

Crisis of Identity

Acts 9:1-19

1. We all have experienced a type of _____
 2. By one way or another, we all have to arrive at this place, so that we can _____ our _____ identity.
- I. Chapter 1... The _____ of Life as We Know It – Acts 9:1-9
- We each have a _____ of Crisis.
 - Saul living out _____.
 - 1 Timothy 1:13 – Key word is _____.
 - When we realize we have been wrong there should be _____, _____, _____, and utter _____.
- II. Chapter 2 ... Solutions for personal restoration – Acts 9:17-19
- Three options for restoration. We can look _____ or _____ or _____.
 - Upward described as praying – seeking – searching
 - _____ and _____ of the Holy Spirit.
 - How could Paul forgive himself for actions in his past _____?
 - Acts 22:12-16 = Good works that God _____ for us to do.
- III. Chapter 3 ... Supporting _____ & _____ Acts 9:10-16
- Given a new community of people to _____ and _____.
 - The _____ disciple.
 - The reluctant disciple is _____, _____ and _____.
- Your story contains your _____ and _____ where you are going.**



Messenger

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us.

New Day

Gordon and I will be traveling to Murfreesboro, TN next week to attend the New Day Conference. A few months ago, I did a set of lessons that shared information concerning the importance of rediscovering the mission of the New Testament Church. Many congregations of the Church of Christ are experiencing a decline in membership numbers because they are not following the Final Command of Jesus to “Go, and make disciples...” This was not intended to be a criticism of the Mt. Vernon congregation. It is an encouragement to identify where we could do a better job in teaching the Good News about Jesus to our community. We live in critical times and we need all the tools that are available to reach those who are lost.

To carry on the analogy of tools, I used to have a complete tool set and I could work on most vehicles. In the past, I did all the repair work on my vehicles. That changed when I purchased my 2009 Town and Country Van. I would not even consider working on the 2017 Ford Flex. Too, complicated and I would have to buy more tools to work on the newer vehicles. It is the same with taking the Good News to our neighbors, friends and family. Things are a little more complicated, these days. We need new tools, biblical truth and the power of the Spirit to accomplish the task.

The New Day Conference aims to encourage and equip church leaders with the resources they need to make disciples in the 21st century. The conference will be hosted by the North Boulevard Church of Christ. The teaching focus will come from a deep dive into 2 Timothy 2:2. Teaching the lessons are experienced and seasoned disciple-makers who will share resources and strategies that can help congregations grow and help individual Christians be more focused and effective followers of Jesus. Pray for Gordon and me as we travel and participate in the conference. Pray that God will continue to use the Mt. Vernon Congregation to teach the Gospel of Jesus to our neighbors, family and friends. Pray that God guide us in the best way to use the resources we gather to be salt and light to our community.

If all goes according to plan, we will leave this coming Wednesday (Sept. 8) and be back with you Sunday evening (Sept. 12).

Dennis

September 5, 2021

Mt Vernon Church of Christ

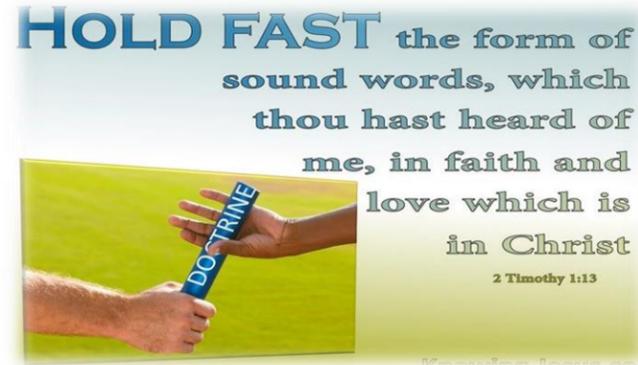
Sermon Summaries

Morning *Crisis of Identity – Acts 9:1-19*

Why are we here and what is life all about? Many of us in attendance this morning knows the answers to these gigantic questions. But there are many around us who don't. They live lives that are aimless and self-centered. Nothing makes sense and they feel out of place. Some are just waiting to die. Some are afraid to die. This describes the Crisis of Identity that everyone experiences when they don't know the God who created. They are people without a story.

Evening *Life of Joseph – So He Placed Him Over All the Land of Egypt – Genesis 41:37-45*

Things really turned around for Joseph. What a great story and a great outcome. But is this just a story to convince people that enduring hardship will reap significant rewards or did this really happen. Tonight, we will examine some archaeological evidence and well as the lesson text and discover something pretty amazing.



