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**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation**

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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM 6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11 AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7 PM

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September 30, 2018

You Are Invited To Attend Our Annual
FALL GOSPEL MEETING
Gospel Theme: "Questions Asked of Jesus"

MEETING DATES

Sunday, October 14 – Wednesday October 17

SCHEDULED SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday, 9a.m., 10a.m., and 6p.m.

(Potluck fellowship immediately following morning worship)

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @ 6P.M.

Guest Speaker: Wade Webster



Topics:

1. How many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Mt. 18:21
2. Who do you say I am? Mt. 16:15
3. What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him? Mk. 4:41
4. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Mk. 8:36
5. Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? Lk. 18:18
6. Who art thou, Lord? Acts 9:5



JUST WATCHING THE HIGHLIGHTS

by: Alan Judd

It is a rough year to be a fan of the Big Orange. Just for clarification, I am writing this article prior to the game against Georgia, and while I hope those reading this on Sunday morning are celebrating a victory over the bulldogs, I am not counting on it. Instead, I am basing my thoughts in this article on the debacle that was the game against the University of Florida.

Half a dozen turnovers, poor tackling, lack of execution in all phases, and a myriad of other problems led to a decisive defeat for the Volunteers. Now, you might be wondering why I am spending time writing about this contest. "It is just a game" or "I do not like, nor understand football" and other objections might be forwarded in an attempt to not read further. Please continue reading and see if I can explain something I think would benefit all of us to consider.

A day or two after the game, I noticed that the official website for the UT football team put out a highlight video. If you are unfamiliar with a highlight video, it is a condensed presentation of the best plays or highlights of the game. Now, if you watched the game on Saturday evening you probably saw very little worthy of being called a highlight. However, if you only watched the highlight video you would have a far different perspective. You might even conclude the game was evenly matched and that Tennessee played very well. Of course, this is a mistaken conclusion that was reached by just watching the best plays in the game.

What is the spiritual connection or parallel to the above point? Sometimes, we only see the highlights of other people's lives. Especially for those who use social media this is a real problem in my opinion. You see the pictures other people post of vacation destinations and you lament you are overworked and never able to enjoy some time away. You see the smiling faces of children and grandchildren in pristine matching outfits and you moan that all your children do is fight and fuss with each other every day. You feel inferior when someone shares how they purchased a new car, boat, house, or other material good while you are barely scraping by. You look with envy at the romantic dinner meal, beautiful floral bouquet, or other expression of love offered by a friend's partner and you cannot recall the last time your spouse purchased you anything to show you that they love you. You read their spiritual thoughts or inspirational quote about the closeness of their relationship with God and you feel far away from Him in your daily walk of faith. I could go on and on with these comparisons, but I trust these are sufficient to illustrate my point.

We often just see the highlights when we look at the lives of other people and families, whether on social media, at the ballgame on Friday night, or in the worship assembly on Sunday morning. As a result, we compare our mundane and stress filled existence with what we perceive to be their peaceful perfect life, and we allow envy and discontentment to take root in our minds and hearts. This in turn, if not rooted out, will produce the fruit of bitterness and resentment. We will begin to mistakenly question why God does not bless us like He does others. We will wrongly doubt the devotion of our spouse and wish they were more like someone else. We will unfairly chastise our children and tell them they should act more like the angelic examples set by other kids. In short, we will grant the devil access to distract and deceive us and cause us to incorrectly conclude our life is a mess and that we are unappreciated, unskilled, and unloved.

Remember, you are just watching the highlights. My family has been complimented by others who stated: "I wish my family was like yours." I assure any who think this that our family is far from perfect. We fight and fuss. We are impatient. We have a multitude of weaknesses and struggles every day, but the same is true for every family and every person! This may not be how it looks to those on the outside, but it is reality. Don't grow discouraged just watching the highlights of other people's lives!

SHARING MOMENTS

by: Dan Curry–Arnold, MO

Memories are so precious to us in many ways. How many times have you begun a sentence with “Remember when”? Then a special moment in your life is shared, perhaps it is a sad one, or maybe a very humorous one. The things shared change with the particular audience you find yourself with at any particular time.

Sometimes tragedy strikes and brings memories that you may have wanted to forget. Or maybe a smell brings a childhood memory to your mind, sometimes a song that you have not heard for many years is heard again and the lyrics come rushing to the forefront.

The mind is an amazing thing and all of us have many moments in time and stories to tell from our past. God has blessed us all with a mind to remember things. He has asked us to study and know His Word to such an extent that we know and do the things that are taught within its pages. We can bring to our mind the things He desires for us to know and do.

Philippians 4:8: *Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*

The last phrase in this passage carries with it the meaning of meditating or thinking on the things listed. From the list, one can see that these are good and right things to ponder; things of God in Christ.

Psalms 19:14: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.*

What is the meditation of your heart? Is it the everyday things of life only? Are you more concerned about the things of the world than the things of God? If so, why is that? May we all seek to know the Bible more and more each day. Read it, study it, obey it, and then meditate on it daily to help us in this life become what the Lord desires for us to be.

Make memories with other Christians, make memories about doing the work of the Lord. Make memories that will bring a joy unlike any other to your mind.

Look at the passage right before in Philippians 4:4-7: *Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

What is guarding your heart and mind? Something is, that is certain. Something is ruling your heart and mind. Make memories that center around the things of God in Christ. The more you do this, the more your heart and mind can know the peace of God found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Remembering what He has done for us to bring about our salvation is one of the best memories of all. Please share that memory with others.

