday, November 15th
  Hispanic Thanksgiving Banquet
- Thursday, November 19th
  Ladies Prayer Group 10 a.m.
- Sunday, November 22nd
  English Thanksgiving Banquet
- Tuesday, November 24th
  NO Men's Coffee
- Wednesday, November 25th
  NO Bible study group
- Sunday, November 29th
  NO Sunday morning classes

Classes today:

The fellowship room class is studying the book of Hebrews, taught by Tom.

Terry's class (room #14) is studying *Great Words & Themes*. Today – ***Full.***

The *Children's Worship Bulletin* is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

Be sure to grab some *Westview cards* from the lobby to distribute this week.

Every week:

- **Men's Coffee** - each Tuesday morning in the fellowship room from 6 to 8 a.m.
- **Women's Coffee** - each Wednesday morning in the fellowship room from 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Singing with the worship leaders** every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the building.
- The **Wednesday night study group** meets at 6:30 p.m. We are currently studying the book of II Peter.

Augustine of Hippo was a theologian in North Africa in the 4th-5th centuries. Here are some of his thoughts on doing good in an evil world.

The confessions of evil works is the first beginning of good works.

To seek highest good is to live well.

He that is kind is free, though he is a slave; he that is evil is a slave, though he be a king.

Commentary from a Common Terry by Terry Newton

Either/Or faith in a Both/And world 7

It was one of those little statements that really shifted my basic understanding of the day-to-day. I heard a presenter at a lectureship say that, "…we cannot control what we feel, but we can control how we act on that feeling." I think that is true at a very primal reality for us. Feelings just show up. They are provoked, triggered, and invited without our ever asking for them. Happiness. Anger. Fear. Anxiety. Joy. Contentment. Desire. Can we do away such feelings? Or is the more practical question, "Can we learn, through God's Spirit, to manage our response to those feelings, allowing God to bring our thoughts and actions under *His* control?"

This is, more or less, an ultimate *either/*or crossroads. Should I always act with the natural response that reacts to any emotion? If I am angry, should I feel that anger AND then act on that anger? If desire surfaces, should I then automatically allow it to become lust? If I have anxiety, is it then unavoidable that I will succumb to depression, extreme worry, and hopelessness, acting on those outlooks?

Either I allow God to guide my response to my moments or I don't. It's a battle and it's difficult much of the time. The world nurtures evil responses to negative emotions and feelings. But, it is contrary to God, to His Spirit, and to the reality of Jesus as our Example as well as our Savior. Paul warned us, in Romans 8:7-8. ***For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*** This is not simply about self-exerted, self-willed, self-controlled responses. It is about submission to the Father. It is the decision to first give Him all the space He wants in our hearts and moments, moving freely to lead us to overcome sin that responds to negative feelings, replacing those actions with godly thoughts and movements.

We are *either* ruled by the flesh *or* we are ruled by God. There is no third taskmaster to govern our hearts. We

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make this ultimate choice when we begin our day, again as we go through our day, and, at the end of the day, we recognize how our day has *either* been a glory to the Father *or* has been an opportunity for sin to get a little more footing in our hearts, lives, and moments.

Paul warned the Galatian Christians, who were listening far to intensely to the spirit of the world instead of the true Spirit of God, that it would end badly, these poor choices and responses.

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21

We either choose to be ***led by the Spirit***, which Paul says in verse 18, and ***stay in step with Him***, in verse 25, or we align ourselves with the world, satisfying the fleshly responses to what we feel and experience. Can we completely eliminate negative feelings? I don't believe we can. Feelings are feelings. It's what comes next that matters. We can get so in tune with the Spirit, so in step with Him, that anger doesn't manifest or become a dominate feeling. Desire is shifted away from carnal lust to spiritual awareness and praise. Anxiety first triggers prayer, dependence on God, and submission to Him instead of instantly breaking out the black balloons and having the next big "woe is me" party.

Yeah, I know, I'm writing this like it's easy. Well, let me be the first to say that it's not! We should renew our faith through the Spirit every day. Our enemy will not sit still. He will refine his attacks. So, we will not idle away the opportunities to be strengthened and prepared.

Choose every day. We'll not give the day to evil and earthly responses. Our day and moments belong to Him.

Love one another.