Things to Know

New Elder Nomination

The shepherds would like to present our brother Dale Cureton as a brother both qualified and willing to serve. The congregation will have the opportunity to ask questions, make comments, or even make any scriptural objection to Dale's service. You may ask questions of Dale or make comments to the elders in person or in signed correspondence. If no scriptural objections are raised, the elders will appoint Dale to his ministry on Sunday, September 19.

Ladies Retreat

As was previously announced Mt Vernon ladies decided to not move forward with planning/hosting the September retreat due to very low registration. The Copper Basin camp board is hosting the retreat it is September 10-11 at Copper Basin. There has been more interest and they are expecting about 80 women so far. Make plans to attend, there is still room! There are registration form on the back table, you can even register at the door.

Men's Retreat

September 17 -18

Elders Deacons & Preacher Meeting

Moved to Thursday September 16th 7pm at the Dillahunty's home.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Glynnna Gower had a successful procedure and positive results. Richard Erno waiting on bone marrow transplant.

Abby Parra diagnosis with Acute Myeloid Leukemia is currently in Phoenix Children's hospital. Abby and her mother Amy will be at Phoenix Children's hospital for about a month. She will be having more tests to help with her treatment plan.

Wanda Pruett was released from rehab center on August 6th, she is living with Sheilah and having in home physical therapy and occupational therapy Chris Lowell's grandma Slade in hospital with cancer.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

- ~Rusty & Bonnie Parker, many difficulties with Rusty's dementia
- ~Suzanne Lacey (friend of Gowers) kidney and lung cancer.
- ~Brandy Aquafedda (Denise Miler's niece) cancer treatment.
- ~Carolyn Fields (friend of Larry Miller) has terminal cancer.
- ~Allen Till (Dolores Buehler's son-in-law) cancer treatment
- ~Rita Bowden (friend of Sally Guest) stage 4 cancer.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

The Lord watches over everyone who obeys him, and he listens to their prayers.

1 Peter 3:12

Schedule of Services	
Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
Suspended until Sept 15 th	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Gordon Gower Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell

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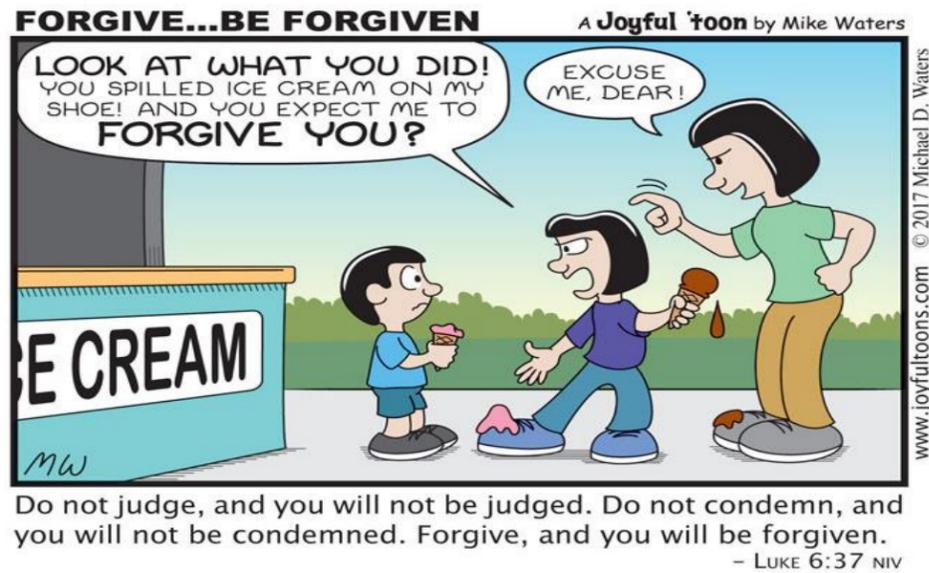
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ATTENDANCE

Bible Class 38
AM Worship 92
PM Worship 54

FINANCES

Weekly Budget \$3995
Weekly Contribution \$3547



Send Forth Your Truth and Light

Psalm 43:3-5

Send forth and guide me your truth and light
To your holy mountain where you dwell;
I then will worship in joyful delight,
With praise, O God, my heart will swell.

Why, my soul, be so downcast?
Why in your heart be so distraught?
Put hope in God, to faith hold fast;
Yet will I praise him for all he's wrought.

By J. Randal Matheny