The Purpose

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following God wherever he leads us.

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I Want To Know Christ
Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You

Meet & Greet
Announcements & Reminders

Rushing Wind

Prayer

Scripture Reading:
I John 4:7-10

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

We remember Christ's sacrifice

Contribution collected
A Common Love

Elder blessing & prayer

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon
The real deal

A Mighty Fortress

Unison Reading
Revelation 22:4-5

Jesus Is Coming Soon

Women's Bible Study group meets Tuesday

The next meeting for the *Women's Bible Study* group is this coming Tuesday, October 20th. We will meet at 10 a.m. in the home of Barb Henderson. The address is available through the church office. All the ladies are invited to join us. The group meets every first and third Tuesday of the month.

Men To Serve (today)

	Communion
Scripture reading – Taylor Hegarty	Tyler Blount
Prayer – Randy McCrain	Zachary Blount
Communion prayers – Tom Lininger	Ken Clark
Contribution prayer – Doug Blount	Dan Esposito

News Notes Events

EEM contribution next Sunday, the 25th

We will have a special contribution for *Eastern European Missions* next Sunday, October 25th. We are participating in EEM's ***GiveHope26*** campaign as the organization continues to provide hundreds of thousands of Bibles and Bible study materials to countries in desperate need of them. The focus again this year is to distribute Bibles and Bible materials in Ukraine. In spite of the war, God continues to move powerfully through the Word in that country. Right now, EEM has on file more than one million requests from Ukraine for Bibles. From initial printing to actual distribution, it costs about $15 to get a Bible into their hands. Pray now about how you can give to this ministry.

The MSCH Fall Food Drive ends this week

We have not received word yet as to what day this week a representative of the Mountain States Children's Home will be here to pick up your donated supplies. So, if you still plan to donate, you need to do this early in the week. Check with Terry to make sure the building is unlocked when you bring your contribution to their ministry.

Families Discovery Group this afternoon

The next meeting for the *Families Discovery Group* is this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the fellowship room. The menu is a *Grazing Bar* (finger foods and one-bite foods). Check with Cory & Katie if you need more information.

Missions Emphasis Sunday November 1st

In two weeks, we will have *Missions Sunday*, presenting information about the various international missions Westview helps support. From India to Uganda to Honduras to Mexico to Eastern Europe and to multiple Central America countries, we will summarize our involvement and the ongoing needs we help meet through our support.

Carley's next performance

Carley Jo Goggans continues her doctoral work in voice at UNC, which means she is periodically featured in stage productions. She will have a major role in the opera *The Turn of the Screw* this coming Friday, October 23rd, at 7 p.m. It will be in the UNC Campus Commons Performance Hall. Tickets are available at **tickets.unco.edu/online/article/music/**.

The *October Bible Reading* strategies handout is in the lobby.

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 James.

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 – ***Light.***

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.

Christ taught that love is not for the fulfillment of the self but for the Glory of God and the good of others. True love is selfless. It gives; it sacrifices; it dies to its own needs.

~~Joshua Harris~~

Commentary from a Common Terry by Terry Newton

Either/Or faith in a Both/And world 4

We do not hesitate to bring our hearts to God. In our quiet (and sometimes not so quiet) moments with Him, we cry out, giving spiritual voice to our deepest, most intense needs and desperations. In faith we approach Him in the Throne Room, escorted by Jesus Himself. He is our Great High Priest, providing a foundation of confidence by which we approach God's throne, receiving mercy, finding grace, and experiencing help in our time of need. Hebrews 4;14-16

In this, we align ourselves with His Sovereign will, submitting to Him. We do not try to bend His will to meet ours, but our will is shaped according to His. Way too often, we may find ourselves committed to the notion that we can *change* God's plan and will. There's a reason God does not allow us to shape His intentions. If He did, I guarantee we would design a *Both/And* version of faith. We want both this AND that. Yet, God places us squarely in the *Either/Or* experience of faith and daily walk.

Do you think Joseph would have come up with the same series of events that would eventually lead to the rescue of his family during the great famine? Not a chance. We're not wired that way. We do not insist on suffering. We accept suffering. We do not pursue misery. But we often go through misery so that we can see God's full plan unfold.

Joseph had a dream – a vision from God – in which it seemed that his parents and his brothers would bow down to him. In his youthful naivete, he told his family about the dream. Didn't sit well with the brothers.

Let's imagine that God invites Joseph to the planning session, weaving the future that will lead to his placement in a position of authority, ruling over his brothers and entire family. Here's what Joseph would ***not*** have recommended:

- Have the brothers hate me in their jealousy.
- They'll hate me enough that they'll want to kill me.
- When I'm 17 years old, they'll throw me into a pit.
- They'll not kill me but will sell me into slavery.

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- The Midianites will sell me as a slave in Egypt.
- I'll work for an officer of Pharaoh.
- His wife will invite me to have an affair.
- When I refuse, she'll accuse me of trying to rape her.
- I'll be tossed into prison, remaining there for more than a decade.
- Finally, when I'm thirty years old, I'll be released from prison into the service of Pharaoh.
- I will rise in power, overseeing preparations in Egypt for a coming severe famine that will devastate not on the Egyptians, but neighboring countries, tribes, and families.
- And *that's* how it will come about that my family will come before me and bow down, not realizing it is me they pay homage to.

Who would choose that? No one. But, who would accept that? Joseph did. In our human limitations, we would like to have the growth and advancement in our spiritual walk while also experiencing peace, lack of conflict, and a nice dose of comfort. I'm not slamming us for this. That's our nature. However, the nature of the Christian, a true follower of The Way, is to accept God's path for us and grow through it, even though it's hard and painful, often demanding a high price.

So, what is the *either/or* reality for Joseph? "Do I remain faithful or not? God has shown me that some day I'll be in a position of power and authority. It sure doesn't feel like, sitting in this Egyptian prison…for years." But Genesis 39:21 says that God was with Joseph while he was in prison, showing him steadfast love. God's steadfast love can be a hard experience. Joseph chose faithfulness over the options that might have eased his burden. That's what landed him in jail in the first place.

Next week we'll spend a little more time with Joseph and his choices. Even in how he named his sons, he demonstrated his trust in God.

Love one another,

