

**This Week's Scripture and
sermon: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9**

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INFORMER

In Matthew's gospel chapters 5-7, we read a sermon of Jesus. If you are looking for some amazing reading, look no further. Matthew's version of the things Jesus taught along the shorelines of the Sea of Galilee is an incredible read. In this sermon Jesus touches on anxiety, judgement, anger, lust, divorce, swearing oaths and retaliation. He moves seamlessly from one topic to the next. The sermon is often called the Sermon on the Mount. There is all sorts of amazing advice for our lives packed into these three chapters.

Recently, I have been focusing some energy on parts of chapter 6 where Jesus talks about when we "do" things that are connected to our faith. In some traditions we call this practicing our piety, in others we call this doing spiritual stuff. Three things in particular that he was talking about were giving to the needy, praying and fasting. About all these things he said, when you do them, be careful not to do them so others will see you doing them. He warned that when you give, when you fast, when you pray—not to do it so that others see you. He said to avoid boasting about them or doing them so others will think more highly of you. He then warned—if you do announce these things, you will have received your reward. He warned against trying to win people's praise and instead to set our minds on the eternal nature of our actions. And finally, he outright challenges his audience by saying, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Concerning prayer he said to not heap up empty phrases to impress but instead to do your praying in private. Jesus was not a fan of seeking peoples praise, rather he always seemed to be thinking of honoring God. He taught that when we do these things, to keep things between you and God. If you really think about it, his advice is amazing. We all like to be recognized, and we all like for people to have a high opinion of us. What is amazing about Jesus' advice is that he is right in multiple ways. While you may be trying to impress, what you may be unaware of is that people do not respect it when someone brags about their good deeds, or tells how much they gave away. So, in effect, Jesus is sparing us from losing credibility with his advice. On another level, he is inviting us not to forfeit God's rewards that come with doing these things.

When it came to giving to others, he said, "do not sound the trumpet before you...instead do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." In regards to fasting he says not to make yourself a spectacle and not to bring it to others attention. Instead, just do it without letting others know. In all these things Jesus suggests there is a built-in blessing that is forfeited when you "toot" your own proverbial horn.

One final thing to consider about these teachings of Jesus is that he says, "when" you fast and "when" you pray, and "when you give to the needy." He could have said, "if". I think it goes without saying that Jesus expected our faith to play out in these ways. Jesus assumes that we will be a people of prayer, fasting and meeting the needs of others. And when we keep these things to ourselves, the reward is ours!

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We are praying for You

Betty Blackwell, Shirley Brown, Dava Brummitt, Lisa Demoss, George Geotz, Harper Jones, Michael Lucito, Chelsea Marcial, Barbara Mittenburg, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Joyce Whitaker, LeRoy Wimer

Our condolences to Rhoda Moore on the passing of Dave on Saturday Oct. 9, 2026

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummit**

E. W. Thompson: **Allan Fowler**

Primrose(Independent):

Primrose(Assisted): **Dorothy Robertson, Joyce Whitaker**

Primrose(Enhanced Assisted Living): **Judy Parkhurst, Susan**

Daniels, Marion Thomas, Terry and Linda Gibbs

LeRoy Wimer, Lorene Downing

Sylvia Thompson: **Judy Steele, Margie Sowder, Lynda Alcorn, Merle Fisher, Donna Thompson, Margaret Johnson, Betty Blackwell, Bob Holdren**

Veterans Home Warrensburg: **George Geotz**

Our friends in the Armed Services: Ryan Arnold, Tyler Bauer, Taylor Brown, Sam Braverman, Preston Butts, Daltin Butts, Kenneth French, Nicholas Holman, Adam Schock, Adriana Teiberis, Aaron Wagoner: Thank you for your service!



We now have a prayer request option on the website. It will go straight to our prayer team so they can be praying with and for you.

Those serving this Week



Elders

- Allison Brosch and JoDee Buso

Candle lighters

- Bryce and Jenson P

Deacons

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| • Lisa Ditzfeld | Nita Bales |
| • Nita Bales | Tyler Ditzfeld |
| • Tyler Ditzfeld | Kara Metzner |
| • Kara Metzner | Austin Heubi |
| • Ronda McMullin | |
| • Mendy Goss | |
| • Austin Heubi | |
| • Jeanean Longan | |
| • Brian Leftridge | |

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 15

5:30pm Yoga/FH
6:30 Praise Band
Elders to Clinton

FRIDAY 16

4:30pm All In Ministries/FH
5pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 17

4pm Wedding

SUNDAY 18

9am Worship
10am Sunday School
11:10am Worship
3pm All in Men's Ministry/Sanctuary
7pm NA

Monday 19

1pm ASG
Community Cafe/Deacons
6:30pm GS

Tuesday 20

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group

Wednesday 21

5:15pm SOLID
5:30pm FCC Kids
5:30 Prayer Session/Sanctuary
6pm Adult Bible Study
7pm Choir
7pm NA

FCC Fall Hayride

Oct 24th 6-8pm

Highway Gardens, Missouri State Fairgrounds
Come for an evening of Fall fun and fellowship with a hayride through the fairgrounds, sing-a-longs, face painting for the kiddos and sweet treats! Pack the lawn chairs and invite those friends for what's guaranteed to be a good time! Let us know how many are attending from your family by filling out the sign up sheet or calling the church office.



and make disciples of all nations!
Matthew 28:19



Needing Advent Devotion Writers:

Are you interested in writing a short devotion for this year's advent booklet? Or maybe you know a great church writer and would like to nominate them for the task? Please contact Tammy Christenberry at tammyosu1@gmail.com for details.

SOLID

SOLID Youth Mission:
Reaching the Youth
through CHRIST, touching
the community with LOVE!

