

GRAPPLE *Event*

FOREST FUN - TODAY
(following the service)
DON'T MISS IT!

**TUESDAY
BIBLE STUDY**

THE BOOK OF
COLOSSIANS
WITH LOUIE GIGLIO

Kick-off / Tue, September 10 @ 7:00 PM

IDEAS TO BLESS OTHERS

- Buy them a gift card
- Give them fresh produce
- Send an uplifting text
- Share a word of kindness
- Give the gift of prayer
- Send an encouraging card
- Give a good book
- Share a prophetic word

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

- Observe the school speed and safety zones.
- Pray for your children/grandchildren.
- Pray for the teachers and administrators.
- Pray for God to protect our schools and keep them safe.

CONNECTION CARD

in order to **"MEASURE"** our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card



AUGUST TEACHING SERIES

Better

Aug 04 » Better is One Day
Aug 11 » Better is One Handful
Aug 18 » Better is Obedience
Aug 25 » Better is Wisdom

PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Chrissy M. » Seizures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | <input type="checkbox"/> Eduardo » Dis. Shoulder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toni R. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith M. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill S., Sr. » Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Roy M. » Int. Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danny R. » ALS | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrine A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Cindy S. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb M. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. » Hospice Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. » Heart Rhythm | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. » Lymphnode Cancer |

► OTHER

- Gabe G. » Guidance

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Life isn’t perfect and that’s the kind of world where Jesus showed up. He wasn’t born in a palace on a perfect day. He was born in the middle of the night during tax season to an unwed couple in a stable. That was God’s way of showing us that nothing is perfect. Life is chaotic. It’s messy. That’s what Jesus was stepping into.” —*Louie Giglio*

METRICS THAT MATTER (08/11/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 37 GIVING ► \$1,274⁵⁰ GUESTS ► 0
VOLUNTEERS ► 22 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

Then Samuel said: Does the Lord take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? Look: to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. *1 Samuel 15:22*

→ Insights from the *Saul* Story ←

No matter how crazy it may seem, when God tells me to do something, I need to obey.

¹ Samuel said to Saul, “I am the one the Lord sent to anoint you king over his people Israel; so listen now to the message from the Lord.” ² This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt.’ ³ Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.” *1 Samuel 15:1-3*

I need to be a God-pleaser, not a people-pleaser.

But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed. *1 Samuel 15:9*

Obeying God is always right, but that doesn't mean it will be easy to do.

¹³ When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The Lord bless you! I have carried out the Lord's instructions.” ¹⁴ But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?” *1 Samuel 15:13-14*



My obedience to God is more important than my image in front of others.

Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the Lord’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them.” *1 Samuel 15:24*

Disobedience has short-term and long-term consequences.

- For Saul, he lost his kingship and eventually his life.
- For Samuel, he lost a friend.
- For God, it broke His heart.

Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. *1 Samuel 15:35*

→ The Way of Obedience ←

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. *Hosea 6:6*

To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. *Mark 12:33*

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:7-8*

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.” *Luke 12:42*

