

Surface Satisfaction

Although we currently have no pets, the truth is I am a cat lover. Always have been. I used to have a handsome cat named Jake. And I used to enjoy Dr. Pepper Icees. What Jake liked to do when I came home with a Dr. Pepper Icee was to sit on my lap and lick the cold condensation off of the outside of the cup. And the look on his face while treating himself to this wonderful wet stuff was one of total ecstasy and satisfaction. One evening while he was purring loudly and licking feverishly, this thought occurred to me: "What if he ever got a taste for the stuff inside the cup? He is satisfied with merely the condensation of the cup while what is really good is the contents of the cup." He had a case of what I call *surface satisfaction*.

Do you ever have that problem? Do you ever find yourself becoming satisfied with the surface and superficial things in life and missing out on the really good stuff? Is your religion drawing you into a deeper and deeper relationship with God and other disciples, or do you find contentment in just licking the surface?

It is my observation that many of us do not move beyond the surface in this life. And the reason we are content with the surface is because we are totally ignorant of the greater satisfaction to be found on the inside of the cup. We ask questions of others, like, "How are you today?" never expecting or really even wanting anything more than, "I'm fine!" in reply. If someone starts to take off their imaginary mask or unveil a problem, it makes us a little uncomfortable. And so a lot of "foyer" talk goes on between us and others which really amounts to nothing more than relationships plagued with *surface satisfaction*.

In relation to God, many of us never do more than lick the outside of the cup. We come to "church," endure an hour of whatever is offered, and go home, somehow satisfied in our spiritual self that we have received a great treat. But that's just the surface! Daily prayer, regular Bible study, participation in fellowship and service opportunities will move you from licking the outside condensation to the inside of the cup where the real treat is. Don't be plagued with *surface satisfaction*. Demand to go deep and you will never settle for the surface again!

—Jeff Gardner



Whiz Kids
CITY CARE

THIS Wednesday!

Our entire Mid-Week Ministry Opportunity this week is focused on Whiz Kids. Whiz Kids is a collaborative effort between us and the community to provide opportunities to mentor, influence and tutor children from our community after school one day per week.

The disciples of Jesus were being less than helpful when children were trying to come to Jesus. It made Jesus angry. And He said, *"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it. Then He took the children in His arms..."* (Mark 10:14-16).

Helping with Whiz Kids in ANY way is helping a child get one step closer to the Kingdom of God. We need volunteers to make it possible to provide this ministry. There are many volunteer positions available from being a tutor to a driver to food preparation to general help. There is something for EVERYONE to do.

We would LOVE to see 100% congregational participation and attendance THIS Wednesday, 8/18 at 5:30 PM to join us for supper followed by more information on how YOU can make a positive difference in the life of a child. We will be done by 7 PM. Please come!



Ministry Opportunities

Sermon Notes

I AM: Choose To Live
John 8:24

God gives us the power and ability to make choices. We must be careful how we choose. Among those choices are the choices to live or die. We can choose to live with Christ or die in our sins. Embedded in this next I AM statement of Jesus are three convincing reasons why we should choose to live.

I. Because of a P_____.

- A. Two basic instincts: C_____ and D_____.
- B. We must place total F_____ and C_____ in Jesus Christ as the great I AM.
- C. Life is B_____ for everyone and P_____ for no one.
- D. We can practice C_____ thought C_____.

II. Because of a P_____.

- A. Nothing about L_____ can be changed after D_____.
- B. To I_____ in S_____ is to choose death over life.
- C. To believe Jesus is the I AM means to S_____ Him and His P_____.
- D. When you do, upon death, you will be permanently sealed in L_____ rather than D_____.

III. Because of a P_____.

- A. If we B_____, we are promised P_____ life.
- B. The B_____ can be O_____ if we remember this promise.

Announcements

- ➔ Potluck is TODAY in the Family Life Center. Please join us after Bible class for good food and fellowship!
- ➔ Garage Sale Fundraiser for Camp Rock Creek will be August 26-28, 2021. If you have any questions or donations please contact Adiel Zapata at (405) 664-7729.
- ➔ Pick up a Green Sheet Prayer List and the August Birthday List at Connection Point.
- ➔ Remember our Community Cupboard Ministry! Items needed: Mustard, Mayonnaise, Pickles, Catsup, BBQ Sauce, or any other items you can think of PLUS monetary donations.

Special Contribution Opportunity:

Sunday, **August 29**, is our next “fifth Sunday” when we have an opportunity to give extra to a specific ministry. On this Sunday, we are requesting your prayerfully consider giving anything extra you can in order to fund our “Back to School Bash” which is where we bless children in our community with school supplies for the coming year. This is a great way to impact others for Jesus.

US Foods Coupons

If you come across any US Foods coupons, you can help Meals-on-Wheels by saving those and either turning them into the office or giving them directly to Jack Gilmore. Thank you!

Dates To Remember:

- August 17 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- August 18 @ 8 AM Men’s Breakfast at Madison’s
- August 18 @ 4:30 Wednesday Early Class studying Esther with Jimmy Lee
- August 18 @ 5:30 PM Supper and Whiz Kids Orientation
- August 19 @ Noon Women’s Ministry Luncheon
- August 19 @ 2 - 5:30 PM Community Cupboard
- August 21 @ 5 PM Hispanic Women’s Ministry
- August 24 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- August 25 @ 8 AM Men’s Breakfast at Madison’s
- August 25 @ 4:30 Wednesday Early Class studying Esther with Jimmy Lee
- August 25 @ 6:30 PM Mid-Week Ministry Opportunity
- August 26-28 Camp Rock Creek Garage Sale in the Gym

Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date ____/____/____

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: _____

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**Welcome To Our
 Sunday Morning
 Family Worship
 August 15, 2021**

Order of Worship

Song, *Sing Amen!*Ivan Gonzalez
 WelcomeTim Holt
 Song, *Blessed Be Your Name*Tim Holt
 Song, *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*.....Tim Holt
 Song #791, *On Bended Knee*Tim Holt
 Prayer.....Sam Day
 Song, *Calvary*Ivan Gonzalez
 CommunionDavid Martin
 Song #31, *Be Still and Know*Tim Holt
 OfferingDavid Martin
 Scripture Reading, *John 8:21-24*.....Chris Schoelen
 Song #452, *Standing on the Promises*Ivan Gonzalez
 Message, *Choose To Live*Jeff Gardner
 Song, *Is Thy Heart Right With God?*Tim Holt
 Closing Announcements.....Jeff Gardner
 Prayer.....Adiel Zapata
 Song, *There’s a Stirring*Ivan Gonzalez

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	Saturday
Worship 10:00 AM	Hispanic Women 5:00 PM
Classes 11:15 AM	
Hispanic Class 5:00 PM	
Wednesday	
Early Class 4:30 PM	
Mid-Week Ministry 6:30 PM	
Hispanic Class 7:00 PM	
Thursday	
Ladies Class Noon	

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday. For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.