



As I was pondering what I would write about for this newsletter, I decided to have a snack. A few weeks ago, the Women’s Fellowship left me a goodie bag which had a variety of snacks, packs of cookies, Little Debbie snacks, crackers, nice things to have when you want a pick me up. The snack I grabbed this time was a Little Debbie Nutty Buddy.

I don’t know what it is about them, but I really like Nutty Buddies. Maybe it’s the crunch of the wafers, maybe the soft peanut butter cream, or perhaps even the chocolaty outer coating. I didn’t dissect them to see which part was better; I just enjoyed the blend of flavor and crunch.

There is another aspect of a Nutty Buddy for me which is more difficult to explain. The memories I have associated with Nutty Buddies may be the bigger attraction.

Every time I see the box or taste the Nutty Buddy, I think of Marjorie Shute. She was an older member of the church where I grew up. A widow who lived with her parakeet named Chipper in a house full of furniture, she was always happy to see us visit, and she almost always had Little Debbie Nutty Buddies.

It didn’t happen terribly often, but every once in a while my sister and I would have to go to Mrs. Shute’s house after school because Mom and Dad were out of town for the day. There wasn’t a lot to do there. The house was small and on a small lot. I could only torment the parakeet for so long. But Mrs. Shute was always very nice and we know she enjoyed us being there, maybe playing a game, and talking to her, after we had completed our homework.

It’s funny to me that I can picture her little living room and the birdcage by the chair all because I opened a Nutty Buddy. God gave us something special in our ability to recall and remember the special times of our lives, even when they don’t seem particularly special at the time. Some of the instructions God gave throughout the Bible are related to being sure we remember the important things He did.

He even connected some of the parts of Israelite history to Christ and the New Covenant. When we celebrate Holy Communion together, sometimes we also call that the Last Supper. It was the



last time Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples. The Passover meal was eaten every year in remembrance



of God saving the Hebrew people from the plague of death of the firstborn in Egypt. At that meal, Jesus gave instructions for eating the bread and drinking the cup, “Do this in remembrance of Me.” (1 Corinthians 11:24-25). By participating in communion we are recognizing Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross as the blood of the New Covenant. He has promised all who believe in Him eternal life in His presence.

REJOICE!!

Pastor Mark

P.S. I would have rather had a Hostess Ho Ho.

Sermons



How is God at work behind the scenes? Sometimes we wonder how things will ever work out. Queen Esther's life had more than her fair share of those times. The sermons this month will be a look at how God is at work behind the scenes.

April 7	"God Behind the Scenes" Esther	Pastor Nick
April 14	"The Jewish Queen of Persia" Esther 1-2	Pastor Mark
April 21	"The Perfect Plot" Esther 3-4	Pastor Mark
April 28	"The Plot Prevented" Esther 6-8	Pastor Mark

If you miss a sermon, remember they are recorded on CD, or on Facebook at Shiloh Streaming Service, where you can watch live on Sunday morning or replay any time. You can view newsletters, weekly bulletins and more at gotoshiloh.org.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH: Articles for the May *Shiloh News* need to be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. **Tuesday, April 23**. Please submit your news articles to Kathy Courtad at klcourtad@gmail.com or take to the church office.



Nursery Duty

Please look for your name on the list. If you are scheduled to work on a Sunday when you won't be at church, please check with others on the list and trade dates. If you would like to volunteer for Nursery duty, please see Paul Hutsell in the church office.

April 7 – Lucy Marshall & Julie Sink
 April 14– Abby & Allison Chambers
 April 21 – Peggy Spencer & Deb Musall
 April 28 – Paul & Vickie Hutsell

Children's Church Schedule

Date	ELEM Teacher	ELEM Helper	PRE K Teacher	PRE K Helper
4/7	Chelsy R	Alicia P	Krista P	Gratia H
Q3 Lesson 3 – The Church Builds Community				
4/14	Stacy Far	Darlene R	Krista P	Jerry R
Q3 Lesson 4– The Church Reaches Out				
4/21	Kathy K	Sandra S	Krista P	Teresa F
Q3 Lesson 5 – The Church Meets Opposition				
4/28	Teresa R	Lucy M	Chelsy R	Vickie B
Q3 Lesson 6 – The Church Unites				



JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL EACH SUNDAY FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS. THERE ARE LOTS OF UNTOLD STORIES IN EACH CUP OF COFFEE! SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30



Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders!

