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Unity. One short word that comes packed full of challenge, conviction, and hope. Consider all of the ways we are divided in both our culture and the church. It is human nature to separate people based on social class, ethnicity, accomplishments, hobbies or interests, or life stages. The tendency is to migrate toward people that are the same as we are. The problem with that is multi-faceted. When we surround ourselves with others like us, we find ourselves in an echo chamber of thoughts and ideals. No growth is present in an echo chamber. We rob ourselves of the privileges of receiving and extending grace to those who may act, look or think differently than us. When Christ gave his life on the cross, the greatest barrier that existed was eliminated. As fully devoted disciples of Christ, we should not be in the business of constructing new ones. We will be committed to unity – in the church and in our community.



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Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning
Bible Study – 9:00 AM
Worship – 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening
Worship – 5:30 PM
Wednesday Evening
Bible Study – 6:30 PM

It is the Lord's desire that we love one another. In the spirit of love and friendship, we welcome all who have come to worship. May we all be blessed as we praise God. Thank you for being our guest at the Goodwood Boulevard church of Christ.

Order of Worship

AM

Welcome

756 – When We All Get to Heaven
138 – My Hope is Built
618 – Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayer

Galatians 3:26-29

511 – Oft We Come Together
Communion

708 – Walking in Sunlight

Own the Vision;

Committed to Unity

744 – What Will Your Answer Be?

129 – Each Step I Take

Prayer

PM

841 – Sing & Be Happy

618 – Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayer

Matthew 13:10-11

583 – Sing to Me of Heaven

345 - It Is Well with My Soul

Confounded;

Secrets?

197 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord

611 – Take the Name Of Jesus With You

Prayer



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UPCOMING EVENTS

5/12 ---- Groger/Monk Shower
5/19 ---- Ladies Night Out
5/21 ---- Graduate Fellowship
5/30 ---- Ladies Bible Class

Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming events and information

www.goodwoodchurch.org

The Sermon on the Mount—Who is this Jesus?

(...continued from last week)

Matthew 4 begins with Jesus being tempted in the wilderness by the devil. Satan offers Jesus power, indeed, authority over all the kingdoms of the world, but Jesus is a King over a different kind of kingdom, and rejects Satan's offers. In Matthew 4.12, we have the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry in Galilee. Matthew portrays this as a fulfillment of a prophecy from Isaiah, which states, "the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned" (4.16). Again, Jesus is portrayed as the saving presence of God: He is the Light who dispels the darkness, and He calls people to repentance because the kingdom of heaven is at hand (4.17). The appearance of that kingdom involves the enlistment of those who would be citizens of it (4.18-22). Jesus calls two sets of brothers (Peter & Andrew, James & John) to follow Him, in the process giving them a new identity, new mission, and new community to whom they belong. Simply put, God's kingdom changes everything; we are not able to be a part of it and continue to live our lives as if nothing is different. Everything is different. The appearance of the kingdom of heaven also means teaching and preaching, healing the sick, and helping the oppressed (4.23-25). As shown by Jesus' teaching, life in the kingdom is enlightening, but also challenging and demanding. As shown in Jesus' healing, the kingdom confronts the suffering of the world and seeks to restore wholeness.

Finally, in the opening verse of the SOTM, we are told that Jesus "went up on the mountain." This seems normal enough, but is actually a quotation from the Hebrew scriptures. Nine times in Exodus and Deuteronomy it is used of Moses going up Mount Sinai to receive the revelation of God's will, and five times it is used in reference to Mount Zion and the coming age when people will go up to where God is and learn His ways. So Matthew is clueing us in that this preacher has the authority to reveal God's ultimate will for the world.

So putting all of this together, who is this Preacher who delivers the Sermon on the Mount? Who is this Jesus?

Jesus is the Son of Abraham, the Blesser of all nations; He is the Davidic King; He is God with us, the embodiment of God's saving presence; He is a threat to Herod and the rulers of this world; He is proclaimed by John; He is affirmed by God in His baptism; He resists Satan; He brings light to the dark places of men; He announces the kingdom of heaven; He enlists disciples to be citizens of that kingdom; He preaches about that kingdom; He heals the sick as evidence of what His kingdom is like; He is the new Moses who reveals God's ultimate will to men and women.

This Jesus is someone to whom we should listen.

