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Wednesday Night Live

All Wednesday evening classes for adults and kids are taking a break for the summer. We will announce when they will start back in the August Newsletter

Men's Breakfast

And Monthly Board Meeting.

Saturday, June 10

8:30 A. M.

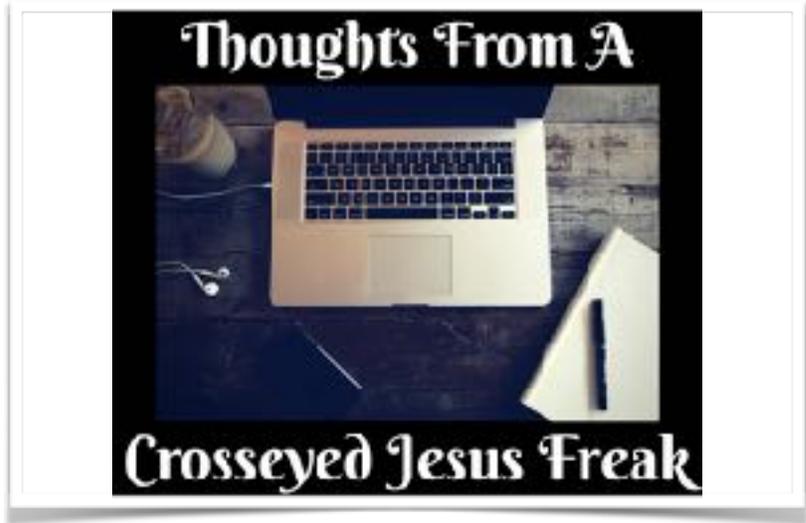
Steven's Inn

Adult Sunday School

We are studying the book of Revelation at 9:30 each week. We would love to have you all join us.

SoundCloud

To listen to past sermons, you can go to <https://soundcloud.com/kraig-birchfield>



Challenge Accepted?

I have a couple of challenges for you, and I thought dedicating my newsletter article to them this month was the best way to present them to you. First, I want to stress something. This is not a fresh idea from me. I have been seeing it from another church for the last few months, and the more I think about it and pray about it, I think these challenges are something that we can all benefit from in our Christian walk.

I get "The Oasis" each month in the church P. O. Box, which is the newsletter that the Christian Church of Midland in Midland, TX publishes monthly. Steve Knisley is the minister there, but I do not know if these ideas originated with him, or it is something that the church has been doing for a while. Steve has been in Midland for about the same amount of time that I have been here in Carlsbad. We've met a few different times through camp and ministers getting together.

So what are the challenges I have for you? Let's start with a challenge about prayer. They call it the 3-1-6 Prayer Card. It's really the one that caught my attention. It's a challenge to

June 18

Don't forget to wish you
dads a Happy Father's Day!

Camp

Deadline for early
registration for Camp in
June. Prices go up after
May 7.

Camp Dates:

Beginner (K-2) Jun 9-11;

\$60/80

Elementary (3-6) Jun 12-15;

\$120/160

Youth (6-12) Jun 19-24;

\$150/200

A Challenge for You

Read "Thoughts From a
Crosseyed Jesus Freak" in
this addition for more details:

Prayer 3-1-6: Pray for 3
people 1 time a day for six
days; Pray for: Our
Relationship, Our
Conversation, Their
Response

1-1-1: 1 hour of worship, 1
hour of corporate Bible
Study, 1 hour of Christian
Service each week

Current-Argus

Kraig is writing articles for
the *Current-Argus*' "Faith"
section that runs on
Saturdays. Generally, he is
submitting articles every
other week.

prayer for three people one time a day for six days straight. Then the next week you pick three different people and start the process over again. I am not challenging you to stop praying for anyone in this. This is something I want to challenge you to add to your prayer time. And it is not just praying about random things. It's a challenge to pray for: Our relationship, Our conversation, and Their response.

Pick someone that doesn't know Jesus yet, and pray for opportunities to tell them about Him. Pick someone that you might be having a difficult time loving, and pray for healing in your relationship. Pick someone whose conversation that you participate in may drag you down instead of lifting you up, and pray that, with God's guidance, the conversation can change. Any and all of those things would be worthy things to pray about. The point is to find people that you need to connect better with and pray for them for six days (or more if it takes longer).



The second challenge is called the "1-1-1". I'm going to copy their description of it first, and then I'll explain how we can apply it to our church. "When we have an emergency, we call 9-1-1. When we want to dig in our yard, we call 8-1-1. When we need information, we call 4-1-1. This year we want everyone who comes to CCM to practice 1-1-1. At a minimum we want you in: 1 hour of worship each week; 1 hour of Bible Study each week; 1 hour of Christian Service each week."

What does that mean? Joining us in corporate worship each week, to celebrate and worship as a family. Studying your

Sermon Series



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Elijah Davis 6/1; Kelley Birchfield 6/3; Helen Webb 6/3; Gary Waddle 6/10; Ed Fannin 6/13; Khloe Eagle 6/14; Tommy Eagle 6/14 (If we missed anyone, please let us know so we can update our records).

Bible a minimum of an hour each week, but I would also challenge you to get involved with an organized Bible Study or Sunday School class on a weekly basis as well. For the summer, our Wednesday night classes are on hold, but you could join us for Sunday School. You could host a group for Bible Study at your home. The point is, study your Bible. Finally, Christian Service. Find a way to serve each week. It says for one hour, so you may need to find something outside of just serving in the walls of the church. It could be doing something for a neighbor, serving at camp, teaching a Sunday School class, or whatever you can do in the name of Jesus to serve someone else. The point is to be serving.



So, there is my challenge to you. Find three people you can pray for (each week), and worship, study, and serve a minimum of an hour each each week. Are you up for it? Will you accept the challenge? I hope you do! God Bless!

Because of Him,

Kraig B.

Serving in June	4	11	18	25	
Greeter	Kayser	Waddle	Webb	Awbrey	
Meditations	Barry	Kraig	Dorie	Kelley	
Kid's Church	Liz	Robbie	Christina	Kelley	

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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 A.M.
 Worship Celebration 10:30 A.M.
 Wednesday Night 6:00 P.M.
 Office Hours:
 Wednesday 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.
 Thursday 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.