In the Gospel accounts, we see Jesus often communicating to the crowds and His disciples through parables. When Jesus uses a parable, He is conveying an earthly message with a heavenly or eternal meaning! Jesus would tell a story to communicate a Kingdom of God principle to His followers. Recently the Middle School Ministry spent some time interacting with the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builder found in Matthew 7:24-27. The Middle Schoolers in attendance also had the opportunity to build a house made of cards. I want to give a shoutout to MARK SELL for leading MSM on that evening while I was away and to the other volunteers who faithfully served that evening as well!

- Pastor Nick



KNOW GOD, FIND FREEDOM, DISCOVER PURPOSE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Middle School Ministry Dates | April 14th, 28th | 5:30-7PM
- High School Ministry Dates | April 7th & 21st | 6:30-8PM
- End of School Year Party | May 5th 6-8PM | 5th-12th Grade

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PRIORITIES! PRIORITIES! PRIORITIES!

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,” Ephesians 3:20

1. What would you say is most important to your life?
2. What does your week entail? How much time do you spend on each item or relationship?
3. Does this concur with what you said is most important?

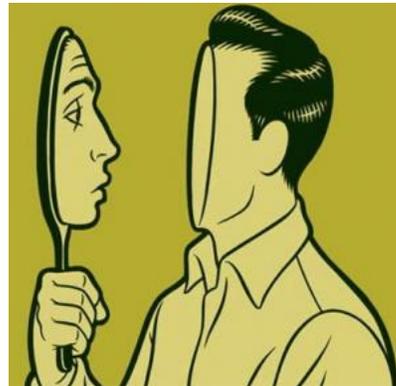
Please diligently answer the questions above before proceeding with the rest of the article.

I am positive that these questions were thought provoking. With each passing year, I have recognized the need to be more introspective. In my personal life, with ministries I participate in or lead, and to encourage the people in those ministries to practice regular introspection. I often find that what I say is most important to me is not actually reflected in how I spend my time or my money - whether it be in my relationship with God, my family, or my career/calling as a Pastor. Many times each week, my tendency is to give whatever relationship, thing, or action my leftovers. Sometimes, it just happens to be that way intentionally or unintentionally. However, a habit of giving over leftovers is unhealthy, unfair, and unsustainable. It truly boils down to a spiritual issue. More specifically, the spiritual issue of stewardship, lordship, and worship. I often have to remind myself to not fall into shame or trap of all-aloneness. The reality is that I am not alone!

If I was a betting man, I am sure many of you felt as I was describing you as I shared my personal struggle. I hope you realized that you are not alone... we are still all in the process of becoming more Christ-like. Obviously, we all know that our relationship with God, our faith, should be number one in our life. Followed by our marriages, family, other forms of ministry, then our career, and everything else. Yet, it can be easy for all of those secondary or tertiary priorities to trump our primary purpose. All of which will lead to burnout, leftovers, and just trying to

survive. So how do begin to move from this mentality of the rinse, recycle, and repeat process of misplaced priorities? It starts with us recognizing that it is a spiritual issue of lordship, worship, and stewardship. Call it for what it is! Yes, it hurts and definitely makes me uncomfortable, but let us lean unto and into God's TRUTH and GRACE. God love us and knows that we are fallen. Yet, He doesn't want us to stay there!

Next, we need to go to prayer. Not to just talk about it to God, but also to listen. Just maybe God has been trying to get our attention. Nonetheless, we are too distracted in our busyness to hear His voice. In the listening, God might be convicting us to cut out things we over prioritize. Yet, will we be willing? Our tendency is to make God last in everything! God can handle our leftovers, but He is jealous for you and for me! He doesn't want to us to just survive, He desires us to THRIVE! God desires to do “far more abundantly” in our lives. If you read Ephesians 3:14-21, the Apostle Paul states that the Holy Spirit wants to fulfill us with the ‘fullness’ of God. Which is done by the work of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, we cannot receive the ‘far more abundantly’ if we don't inspect our priorities from time to time.



Lastly, we need to perfect the practice of introspection! I am unsure what that looks like for you. Maybe it is writing your priorities on paper and taking stock each week.

Measuring how much quality time you truly devoted to each one. I do not know, but let us all get comfortable with getting uncomfortable about what we actually prioritize versus what we say! Find what will work for you! Keep running to Him and rest in His TRUTH and GRACE!

