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There are countless books being written about the power of changing small habits. Small adjustments in our normal habits can have transformative changes for our everyday life. One of the greatest ways to rocket your spiritual growth is engaging the Bible. Reading it just four times a week can begin to transform the way you live. Sunday morning I began the sermon with a question, "Why are you here?" It is a gut check for our motivation. We easily find ourselves in empty religious routine just checking boxes. We have all been there. We are doing all the right things, but our heart is just not in it. We come to church, and we don't get much out of it, or we read the Bible and can't remember a thing we read. We go to our prayer time, and we find our minds roaming over everything else in life and finally get up more stressed than when we started.

One minor change to motivation can change everything. Instead of seeing Sunday as the end of the weekend and morning worship as the pinnacle of our religious life, what if we remembered that Sunday is the first day of the week, and we see Sunday morning as the preparation for living out our faith the rest of the week. Sunday worship can move from part of closing out a hard week and instead be how we launch into a new week with our eyes fixed on Jesus. It is the same day of the week,

the same worship service. The only thing that has changed is your motivation. Jesus says come to me all who are tired and weary. He also says to go and make disciples! Come to church weary from your labor and be restored to again go and make disciples all week.

Grace and peace,
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MONDAY, JULY 14

12:00 PM, ACTIVITIES BUILDING

Please bring canned fruit for the food pantry

Mission Focus: basic school supplies to be collected at the July meeting: #2 wooden pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, zipper pencil pouch, scissors, glue sticks, loose leaf paper, and construction paper.

Methodist Women is also sponsoring diaper/baby wipes donations for Save-a-Life. If you would like to participate, you may bring diapers/baby wipes to the church office Monday-Thursday from 8:00-4:30 or drop them off in the activities building. We will be taking donations through the end of July.

PRAYER REQUESTS

MEMBERS: Kim Pointer, Denise Heafner Benson, Paul Savage, Sr., Glenda Bailey, Rita Willingham, Mary Lou Autrey, Tyler Hudson, Ky Fisak, Ryna Smith, Sara Trotter, Fred & Sue Womble, Christopher Baker, Sara Austin Rogers, Jim Kelly Miles, Martha Watt, Dale Jernigan, Eric Moake, Janet Flint, Jamie Roberson, Nell Foshee, Bonnie Johnson, Loree Tucker, Mary Katherine Baglan, Asa Tucker
FRIENDS: Curtis Lauderdale (Ryna Smith's brother), Lisa Hoyt (Loree Tucker's sister), Lee Camp, Runt McMinn, Joyce Weaver, Chasidy Jones, Michelle Prince, Rusty Woods, Gaye Williamson, Nathan Palmer, Debbie Guthrie (friend of Jill Addington), Keith Hayward (Trina Caffey's son-in-law), Weston Vance, James Burgess, Jerri Griffin, Georgia Hollinger, Stacy Bowden, John Dollar, Liz Rotenberry Downs, Anna Grace Smith (Martha Watt's great-granddaughter), Dalton Handley Hemphill, Davin Rowland, David Still, Elizabeth, Susan & Tom Tuggle (friends of Shellie Harrison), Chris Sullivan, Elaine Warwick (Janet Flint's aunt), TV Miller (Monroe Pointer's step-father), Micah Smith

LIBRARY NEWS

We have many books written by Lucado in our church library - Traveling Light for Mothers, The Great House of God, and Facing Your Giants to name a few. (All Lucado books are located in section A LUC.) The Crippled Lamb is a children's book by Lucado and was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Smythe. (Children's section C LUC)



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, JULY 3
FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY.**



Happy Birthday

July 3-Archer Vick, Andy White
July 5-Nolan Owen
July 6-Edye Herron, Lauren Lange Risner
July 7-Sam Nabors, Emily Wells
July 8-William Dean, Bonnie Johnson, Lindsey Rice Petit, Sonni Smith, Heather Young

Happy Anniversary

July 7-M/M Jackie Chapman

**July 6
Nursery Volunteer**
Brandi Powers

Acolytes
Harris Aldridge/Anne Elise Wright

Ushers
C.D. Overton/Jimmy Wilson
Joel Rice/Josh Vick

Security Team
Mike Smith/Dennis Land
Clay Seale/Chris Smith

