

I Am The Only One!

Have you ever felt like you were alone? Maybe at work you felt like you were the only one who does any real work. We can feel isolated like we are the only one going through struggles. The devil uses these feelings to break us down and attack us. We start to feel sorry for ourselves. We may start to resent the people around us who we believe are better off than we are, or who are not helping us when we are working so hard.

I worry that we might feel alone in our Christian walk. Many of the things we do for God are done in private. We are often unaware of all the work that is going on around us by other members. We can end up feeling like "I am the only one" even when we are in a large crowd of other Christians on Sunday morning.

We recently had a lesson about Elijah. Elijah was a worker, a prophet of God. However, he grew to feel isolated and alone. He believed he was the only follower of God left in Israel. He felt he was the only one still doing what was right, and still willing to work for God. "*I am the only one...*" (**1 Kings 18:22; 19:10**).

God does three things to address Elijah's problem. Elijah is reminded that God is always with us (**1 Kings 19:12-13**). God tells Elijah to get back to work (**1 Kings 19:15-17**). Elijah is reminded that there are other faithful followers of God (**1 Kings 19:18**).

Sometimes we may begin to feel isolated in our own work for God. God will always be with us (**Matthew 28:20**). We are called to keep working (**Colossians 3:17**). There are believers all around the world. "...*I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*" (**Matthew 16:18**). We should never forget that the devil wants us to feel like "I am the only one," that is when we are most vulnerable. ~Brad Tolbert

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Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

August 29, 2021

INCONVENIENT

Power was off at the house and church building (and other places) Sunday night until about eleven o'clock Monday morning. Inconvenient! I came into work Tuesday morning ready for a day of working on sermon and class notes and found that the power had knocked out the church internet and phone lines. Inconvenient! Worked for several hours trying to get things righted, using up time I wanted to use for what I considered more important things. Inconvenient!

You get the point, life can be inconvenient at times. We plan out our day or week or month and things change and catch us off guard and we are frustrated because of inconvenience. How could people (or life) be so uncaring and inconsiderate? Of course, James shares with us that we really should know better. "*Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.' But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil*" (**Jas. 4:14-16**).

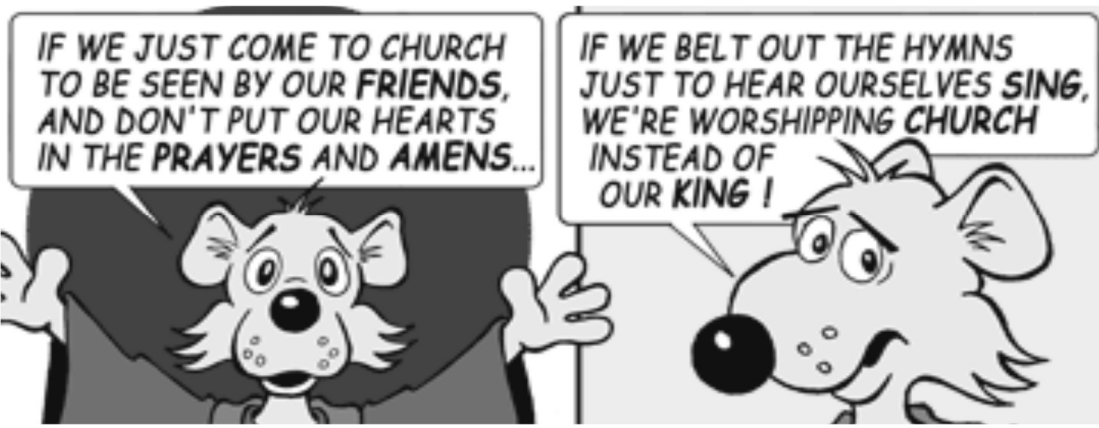
But let's put the shoe on the other foot for a moment. How do we react when we are inconvenienced? I admit I didn't handle the situation Tuesday as I should have. Things worked out and everything was working before I left for the day, but my frustration level was near the boiling point. Why? I must have thought more highly of myself than I should. Isn't that what James pointed out as he drew attention to our arrogance?

And dealing with pride and arrogance, do we sometimes do things based on what we think we have a "right" to do? Do we sometimes show the Lord an arrogance because we should be able to worship as we desire? We should be able to dress for worship to be comfortable (and not inconvenienced for a few moments!). We should be able to do as we like, because we can!

