

# Sermon Notes



# Messenger

*Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us. Please stop by the visitors' center so we can have a record of your attendance and answer any question for you. Allow us the opportunity to know you better.*

## ***Fully Committed***

"Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say." (Philemon 21)

My five-year-old son will sometimes sit at the dinner table, staring at his food after everyone is finished, and ask "How many bites do I need to take to be done?" He wants to know what is the least amount of bites he needs to take to be excused from the table. He is interested in the bare minimum and nothing more. This is pretty typical behavior for a young child, but if we were all honest with ourselves, we would admit there are areas of life where we behave the same way. In those areas, all we want to know is what we need to do to get by.

Paul makes a fascinating statement in his letter to Philemon. He boasts of his confidence that Philemon will do even more than he asks. He is certain Philemon will go above and beyond what is required of him. Paul knows Philemon, and when it comes to Christianity, he knows he is not just interested in the bare minimum. Philemon is all in. He is committed. He is fully devoted to serving God and living out his faith.

What do people see when they look at you? Do they see a Christian who is only interested in the bare minimum, or do they see a Christian who is entirely committed to following Jesus? This is not about perfection, it is about commitment. A person can stumble while striving to go above and beyond. As Christians, we are to love God with ALL our heart, mind, and soul (Matt. 22:36-37). We are to seek FIRST the kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33). Before becoming a Christian, we are to count the cost (Luke 14:28). Christianity is not about bare minimums or doing just enough to scrape by. It is about understanding that Jesus died to save us and therefore we now fully, wholly, and completely give our lives to him. We don't hold anything back!

By Scott Elliott --- Church Bulletin Exchange

# Sermon Summaries

## AM Sermon – “Keep Calm and Give It A Name” – Genesis 50:15-21

God calls us to be faithful. That doesn't mean perfect, but it does mean we are processing what happens to us through our faith. Faith helps us to see things clearly and give them a proper name.

## PM Sermon – “When God Built His Temple” – Acts 17:22-31

Our Adversary has always tried to get us to worship anything but our Creator. His schemes always seek to distract us from what should be central in our lives.

### Schedule of Services

Pioneer Home Service	8:30 am
Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
(at church building)	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

**Minister** Dennis Baker

### Shepherds

Gordon Gower Morris Guest  
Larry Miller

### Deacons

Don Dillahunt Rick Pinney  
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell

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### ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	71
Worship Assembly	118
Pioneer Home	15

### FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$4480
Weekly Contribution	\$3949

### Pioneer Home Schedule

Date	Lesson	Song Leader
Sept 8	Rick Pinney	Larry Miller

### September Greeters

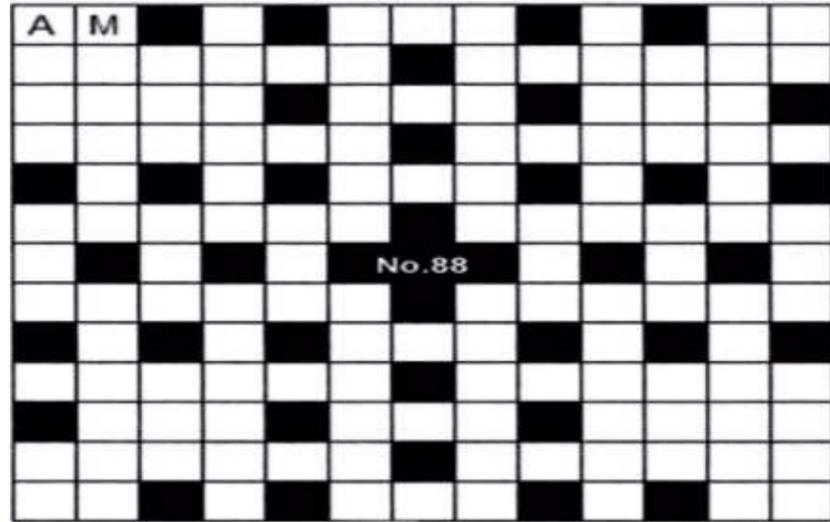
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### September Auditorium Cleanup

Dolores Buehler

### September Communion Preparation

Deanna Hendrickson



<b>2 LETTERS</b>	<b>3 LETTERS</b>	<b>3 LETTERS</b>	<b>6 LETTERS</b>	<b>6 LETTERS</b>
AM	ADO	SOW	HEREIN	SPRUNG
AS	ASS	TIE	HINDER	STORMY
ED	DEN	TOO	LENDER	THIRST
HA	GOD	USE	MARTHA	WAFERS
WE	MAR		MASTER	WEALTH
YE	OFF	<b>6 LETTERS</b>	MODEST	WISELY
	PAN	ABASED	NEEDLE	
<b>4 LETTERS</b>	PIT	AGATES	OSPRAY	
ABEL	RED	ARROWS	PASTOR	
EDEN	SEA	ATTEND	RAISED	
SEER	SET	BODIES	RANSOM	
TREE	SIR	ESTEEM	SETTLE	

## Figuring Out What We Are Running From and Running To

By Mike Riley

Author and cartoonist James Thurber once made this insightful observation about life: “All men should strive to learn before they die, what they are running from, and to, and why”

The psalmist Asaph knew what he was running from. He had lived in doubt near the neighborhood of despair. He also knew what he was running to and why. He sang, “It is good for me to draw near to God .... that I may declare all Your works” (Psalm 73:28). A few verses earlier, he said, “You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory” (Psalm 73:24).