SOLID UPDATES:

- Wednesday's SOLID meets
at 5:15pm

Romans 12:2

SOLID Youth will be selling chocolate
bars throughout October. They are \$2
each.

Please find a SOLID member to
purchase a chocolate bar.



Like us on Facebook at Solid-FCC Youth Sedalia



Wednesdays AT FCC

GROW. CONNECT. SERVE.

5:15 PM



SOLID

5:30 PM



FCC KIDS

6:00 PM



ADULT
BIBLE STUDY

7:00 PM



CHOIR

Be here. Belong. Grow together.

Men's Breakfast

Start your Friday morning
off with some good food,
good fellowship, and
prayer with other men.

THE FOURTH FRIDAY
OF EVERY MONTH.
7AM/FELLOWSHIP HALL



It is that time of
year. Operation
Christmas Child is
in need of



Beanie Babies

These items can be
dropped off in the
church office.



Excellent items to add to your shoebox.
Barbie, yoyo, top, harmonica, cars, legos,
school supplies, hair supplies, ball with
pump, babydoll, stuffie, drawstring bag,
toothbrush, sewing kit, fishing kit, an outfit,
socks, flip flops, sand toys, nerf football,
brush, comb, beaded jewelry,

FCC

Children's Ministry Right Now Media Pick of the Month SUPERBOOK!

"THE GARDEN" is a cartoon-comedy/adventure series aimed at children ages 3-8. It stars a loveable lion named LENNY and a sweet little lamb named LUCY who live in a miraculous garden where ANYTHING can grow! If they plant a trumpet – BOINK! – they get a trumpet tree! If they plant a donut – BOINK! They get a donut bush! The possibilities are endless. Each and every day they get a new assignment from GOD (who they call 'The Boss,' hey, they work for Him after all) but they don't usually get the task correct on the first try. However, through various scriptures, Bible stories and original songs in each episode they eventually learn more about THE WORD OF GOD and how to tackle the challenges that lie ahead of them.

So come along and join Lenny & Lucy in 'The Garden'...it's where the Gospel grows!



We will be collecting boxes of cereal for Open door. Please drop off in the bins outside the office.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA STUDIES

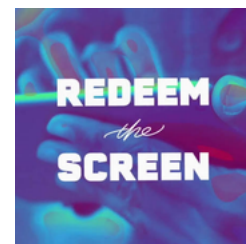
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<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/FirstChristia>



Redeem the Screen
ASG Right Now Media Pick for September
KYLE IDLEMAN

Our screens dominate our lives. In a unique way, they hold the power to bring us together yet can also keep us isolated from those physically around us. With a click, we can connect with family and friends or join a debate over an issue that interests us. Screens bring information and inspiration, but they can also carry temptations and stresses.

What kind of power do you give to your screen? Do you use it to assist in your calling, or does it distract you from your calling?

In this three-part series, pastor Kyle Idleman will teach us how to redeem the screen. Join him as he applies the truths of Romans 12 to our lives, showing us the power of Jesus to transform us. Rather than allowing our screens to conform us to the world, in Jesus we can make screens a tool to change the world.



Sunday we learned about Matthew 6:16–21 and what stewardship means. Stewardship is taking care of what God has given us and using it wisely. We talked about how it's not just about money, but also our time, talents, and how we care for others. We can show God's love by sharing, helping, and being kind!

Ask your child:

1. What does stewardship mean?
2. What is one way you can use what God has given you to help someone?

Lord, you are our Father. We are the
clay. You are the potter. Your
hands made all of us.
Isaiah 64:8



Adult Study

Finishing Well Study

Guidance for Life's Later Chapters

Every season of life matters. Join us for a 4-week series designed to help us prepare wisely, care well for those we love, and face the future with faith, grace, and peace.

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

 Oct. 7 — Difficult Conversations

 Oct. 14 — Legal Preparations

 Oct. 21 — Financial Preparations

 Oct. 28 — Funeral Planning

Whether you're preparing for your own future or walking alongside someone you love, Finishing Well is for you.



Weekly Yoga Class

Every Thursday at 5:30pm.

Fellowship Hall

Begins August 6.

The class will be led by certified yoga instructor Nikki Freeman. Bring your own mat and water as those will not be provided. Cost is \$10/pp and per class with cash, Venmo or Paypal as payment options.

A festive poster for 'Miracles of Christmas' at Sight & Sound Theatres in Branson, MO. The poster features a dark green background with gold and red accents, including pine branches, snowflakes, and a star. The title 'MIRACLES OF CHRISTMAS' is in large, gold, serif font. Below it, '55+ ADVENTURES' is in a red banner. The dates 'DEC. 4-5' are in a gold banner. A green box contains ticket information: Theater ticket: \$73.65 per ticket, Hotel: \$115 per double occupancy, Total \$132.00 per person, Sign up by November 2, 2026, 20 spots available. At the bottom, a red banner says 'Join us for a memorable CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE.'

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Weekend Totals

Oct. 11, 2026

9am 161

11am 143

Online 529

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our Digital Bulletin while
worshipping; go to
first4god.com
scroll down to Worship Online,
click Digital Bulletin. Scripture
and list of songs will be posted.

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— NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY —

Prepare Him Room Dwell and Abide



NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 AT 10:00 AM

Former Bethany Classroom ~ Led by Cathy Clements

Before the holiday rush, join us this November for an unhurried, four-week adult Bible study. We'll trace the ancient promise of God dwelling with His people and watch how John reveals its fullness in Jesus—the Word who dwells among us, invites us to abide in Him, and reveals His holy light.

This November study is a quiet preparation for Advent's hope, peace, joy, and love.

At the conclusion of the four weeks, a companion Advent devotional will be available for December to supplement the November study.