I am so glad that Jesus humbled (*inconvenienced*) Himself to the point of death on the cross for me (**Phil. 2:5-8**)! ~P. Mowrer

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HEART—TO—HEART

This Sunday morning August 29, is our **Fifth Sunday Building Fund**.

Teens & Parents (and anyone else interested) are invited to a **planning meeting** Sunday immediately following evening worship in the Fellowship Hall. Food will be provided.

The **WFC** is in need of help with food for tailgating and **Tuesday** night Bible studies. There are sign up sheets on the table in the foyer.

The **Change Cans** for **Children** are due back Sunday, September 5th.

The **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** will meet at **Coffee Cakes (Market Place II)** for lunch Wednesday, September 8 at 11:30. All ladies interested in the Bible class are encouraged to join us for lunch.

Card of Thanks

Dear church family,

Roger and I would like to say thank you for all the acts of kindness shown us during our recent loss. The food was delicious, the cards, flowers, and phone calls were very much appreciated. It is wonderful to have such a loving and caring bunch of people in our lives.

In Christian love,
Roger & Margaret

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - *Worship* livestreamed at 10:30
Fifth Sunday Building Fund

Small Group Bible Study @ 5:00
Teens & Parents planning meeting

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Tony & Judy Beard...LaVerne Potter...Rita Stiles...
Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty Henry...Betty McGuire...Neva McKeown...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

All of our soldiers in Afghanistan...Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis...Noah Draper...David Foret...Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Neil Rampy... Christian Stepanovich...
Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Christians in Afghanistan...Kathryn Burton..Terra Chambers..Levi Davis..Mike Frost..Terry Gibson..
Gay Gunter..Tina Jacks...Mike James..Tina Jarvius..
Johnny Jeter... Jerry Lawrence...Ronnie Light...
Kelly Owens...Bill Payne...Christy Rice...David & Loyce Ray...John & Christine Riddle...Suzette Russell.. minister search...Homer Shirey..Elizabeth (Moore) Stepanovich (due in Dec.)...James Walton..
William Woods...Sue Woodward

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sept.	1	Luke Baker
		Fran Calvert
	2	Jessica Pettigrew
	3	Lyndell Baker
	5	Ione Easterling
	6	Gary Crook
	10	Mari Beal
	11	Beau Bryant
	12	Brecklyn Dial
	14	Marcia Mowrer
	17	Sandra Higgins

Aug/Sept Daily Bible Reading Schedule

30	Jeremiah 16-18
31	Jeremiah 19-21
1	Jeremiah 22-24
2	Jeremiah 25-27
3	Jeremiah 28-30
4	Jeremiah 31-33
5	Jeremiah 34-36

10 Little Christians

10 little Christians standing in a line, one disliked the preacher — then there were 9.

9 little Christians stayed up very late, one overslept on Sunday — then there were 8.

8 little Christians on their way to Heaven, one took the low road — then there were 7.

7 little Christians chirping like chicks, one disliked the songs — then there were 6.

6 little Christians seemed very much alive, but one lost his interest — then there were 5.

5 little Christians pulling for Heaven's shore, but one stopped to rest — then there were 4.

4 little Christians each busy as a bee, one got his feelings hurt — then there were 3.

3 little Christians knew not what to do, one joined the sporty crowd — then there were 2.

2 little Christians, our rhyme is nearly done, differed with each other — then there was 1.

1 little Christian can't do much 'tis true, brought his friend to Bible study — then there were 2.

2 earnest Christians, each won one more, that doubled the number — then there were 4.

4 sincere Christians worked early and late, each won another — then there were 8.

8 splendid Christians, if they double as before, in just as many Sundays — we'd have 1,024!

In this little jingle there is a lesson true, you belong either to the church or to the wrecking crew. ~ Author Unknown

Attendance

Bible Class	93
Sunday AM Worship	110
Sunday PM Worship	76
Wed. Evening	75
Contribution	\$3,270

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MISSIONS

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NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Aug 29	Sara Newton
Sept 5	Sara Newton
Sept 12	Jessica Pettigrew
Sept 19	Jessica Pettigrew

Ladies August Duties

Cards: Linda Forrest
Food: Angela Naron
Kristen Smith