

Mothers/Ladies Brunch

Saturday, May 8, at 10:00AM.

Friend Day

Sunday, May 16.

Invite your friends to
join us for worship!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 16, at 6:00

This is a informational meeting.

Mike's Message, "Am I successful in what I am doing?" That is a question that many people ask themselves. Every person wants to be successful, no matter what field or career they are in. How does one determine success? Who determines if you are successful? We often want to know and ask questions like; "Am I successful in being a parent?" "Am I successful at my job or career?" The list of questions could go on and on. But again, I must ask, how does one determine success?

In order to answer the questions which been established, we first must determine what success means. In the Oxford University Press Dictionary, it states 1) the accomplishment of an aim or purpose. 2) the attainment of fame, wealth, or social status. This is the definition which many use today to determine if they are successful. They want to determine success by how much stuff they own--money--property--cars or how powerful or influential they are. You see many people use this as their measuring device, but there can never be any fulfillment because there is always someone who has more than we do or is more powerful or influential than we are. So, if this is the way we measure success, we will never be satisfied?

What about Christians? What measuring stick or definition should Christians use? Let's take a moment and look at some passages from the Scripture to help us to determine our biblical view of success.

Is it about having a certain position?

Jesus said, "*But many who are first will be last, and the last, first.*" (Mark 10:31 NASU)

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" . . . "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matt 18:1, 4 NASU)

Also, look at Luke 22:24-38. *Continued inside. . .*

Mike's Message continued. . .

So, from those passages we can see that God doesn't determine success by some position held or social status.

What about wealth or possessions? Jesus said, *"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Mark 8:36-37NASU) I don't think we need to look any farther!

What about our aim or purpose? What does the Scripture teach us about those things?

During the sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, *"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."* (Matt 5:16NASU)

The apostle Paul put it this way, *"Whether, then, you eat or drink or what ever you do, do all to the glory of God."* (1 Cor 10:31NASU) There are many other passages which informs us that our purpose or aim is to bring glory to the Father.

So, how do we as Christians know if we are successful? The answer my friends is FAITHFULNESS! If Christians are faithful to God in word and deed then they are successful.

In the book of Revelation, Jesus said, *"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."* (Rev 2:10NASU)

To receive a crown of life from Jesus, well, I would call that successful!

Growing together,

Mike

Elder's Express

In the face of adversity and trials, you are there Lord. When all seems lost and we feel left out and all alone, you are there Lord. When the weight of the world seems to be on your shoulders, you are there Lord.

Jesus is with us every step of the way. So why do we get caught up in all the worry and cares of this world. Jesus told us as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew 6:34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own".

Loved ones, don't get caught looking at all the things around you that keep you from realizing what it is that God wants. Don't become so lost in processes and procedures that you lose focus on what God's will is. Don't become so focused on our own way, that we lose sight of the fact that we are one body of Christ. We are supposed to be united in love with one another. Anything that is preventing us from becoming united as one body, needs to be pruned out and cast aside. Disunity in the body prevents growth. Disunity does not bear fruit. Jesus said in John 15 that anyone who does not bear fruit will be cast aside and through into the Lake of fire.

Be united in Love as our Lord intended for us to be. Encourage, love, support and build up one another in love.

God Bless

John

Sunday morning Biblical education classes 9:30
 Sunday morning Worship 10:30
 Sunday night education 6:00
 Sunday night youth 6:00
 Wednesday Biblical classes 7:00

May 2010

Birthdays
 4th Christian Atkinson
 5th Lois Cann
 7th Amanda Arbuckle
 10th Jack Biddinger
 10th Beverly Biddinger
 12th Trevor Potts
 21st Chris Bartlett
 21st Mike Hardebeck
 25th Mary Ortman
 28th Becky Hardebeck
 29th Richard Klerk
 30th David Speer
 31st Stephanie Banta

Anniversaries
 1st Danny & Joyce Sebastian
 12th David & Donna Speer
 20th Louis & Teresa Baugh
 25th Paul & Susan Bennett
 26th Ryan & Amanda Arbuckle
 26th Mark & Skosha Taylor

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Friend Day will be on the 16th. Start inviting your friends to come and join us. We will also have our pitch-in, so feel free to invite them to join us.</p> </div>						1
2 Family Sunday CDT 5-8 Community Building	3	4 Encouraging Others 10:00 Women's Business Meeting 7:00	5 Bible Study 7:00	6 Elders meeting 6:00	7	8 Mother's Ladies Brunch 10:00
9 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! No evening service	10	11 Encouraging Others 10:00 God's Men 6:15	12 Bible Study 7:00	13 Women Celebrating Christ Bible Study 7:00	14	15
16 *Friend Day* Congregational meeting 6:00	17	18 Encouraging Others 10:00	19 Bible Study 7:00	20	21	22
23 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30	24	25 Encouraging Others 10:00 S.C.I.M.C.F. at Flat Rock	26 Bible Study 7:00	27 Women Celebrating Christ Bible Study 7:00	28	29
30 Ministry Outreach Morning Breeze 2:30	31 Memorial Day Service at Westport Cemetery 10:00					