In His redemption,
Pastor Nick

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
June 7-8, 2024**



G'day Mates! It's that time of year when we are preparing for Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars for June 7-8, when we will be headed to Australia for Group's Outback Rock. We hope to see lots of you there as we help our students build a rock-solid faith!

Soon there will be an opportunity for each of you to let us know how you want to help out, whether it's through prayer, provision, or hands-on help as a crew leader.

Let your friends and family know about VBS, and invite them to sign up their kids to join us! And while you're at it, prayerfully consider donating some items we will need. We will be doing "projects with a purpose," and we are filling some hygiene bags. We need 50 of each of these items: soap, washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel size shampoo and conditioner, combs, and deodorants (all preferably able to be used by both men and women).

The students will also be making a craft, and we need 50 paper towel tubes, so start saving them for us, please! Soon we will have a box at church to put your donations in as you collect them.

Thank you for praying for Vacation Bible School and how you can be involved. Hope to see you at Outback Rock in June!



**Saturday,
April 13
7:30 a.m.**

The recent months of Just 4 Men have included some great discussion about how our faith affects the way we live our lives and how we see others in the world. We have a few sessions of "Thriving in Babylon" to go. Each session can stand alone, so anyone can join at any time. I hope you can join us in April for Just 4 Men. We meet on the second Saturday of the month at 7:30 a.m. for a great breakfast and we aim to finish up by 9:00 so you have the rest of your Saturday. There's no better way to start a Saturday than Just 4 Men.



**FRIDAY, APRIL 26
6 – 8:30 PM
AT SHILOH**

Don't miss this event brought to you by Shiloh's Family Life Committee. A movie for the adults...a movie for the kids...and all your favorite movie snacks, including hot dogs!

NEW BUSY BAGS!!



A new busy bag will be available soon. It is a train theme titled "All Aboard the Glory Train." Items include a small wooden train, an "All aboard the Glory Train" reading book and coloring book, Crayola crayons, train puzzle cards, a magnetic game and a washable engineer cap. We hope the kids will enjoy this new bag.

“Stuck”...a Letter from Lucy

Today I got stuck. Stuck in the mud. Deep in. “No way out” stuck. “I feel helpless” stuck. Anyone else ever get stuck like that?

It was raining today. I didn't take an umbrella with me. I had to run to my car, and still ended up drenched and unable to see through my glasses. I really just wanted to go home. I wouldn't have gotten stuck if I had just gone home. But I managed to get to my destination, with the wipers working at top speed because of the rain. And then...I realized there was no place to park when I got to the church. I pulled around the driveway, thinking that if I could just pull off a little to the side of the driveway, I would be able to leave when I was ready. But as soon as my tire left the gravel, I felt it sink into the mud. And as I tried to keep going to get out, it just sank deeper. There was no way to back up or move forward without making the situation worse. And it was still raining with no end in sight.

So what did I do? I called my husband. I knew that he could help me. I knew that he would know what

to do. He helped me relax and focus on what was important at the moment.



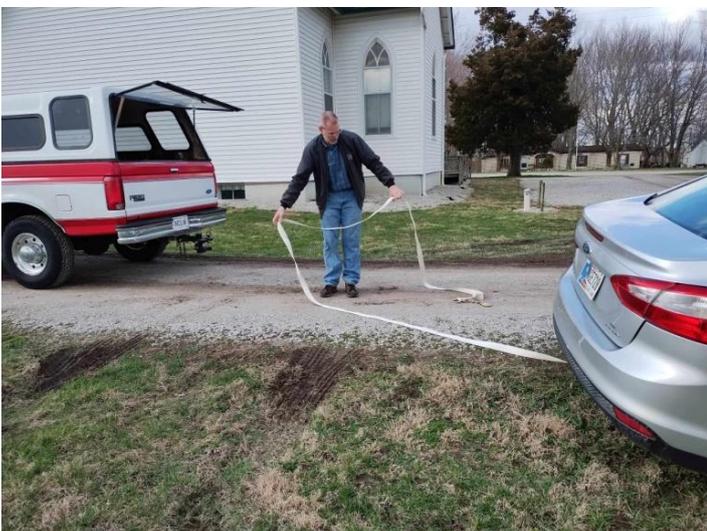
I was able to walk away from my car, and go into the church and share stories, and laughter, and memories with family and friends. I stopped worrying about the car because I knew its fate was now in the hands of one who knew exactly what to do to get it “unstuck!” I left it there at the church

and got a ride home.