We must also find out what we're running to. Some people are competing for temporary fame and fortune. They are like passengers who are fighting for the best seats on a train headed for nowhere. Others plan for their retirement — but not for old age or beyond death.

Have we figured out what we are running from? More important, do we know what we are running to?

# Things to Know

### LTC sign up

TODAY after morning worship. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> come sign up for events for our annual Leadership Training for Christ. If you have questions see Spencer or Heidi Guest. This is only a sign up for events!

### Breakfast at Cracker Barrel

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at 8am

### Ladies Fall Retreat

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at the Copper Basin Bible Camp.

### Elders, Deacons & Preacher Meeting

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm

### Men's Fall Retreat

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at the Copper Basin Bible Camp. Flyers with all the details and registration instructions on the back table.

### Welcome Home!

Dennis, Lanita & Micah Baker we are excited to have you be a part of the family here at Mt Vernon and look forward to expanding the Kingdom with you. May our Lord and Savior continue to direct your steps and guide you as you settle in to the work here.

### Baker Family

While Dennis and Lanita Baker stay with the Kantu's, they have happily agreed to invite members of the congregation over to become better acquainted with them. There will be Friday night singings, and Saturday morning coffees. There are 2 sign-up sheets in the back of the auditorium. Please choose a date and event(s) and sign up. Make sure you indicate the number of people attending for planning purposes.

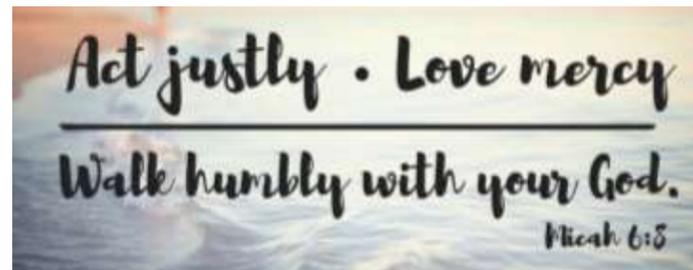
### Thank You!

Family,

Thank you for the kindness, love and compassion you have shown us. Your prayers facilitated healing and we are rejoicing. We love and appreciate you all.

In His love,

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# Prayer Requests

**Ruby Smith (friend of Sally Guest's)** recovering from blood clot in her lungs and healing after shattering both her heels.

**Lucy Cottabarren** having problems with blood sugar, will be seeing her doctor.

**Autumn Cleaveland** recovering after surgery on her arm.

### Continual Prayers

### Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Scott Bruкардт** for his continued treatment/healing.

~ **Bryson (Derda's grandson)** Heart functions to improve.

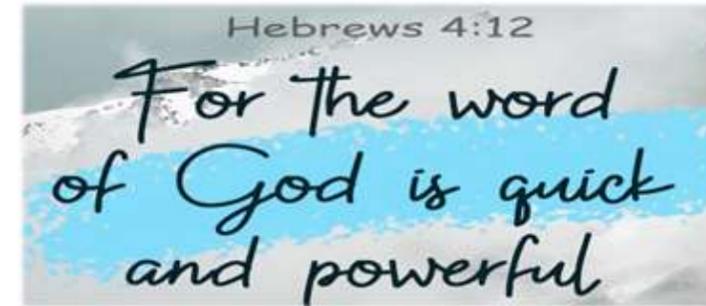
~ **Jennifer Evers (Katherine Stewart's granddaughter)** treatment for breast cancer soon.

~ **Darlene Oreleanna** cancer treatment.

~ **Janice Koenig's friend** that he be open and receptive to the truth of God's word

### Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell



## Yavapai Food Bank

Shopping list—these items are needed year round.

canned corn	soups and stews
canned green beans	dried pasta
canned peas	mac' n cheese
canned mixed veggies	canned spaghetti O's
pork & beans or similar	canned ravioli & meat
canned peaches	spaghetti & sauce
canned pears	rice
canned apricots	beans
canned pineapple	cold cereals
fruit cocktail	saltine or Graham crackers
boxed meals (tuna & hamburger helper type things)	
canned tuna	canned meat
peanut butter	fruit juices