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Seek God First and the Rest Will Follow

At this, [Ruth] bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me — a foreigner?" Ruth 2:10

When Ruth's husband died, she probably wondered why God hadn't brought someone into her life. Was God calling her to be single?

As a young widow, she followed her mother-in-law, Naomi, to a foreign land and may well have thought that by doing so, she was committing herself to a single life forever.

What Ruth didn't know was that God was preparing her to one day meet the man of her dreams. But while God was preparing her, Ruth wasn't idle. She was learning about God through Naomi, and she was growing in her faith through obedience to God and her mother-in-law. During this time, Ruth didn't realize that God was arranging a meeting between her and the man she would one day marry.

The man's name was Boaz, and he noticed some things about Ruth. He noticed how she cared for her family.

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“They invested hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything.”

Bil Keane

“What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Reminders

February 16th

PK-6 S.S.– After Children’s Message
Jr/Sr High S.S. – 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class – 10:30 a.m.
Men’s Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

February 10th

Mat Making (Loom Room) 1:00 p.m.

February 19th

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

February 19th

T.O.P.S.
Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries

****Worship Assistants are needed
March 2025**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

Seek God First - Continued from page 1.

He took note of her devotion to God. He might have asked God if Ruth was the one and what he saw in her character gave him his answer. Even the circumstances worked out just right as they slowly fell in love in the golden fields of Bethlehem.

So what does Ruth’s example teach us? Take off as hard and fast as you can toward God. Stay focused on your relationship with Jesus with all your might. And at the right time, God may say, “Hey! Look who’s beside you.” A person who is equally passionate about their relationship with Christ will catch your eye. And your godly character will catch theirs. The rest? Well, the rest is history.

Prayer

Dear God, show me how to fall in love with you first, so I’ll know how to care for the person you have for me. I know I can trust you. Amen.

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Do you know that you can go to The Upper Room website and sign up to receive email notifications for Prayer Wall Notification Emails, Daily Devotional Emails, Discipline Emails, Sight Psalm Emails, and manage other e-Newsletter preferences? You can choose how many prayers you receive each day and which day of the week you would like to receive prayers.

Take a few minutes and explore The Upper Room website at: <https://bit.ly/42WnYDD> or scan the following QR code to go direction to the website using your cell phone. Create an account and explore.



Volunteers Needed



LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church
**Please wear your
name tag on
Sunday mornings**



Church Ad Board Members

- Michelle Morelock - Chair*
- Mary Peterson - Secretary*
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- Craig Harris - Lay Member to Annual Conference*
- Connie Anderson - Memorials*
- Linda Haldane - Membership*
- David Clark - Pastor*

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High
Sunday School –
PK-6 during service,
Jr/Sr High 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday
**Choir –5:30 pm
Bell Choir –6:30 pm

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Tuesday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Wednesday
CLOSED
Thursday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Friday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



How many men of the elders of the city did Boaz take to sit down alongside with the redeemer he spoke about?

- a) 3 men
- b) 7 men
- c) 10 men
- d) 24 men

To where was Obadiah's vision directed?

- a) Israel
- b) Edom
- c) Egypt
- d) Judah

Of which tribe was Esau the father?

- a) Canaanites
- b) Israelites
- c) Hittites
- d) Edomites

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



- 16th – Faith Dailey
- 19th – Sharon Hiser, Barb Williamson
- 21st – Darin Athen, Larry Cowherd

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: A truly happy person does not follow the advice of the proud,

People: But they instead love the guidance of God.

L: A truly happy person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

P: They bear fruit at just the right time.

L: God intimately knows the way of the righteous.

P: Their leaves do not fade.

“The Healing of Jesus”

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:17-26

Songs

Blessed Assurance #369

Still #3134

Be Still, My Soul #534

Last Week’s Attendance

In-Person Worship – 62

On-Line Worship – 14

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ’s Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

Answers for February 9th are c) Jewish guards d) to perpetuate the name of the dead d) Jesus Christ

Quiz hints – Q1) Ruth Q2) Obadiah Q3) Genesis



**Food
Pantry
Monthly
Needs**

February 2025

Soda Crackers, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Corn, Green Beans, Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges, Cinnamon Applesauce, Chili & Chunky Style Soups, Microwave Popcorn, Hot Chocolate Mix, Any Type of Pasta, Oatmeal, Cereal, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals home with their food items. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Community Food Pantry. We exist totally on donations - we couldn't assist those in need without your help!

If you or know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, please have them contact Jeannine K. Liljedahl, at 712-215-2488.



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Noisy Offering – February

The month of February and the first Sunday of March the Noisy Offering will go to the local Food Pantry. To have a little fun for the kids we will also collect cereal. There is no particular kind or brand but just boxes of cereal. The boxes will be collected at the front of the sanctuary. On the first Sunday of March the kids will set them up like dominoes and then knock them over and then they will be taken to the food pantry. Who doesn't like to watch dominoes fall over?



