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**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
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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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August 26, 2018

Wednesday Night Summer Series (2018)

OH I WANT TO SEE HIM!

Join us each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. July-September

JULY

July 4: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Created Me"

Wayne Lankford, Murfreesboro, TN

July 11: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Provides for Me"

Steve Higginbotham, Knoxville, TN

July 18: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Comforts Me"

Glenn Randolph, Fairfield Glade, TN.

July 25: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Teaches Me"

Jason Gann, McMinnville, TN

AUGUST

August 1: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Came For Me"

Justin Morton, Knoxville, TN

August 8: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Lived For Me"

Alan Judd, Crossville, TN

August 15: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Died For Me"

Clarence DeLoach, Cookeville, TN

August 22: "Oh I Want To See the One Who Rose For Me"

David Lipe, Cookeville, TN

August 29: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Mediates for Me"

Dale Barger, Wheeler Hill, TN

SEPTEMBER

September 5: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Forgives Me"

Ben Bailey, McMinnville, TN

September 12: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Encourages Me"

Jeff Archey, Cleveland, TN

September 19: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Loves Me"

Derrick Coble, Sparta, TN

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT!

Alan Judd

I enjoy exercise, especially running, jogging, walking, and hiking. I enjoy the early morning jogs that allow me to listen to birds singing, to watch the sun paint the sky, and to take time to talk to God and give Him thanks for all He gives me daily.

One morning after I had finished a run, one of my sons came and said very seriously: "Dad, can I ask you a question?" Any parent who has heard such a request knows how it can strike fear into your mind as you brace for your children to inquire about some mystery of life like the "birds and the bees" or other such curiosities. I nodded indicating he could proceed, and he then asked: "Dad, do you like to run?" I breathed an inward sigh of relief and then gladly exclaimed: "Yes, I enjoy it very much, why do you ask?" He then said dismissively: "It doesn't look like it!" I pressed him for an explanation and he told me he had observed my "runner's face" as I went past the driveway earlier.

If you are a runner, you know what I am talking about, but in case you don't, allow me to explain. "Runner's face" is a term that is used by some to describe the loss of fat tissue, greater skin laxity, and the deepening of wrinkles many regard as a negative side-effect caused by regular running. However, my son was not referencing this physical phenomenon. Instead, he was wondering why I looked like I was ready to punch someone and simultaneously appear as if I were ready to cry each time my foot hit the pavement. Again, my running friends will easily understand what I am describing. I was not in any pain, but I was simply physically exerting my body in such a way to produce this unappealing expression.

Now, what does any of this have to do with serving the Lord or living the Christian life? I am glad you asked. As followers of Jesus who live in the world and interact with people daily, does it look like we are servants of the Lord? Are we people who carry a countenance of joy and peace or do we always seem sour and crabby to those around us? Do we exhibit an attitude of gratitude and contentment no matter how little we may have, or are we constantly complaining about others who have more and how we are being cheated or deprived of what we deserve? One preacher rightly chastised that many Christians sadly resemble Mr. Ed – the talking horse who had a TV show on CBS in the 1960's by the same name: **LONG IN THE FACE!**

A tragic illustration I read several years ago reported about a note that Dr. Jerome Motto found in the apartment of a young man who had jumped to his death from the Golden Gate Bridge. It read: "I'm going to walk to the bridge. If one person smiles at me on the way, I will not jump." Apparently, no one smiled at him on that fateful day, or if they did, he ignored them. It is not likely that our facial expressions will have the same bearing as the one cited in the above paragraph, but this is not to suggest they are unimportant. A simple smile or a kind word might make a difference in the life of someone you meet, or even more amazing to contemplate, it might make a difference in their eternity.

God wants us to be happy, kind, loving, and joyful people.

If you doubt this, read [John 10:10](#), [Philippians 4:4-5](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:16](#), and the fruit of the Spirit found in [Galatians 5:22-23](#). They are all qualities people should be able to see in our lives, demeanor, and personality.

When you exercise it may be difficult for those who observe your visage to conclude you are enjoying the activity but let it never be said that others cannot see your joy in living for Jesus your Savior each day!

HOW DO I TALK TO MY FRIENDS ABOUT THE CHURCH?

Todd Clippard

Allow me to suggest four ways to communicate effectively this vital Bible truth. This plan can be used to teach any "controversial" Bible truth.

Speak **INTELLIGENTLY** - This requires STUDY! "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). May we never be guilty of misusing or misrepresenting God's Word. Speaking intelligently requires a knowledge of what to say, but it also includes knowing how to say it. Too many people have been driven from the truth by well-meaning Christians either through poor attitudes or poor selection of words. Colossians 4:6 says, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, so that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Jesus spoke in words the common man could understand (Mark 12:37). Use words that are easily understood and create an interest in learning more.

Speak **INCREMENTALLY** - Don't try to teach everything you know (or think you know) in one sitting. Sometimes in our zeal to teach, we overload our audience with too much information. Remember! Most of our friends have never considered the idea that denominationalism is antibiblical and unacceptable to God! The "one church is as good as another" idea has been taught to them all their lives. Even Jesus practiced this principle. In John 16:12, He told the twelve, "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." These men had been with Jesus, heard His teaching, and witnessed His miracles for three years, yet Jesus knew the limitations of their understanding. Paul writes similarly to the Corinthians in I Corinthians 11:34.

Speak **ILLUSTRATIVELY** - "A picture is worth a thousand words." The same is true in teaching. We all love to hear folks who can "spin yarns" and place you in the middle of their stories as if you were an invisible spectator. Great teachers and preachers do the same. Consider Jesus' first recorded sermon in Matthew 5-7. Jesus pictured His audience as the light of the world and a city on a hill (5:13-16). Not coincidentally, He was on a mountain at the time. He illustrated the hypocrisy of the religious leaders (6:1-8) and the worthlessness of worry (6:25-34). He illustrated using hyperbole (an intended exaggeration - 7:1-5). He spoke of narrow and broad roads (7:13-14), of sheep and wolves, figs and thistles (7:15-20), of firm and floundering foundations (7:21-27). In like fashion, the church is pictured in many ways. It is called a kingdom in Matthew 13, meaning it has a king, subjects, a law, and a boundary. In I Corinthians 3, Paul describes the church as a family (v 1), a field or vineyard (v 9), a building (vv. 9-14), and as a temple (vv. 16-17). All of these characteristics of the church can be explored individually.

Finally, speak **INSISTENTLY** - "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Pro. 23:23). Do not compromise the truth. Where the Bible speaks definitively on a subject, we must be firm in our resolve concerning that truth. The Bible speaks clearly as to the number of churches having a scriptural right to exist . . . ONE! Jesus promised to build His church, not churches (Matt. 16:18). On the day of Pentecost, the saved were added to the church (Acts 2:47). Ephesians 4:4 says there is one body. Earlier in that same epistle, Paul equated that body with the church (Eph. 1:23). Later, in Ephesians 5:23-32, Paul uses 12 nouns and pronouns to describe the church . . . all of them singular. This settles the matter of how many churches Jesus built and how many existed in the New Testament. We must not be ashamed to say what the Bible says on this or any other subject (Mark 8:38). Let us all prepare ourselves to speak as the oracles of God (I Peter 4:11). Anything less is to do God and His word a terrible injustice. (Chapman Challenger Oct 21, 2012).