Do any of you feel stuck, like me, sometimes? Stuck in a situation that seems impossible? Stuck in a life that isn't what you thought it would be? I'm learning that I can call on God in my situations when I feel “stuck.” He is teaching me that sometimes I feel stuck because God's timing isn't my timing. He is teaching me that when my life feels out of control, when I can't get myself “unstuck,” that He is still in control, and I can leave it in His hands.

So my car is still stuck at a church as I write this. What better place to be when you are stuck! There are people in the Church who can help us get in touch with the One who will get His feet dirty, and push us out of the mud! I'm not worried about my car. I know Mark will be able to get it out of the mud. Just like I know that God will willingly join me in the mud, and push and pull me till the mud is behind me, and I am again on the road, traveling with Him in the driver's seat.

“I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.”--Psalm 40:1-3



**Daily Bible
Reading for
April 2024**



As you finish reading Esther, consider your role in the world today. God has placed you here for such a time as this. How are you responding? Then, as you begin to read Isaiah, think about what it would be like to be God's messenger. Isaiah's written prophecy is sharing the Word of God that he saw in a vision from God. He was persistent as he shared God's message through the reign of five kings of Judah.

April 1	Esther 4
April 2	Esther 5
April 3	Esther 6
April 4	Esther 7
April 5	Esther 8
April 6	Esther 9-10
April 7	Isaiah 1
April 8	Isaiah 2
April 9	Isaiah 3-4
April 10	Isaiah 5
April 11	Isaiah 6
April 12	Isaiah 7-8
April 13	Isaiah 9:1-7
April 14	Isaiah 9:8-10:34
April 15	Isaiah 11-12
April 16	Isaiah 13-14
April 17	Isaiah 15-16
April 18	Isaiah 17-18
April 19	Isaiah 19-20
April 20	Isaiah 21
April 21	Isaiah 22
April 22	Isaiah 23
April 23	Isaiah 24
April 24	Isaiah 25
April 25	Isaiah 26-27
April 26	Isaiah 28
April 27	Isaiah 29:1-30:17
April 28	Isaiah 30:18-32:20
April 29	Isaiah 33-34
April 30	Isaiah 35

April 1	Miley Scott
April 5	Janet Goltry Leah Franklin Diana Ross
April 11	Rich & Marsha Galbreath
April 12	Gail Schmidt
April 15	Cookie Bowman Ed Waters Tony & Teresa Franklin Brent Morris
April 23	Sabrina Ide
April 24	Vickie Bridge Abby Chambers
April 25	Jim Musselman Sandra Shaffer
April 26	Luke McKaig
April 28	Ruby McLean
April 29	Jason & Emily Miller

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear on our birthday/anniversary list (and it's in April), please contact Paul at the church office.

*April 10
6 p.m.
Next
Meeting*



Women's Fellowship



**MAY
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Save the Date...More information to come!

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2024

Sunday Mornings:
Coffee & Donuts – 9 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March 31</p> <p>Easter Sunday:</p> <p>Easter Sunrise Service – 8 am Easter Breakfast – 9 am Church Service – 10:30 am</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Noon – Prayer</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm - Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6 am – Men’s Bible study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pastor Nick’s OFF</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pastor Mark’s OFF</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>6:30-8 pm-<i>HS Ministry</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>Noon – Prayer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6 am – Men’s Bible study 6 pm-Women’s Fellowship 6:30 pm-Inductive Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor Nick’s OFF</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pastor Mark’s OFF</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 am </p>
<p>14</p> <p>Raise Right orders due</p> <p>5:30-7pm-<i>MS Ministry</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Noon – Prayer 7 pm-Board meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6 am – Men’s Bible study 6:30 pm-Inductive Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pastor Nick’s OFF</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pastor Mark’s OFF</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Raise Right pickup 9 am – Ladies’ Choir</p> <p>6:30-8 pm-<i>HS Ministry</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>Noon - Prayer 7 pm- Elders & Deacons</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 pm - Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6 am – Men’s Bible study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pastor Nick’s OFF</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pastor Mark’s OFF Movie night 6-8:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>5:30-7pm-<i>MS Ministry</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>Noon - Prayer</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>May 1</p> <p>6 am – Men’s Bible study</p>	<p>May 2</p> <p>Pastor Nick’s OFF</p>	<p>May 3</p> <p>Pastor Mark’s OFF</p>	<p>May 4</p>