A PRAYER AND STUDY GUIDE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14

NEW REQUESTS TODAY

MONDAY

Isaiah 1:12-20

Recent Requests

- ***Mike Arrington** was baptized last Sunday.
- ***Drew Baugher** is having health issues.
- ***Tommie Bell** is recovering from extensive surgery.
- ***Dot Dudley** passed away Tuesday morning.
- ***Keven Dupuy** has bronchitis.
- ***Padgie McFatter** passed away Thursday, May 4th.
- ***Candi Prejean** is undergoing chemo treatments at Oschner's.

TUESDAY

Isaiah 5:1-7

Those experiencing loss, in need of encouragement, our shut-ins

- *Our families and friends who were affected by the flood.
- *Our shut-ins: Ila Adams, Nelle Hagius, Mattie Hanks, Hazel Hayden, Derlyne Kent, Alice Reece, JoAnn Strother

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 6:1-8

Those with serious/ongoing health issues

- ***Faith Vallery** has been completely removed from the ventilator-prayers answered!!
- *Rose & Adam Butler, Merle Burkes, Don & Lois Clark, Betsy Hall, Bob Harris, Wilma Henderson, Mike McClure, Cherry McCullough, Lisa Pickett, Jerry Sistrunk, Jay Strother, Faith Vallery, Shirley Young

THURSDAY

Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7

Our Other Friends and Family

- *Niles Bartholomew, Brad Bell, Tommie Bell, Lea Ann Cavalier, Beulah Cooper, Cliff Cutrer, Kay Doiron, Keven Dupuy, Betty Epperson, Christie Estave, Harlan Gilbert, Ferrell Guillory, Grace Gray, Pat Hale, Karen Hanks, Mike Jenkins, Steve Juneau, Jerry Kimbrough, Candy Lackie, Ronnie Lorio, Jr, Mack & Bettie Lovering, Dustin Montana, John & Carolyn Perkins, Bryan Austin Plunket, George Plunket, Mary Rhodus, Tim & Alys Richardson, Louise Savoy, Richard Shelley, Doug Statham, Bradley Travis

FRIDAY

Isaiah 11:1-9

Our Partners in the Gospel

- *Santiago Bonilla
- *Candido Huete

Those in Dangerous Situations Serving Country & Community

- *David Ecuyer, Anthony Groger, Toby Hebert, William Hill, Jonathan Lewenthal, Alex Null, Howard Stroud

SATURDAY

Isaiah 12:1-6

- *Parents and students in schools
- *City, State and National elected leaders

Graduate Celebration

Sunday May 21st, after evening services, we will have a celebration for our 2017 graduates. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Our 2017 graduates are Amy Alexander, Hunter Chaney, Preston Chaney, Jessica Germany, John Goodrum, Olivia Hill, Katie Teague, Will Teague, and Jael Young.



Connie Plunket will be part of a mission group going to Guyana June 24th - July 5th. A report of last year's trip is available in the foyer. Your financial help is needed once again. Donations may be turned into the office, put in the collection plate, or given directly to Connie. **Any support you could give for this mission effort would be greatly appreciated!**

Ladies Bible Class

Attention Ladies! Please join us on **Tuesday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Room. Karen Lackie will be teaching the lesson, God's Promises and Blessings. Lunch will be served following class. We hope to see you there!

Please Welcome...

We are happy to announce that **Merle Burkes** has placed membership with us. Be sure to welcome her to our Goodwood family. Please add her contact information to your directories:

8801 Eastover Blvd
Denham Springs, LA 70726
225-503-9858



Movie Night at Liz's House! Friday, May 19th @ 6:30pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Please see Liz or Deggy for directions!

If you have any special needs (including sermon CD/DVD requests), please fill out one of the cards located on the back of the pew with the necessary information and pass it to the inner aisle for pick-up.

How Are We Doing?
May 7, 2017

Sunday AM Bible Class.....	91
Sunday AM Attendance	165
AM Average for Year	151
Sunday Contribution.....	\$6,212
Average for Year	\$5,201

Elders: Clayton Goodrum, Tom Kelso, Jim Lackie, Tommy Phillips **Deacons:** David Andrews, Todd Bell, Bobby Chelette, Jack James, Pat McGibboney, Bert Ruckstuhl, Mitchell Smith, Joshua Young **Ministers:** Joshua Fowler, Jay Plunket **Secretaries:** Heather Fowler, Tara Hitt