Love Demonstrated

“But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

God did not just tell us He loved us and then left it there. As the preceding verse states, God demonstrated, revealed, and validated His love for mankind by allowing Jesus to be crucified, thus bearing the sins of all undeserving people. After showing us the greatest act of love, He now commands us to love others. (1 John 4:11). As we comply with the second greatest command, “love your neighbor” (Mark 12:29-31), it becomes so easy to shake the hand or hug the neck of a fellow Christian and say, “I love you.”

However, the love that the Lord requires of us is much more than a verbal acknowledgment. The love which God demands is not a love spoken, but a love shown.

Notice how we are to demonstrate love:

- Doing good and showing mercy for our enemies (Luke 6:35-36)
- Giving preference to each other (Romans 12:10)
- Serving one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Putting up with each other’s imperfections (Ephesians 4:2)
- Sacrificing ourselves for our family (Ephesians 5:25)
- Being ready to meet the urgent needs of others (Titus 3:14)
- Encourage one another to do good works (Hebrews 10:24)
- Being enthusiastic in expressing our love for each other (1 Peter 1:22)
- Showing compassion for each other (1 Peter 3:8)

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday

to Deliver Meals

**Sign-Up Sheet is on the
Welcome Center Counter**



“Love” is one of the most loosely used words in the English language. This creates a lot of confusion about what true love is. In 1 Corinthians 13:8, the apostle Paul said, “Love never fails.” Yet many times couples will say they have fallen out of love with one another. Such an attitude shows that they never really understood how God defines love.

Most people think of love as a strong, warm feeling of affection for someone or something. Certainly, there is an emotional aspect to love. Between spouses, there are even romantic feelings. But in the Bible, love is not just something one feels, it is a decision of the will to help others even if one must sacrifice oneself to do so. That’s how God and Christ love us and that’s how we should love others. In 1 John 3:16-18, we read, “By this we know love because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” In Scripture, love is a verb. It is shown in how we live and in how we treat others (1 Cor. 13:4-8).

So it is not enough just to say, “I love you” (although we certainly should say that to our loved ones). We must back those words up with genuine, loving actions. When we consistently treat others with kindness, respect, and love, the right feelings will naturally follow. Let us resolve to be truly loving people.

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On the Lighter Side

A Valentine from the Garden


Cabbage always has a heart;
Green beans string along.
You're such a Tomato,
Will you Peas to me belong?

You've been the Apple of my eye,
You know how much I care;
So Lettuce get together,
We'd make a perfect Pear.

Now, something's sure to Turnip,
To prove you can't be Beet;
So, if you Carrot all for me
Let's let our Tulips meet.

Don't Squash my hopes and dreams now,
Bee my Honey, dear;
Or tears will fill Potato's eyes,
While Sweet Corn lends an ear.

I'll Cauliflower shop and say
Your dreams are Parsley mine.
I'll work and share my Celery,
So be my Valentine.



**Grieving
a loss?**

Find hope and healing after
the death of a loved one.

Join us at
GriefShare®

Weekly grief support group

When: Tuesdays, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
February 25 – May 20, 2025

Where: Christ Point Baptist Church
602 Maple St.
Shenandoah, Iowa

Contact: Marvin Freed
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712-246-9440

Register: griefshare.org/findagroup

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The journey of grief can be a painful process. Whether it is the death of a spouse, parent, child, grandchild, or friend, grief is a natural response to the loss of someone we love. We miss them and our life is forever changed.

You are invited to attend the special seminar and support group called GriefShare. GriefShare is a 13-week, Christ-centered biblical series that includes 30-minute videos, voluntary group discussions, and individual workbook study activities. Join other participants in finding useful tips, encouragement, fellowship, and hope in going through the grieving process.

GriefShare will meet on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. starting on February 23, 2025, at the Christ Point Baptist Church, 602 Maple St. The weekly meetings are scheduled to run through May 20th.

To pre-register or for more details, you may go to the website, www.griefshare.org, or call Marvin Freed, at 246-9440 or Pastor Noel Gandy, at 712-215-3285. Additional information can be found in the pamphlet located on the Welcome Center Counter.



This week's Gospel reading picks up Luke's recording of Jesus' teachings often called the Sermon on the Mount. When reading any of the Gospels, it is important to pick up on what comes before and after to understand better the context in which the teaching or story is to be interpreted. In this case, Luke recorded the Sermon on the Mount just after he told us about the multiple healings that Jesus had provided. I invite you to read the Gospel reading for this Sunday, Luke 6:17-26, and consider these questions: What in your life needs healing? How are the teachings of Jesus, especially his pronouncements of blessings and woes in this week's text, healing words?



Grace and peace,
Pastor David Clark
308-258-7749 (cell)

**Administrative
Board
Meeting
Tuesday
Feb. 18th
6:30 PM**



Happy Valentine's Day ♡

