

### Weekly Services

Sunday	Bible Class	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
Mid-Week Study	@ the Building	6:30pm

### Happening Soon

The mid-week Bible study will begin in July.

We are planning to resume monthly activities in the fall.

Do Unto Others...Closet

Will reopen on July 25<sup>th</sup>

Please note there will be new procedures in place.

Our endeavor to open the Do Unto Others...Closet has already made an impact on our community. Every month we have increased our numbers and met new folks from the community, that are in need. To continue though, we need to consider ways to restock our shelves. Donations are always welcome, and we appreciate all our members and visitors that are able to help.

***Our people must learn to devote  
themselves to doing  
what is good, in order to provide to urgent needs  
and not live unproductive lives.***

***Titus 3:14***



*June 21, 2020*

*Happy Fathers' Day*

*Today's Service:*

*Sermon: Nick Purvis*

*Songs: Nick Purvis*

*Communion: Nick Purvis*

*Inspiration:*

*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."*

*Ephesians 4:2*

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Sonya's job search

Nick's father has completed treatments and is waiting for test results

Continued Prayers for:

Dan Farrington

Amy's brother, Peter, recovering from a stroke

Diane's friend Mary Jeanne

Visit our website for a complete list of prayer requests.

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*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## Winners and Losers

Elongate the "o" and give the "s" a distinctly "z" pronunciation and you will hear my four-year-old grandson's definition of second place. You win or "looze." There is no second place. Fortunately, at his age, a loss is quickly forgotten, and new conquests are undertaken. We teach our children good sportsmanship—that winning is not everything. So long as we do our best, even a participation ribbon is perfectly acceptable. We were in the game and did our part. That, in itself, develops character. However, winning is everything in the spiritual battle in which we are all participants. Second place is not acceptable. You win or you lose. There is no middle ground. Jesus spoke of a broad way leading to destruction and a narrow way leading to life (Mt. 7:13-14). Following Judgment, some "will go away into eternal punishment" and some will go away "into eternal life" (Mt. 25:48). Winning is everything.

Apart from Christ, we do not have the power to win. It is not within us to think our way into that better place (Prov. 14:12; Jer. 10:23; 1 Cor. 1:21). Nor, can we earn our way to heaven (Is. 64:6). For "all have sinned..." and "the wages of sin is death" (Rm. 3:23; 6:23). In our bleakest night, while we were dead in sin—without hope and without God in this world—we were raised up with Christ and saved by the grace and mercy of God (Eph. 2:1, 4-6, 12; Col. 2:12). It is by means of spiritual rebirth that we gain the victory that has overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:4). As His child, we are no longer powerless because Christ, who lives in us, is our "hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). We remain confident in the ongoing struggle against sin because He is our advocate and intercessor (1 Jn. 2:1; Hb. 7:25). And, we know that victory is ours because "greater is He who is in [us] than he who is in the world" (1 Jn. 4:4). In Christ, we win. Without Him, we lose.

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