

A BIG THANK YOU...

for your generous and unselfish giving this year. Because of your generosity, the following improvements were made:

- 1 new roof on the parsonage.
- 2 new furnaces in the basement.
- 3 new fence behind the parsonage.
- 4 repairs to the front porch.

Additionally, we have had choice guest speakers who have encouraged our hearts—thank you for your faithful giving!



NOVEMBER 15 / COLLECTION DATE FOR Operation Christmas Child

A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, and plant new churches. What goes into the box is fun. What comes out is eternal.

Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift.

Invite your family and friends

to join us in giving hope to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child.

Let's make this a banner year for Operation Christmas Child!



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A four-week Bible study that meets on designated **TUESDAYS** based on the book by *Mark Batterson*.

"If you want God to do something off the chart, you have to take your hands off the controls." Mark Batterson



CONNECTION CARD Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a 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.





NOVEMBER TEACHING SERIES

Nov 01 / Guest Speaker: Tommy Tenney

Nov 08 / Thank you... for Grace

Nov 15 / Thank you... for Benefits

Nov 22 / Thank you... for Wholeness

PRAYER REQUESTS

Breanna V.	▶ Health Issues
Lily M.	▶ Dementia
Anabelle G.	▶ Lung Cancer
Andrew H.	▶ Health Issues
Noe F.	▶ Health Issues
Elizabeth S.	▶ Health Issues
Kenny D.	▶ Skull Fracture
Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
Danny L.	▶ Peace Corps Assignment
Sean L.	▶ Loss of His Brother
Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
Jim B.	▶ Eye Problems
Mary H.	▶ Mobility Issues
Jane G.	▶ Hospice Care
Darryck T.	▶ Spiritual Strength
Bill L.	▶ Post-Surgical Healing
Suzie S.	▶ Health Issues

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Jesus started His ministry by turning water into wine. He ended His ministry with a basin of water and a towel. He started with the miraculous and ended with the mundane. -T.F. Tenney

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ATTENDANCE

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GIVING

21

GUESTS

11

VOLUNTEERS

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DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Thank YOU...
AN ATTITUDE OF gratitude

Thank you...
for grace

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” **John 8:2-11**

SETTING *The scene*

- Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles in the Fall of the Year.
- He sat in the Women’s Court of the Temple teaching.
- His own death is around the corner; there is great unrest among the religious leaders.
- While he is teaching, he is interrupted by the Scribes and Pharisees who enter with a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery.
- They bring the woman to Jesus in order to “trap” him.
- They wanted Jesus to condemn the woman.

mosaic PRECONDITIONS

- When someone was caught in adultery, both the man and the woman would be brought to the Nicanor temple gates and accused. **Deut. 19:15**
- One witness was insufficient to invoke the death penalty. **Deut. 17:6**

BREAKING DOWN *The story...*

- Only the woman was brought to Jesus. This was a violation of the Oral Law of God.
- The priest was required to stoop down and **write the law that had been broken, along with the names of the accused, in the dust and floor of the Temple.**
- No mention is made of the **two** required witnesses.
- Jesus showed these accusers that they weren't keeping the law, but He would anyway.
- Every year on The Day of Atonement, the High Priest would immerse up to 11 times in a baptismal tank in order to be ceremonially cleansed between each separate portion of the day's sacrifices.
- At the end of the day, there was a celebration at his home and there would be great rejoicing that God had received the sacrifice and everyone's sins had been rolled away for one more year.
- To end the day and announce to everyone the party was over, the High Priest would come out and quote this verse: **Jeremiah 17:13** "Oh YHVH, the baptizer of Israel, all those who leave your way shall be put to shame (publicly embarrassed), those who turn aside from my ways will **have their names written in the dust** and blotted out, for they have departed from YHVH the fountain of the waters of life."

grace **OUTPOURED**

Two kinds of people faced Jesus that day. The religious leaders who thought if they were just smart enough, worked hard enough, prayed hard enough they would earn their way to Heaven. They refused Jesus' offer of grace...

The woman had given up. She thought she was hopelessly trapped in a cycle of sin. God could never love her. God could never forgive her. She accepted. Jesus simply said:

"Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."