

**THE VOID BETWEEN
INTENT AND PERFORMANCE**

We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" --
and content ourselves with a few minutes
of prayer each day, if even that much.

We sing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" --
and wait to be pushed into the Lord's service.

We sing "O For a Thousand Tongues" --
Without rightly using the tongue we have.

We sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" --
and let the least little offense sever it.

We sing "Serve the Lord With Gladness" --
and gripe about all we have to do.

We sing "I Love To Tell The Story" --
and never mention it all year to our friends
and associates.

We sing "Cast Thy Burden on the Lord" --
and worry ourselves into nervous breakdowns.

We sing "The Whole Wide World for Jesus" --
and never invite our next-door neighbors to church.

We sing "Throw Out the Life Line" --
and content ourselves with throwing out a
fishing line on Sunday.



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We want to welcome you to University church and are glad you have come our way. If you are visiting we are happy to have you as our guest and would ask if you would remain after services so we might get the opportunity of meeting you in person. This is also our first of the year fellowship luncheons held at the Student Learning Center we hope everyone will stay and have this meal together as we fellowship with one another Again Welcome.

Sometimes we hold on to our faith bigger and greater than anything else. It becomes our identity, people we meet will identify themselves as saying well I am a _____. The apostle Paul once did as well identify himself as the Hebrew of Hebrew's. He was a Jew Jew. But will that name save us today and in the end? Did it for Paul. Was it religion that saved him because can we dare say he was one of the most religious of his day. Today lets see what Paul had to see as he was even blinded to "see" and then understand that God is bigger than my religion.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Eric Sharum

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....David Byrd

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:	65
Morning Worship:	93
Evening Worship:	51
Mid-Week:	46
Ladies Class:	11
Contribution:	\$4,066.00
Weekly Budget:	\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Charles Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Tommy Bowden

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:James Brennan
Closing Prayer:Joshua Sharum

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Glen Wampler
Closing Prayer:Klaus Mueller

If you would like to see a past sermon you can go

to our web site and click on the weekly sermons

tab.

PRAYERS: Bobbie Mullins is in the hospital. Kenneth Gregory fell and hurt his back. Dolores is still sick at home with pneumonia. Lesley Wirt has been having some health problems the last few weeks. LaDonna is sick at home. Claudine Bolton's sister, Norma, has walking pneumonia. Please keep Kaiden in your prayers daily.

Don Cherry who goes to the Northwest Church of Christ is in Memorial Hospital in a coma. He is in stable but critical condition. NO visitors please.

LUNCHEON: The luncheon for January is **this Sunday, January 19**, after the morning service at the Student Learning Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Greg Ray is planning a trip to Wichita Falls for a Wildcats Hockey Game on Saturday, February 15th. More information to come at a later time.

MARK ABERCROMBIE from Leipzig Germany will be here to speak next Wednesday evening, January 22nd.

35TH ANNUAL AREA WIDE SINGING - at the Elm & Hudson Church of Christ - February 1st, 2014 - 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

LIVE

Each day to the fullest
Get the most from each hour,
Each day and each age of your life.
Then you can look forward with confidence
And back without regret.
Be yourself - -
But be your best self.

THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME grocery truck will be back on April 7th.

SHOPPING LIST

Tabasco
Velveeta
V8 Splash
Asparagus
Tuna Helper
Picante Sauce
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Au gratin/Scallop Potatoes
Instant Vanilla/Chocolate Pudding

NON-FOOD

Saran Wrap
Quart Freezer Bags
Liquid Hand Soap Refill

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Trena Burch
- 3 - Donna Caldwell
- 10 - Jerry Golson
- 12 - Taryn Higgins
- 17 - Taylor Ryans
- 18 - Pat Doughty
- 19 - Steve Morris
- 25 - Cody Barrington
- 27 - Kenneth Gregory
- 31 - Jesse Stoner

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, June Hanna, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Corine Marcum, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Chuck Ray, Cae Sharum's Cousin, Carol, Mary Hood the sister of Sue Peddy and Christ & Nicole Hall who are going through adoption proceedings and Shane McLaury's cousin Ross Taylor who has throat cancer.

In Case You Missed It

Isaiah 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

If you are not familiar with Jewish tradition, this is interesting. There are two principle figures in the ancient Hebrew marriage. The "Khatan" is the Bridegroom and the "Almah" is the virgin who becomes the bride. Almah also means the veiled one, the one who keeps herself hidden, the one who separates herself. This is also a picture of us spiritually — born to be the Bride and joined to God — but keeping ourselves distant from Him, hidden and veiled. The beautiful thing is, thought the Almah means one who separates herself, Khatan, the Hebrew Bridegroom means one who joins himself. Despite our distancing ourselves, He still comes near. God is the Khatan, the One who joins Himself to us, who joins Himself to our sorrows, our burdens, our sins, our separation. And to us altogether so remove your veils, unlock your doors and open your heart and your life today to the Khatan. The Bridegroom for we are His bride. The bible says He is knocking at the door of your heart. We are to open up to Him without fear. You may be the Almah or the bride...but He's the Khatan.