

## Service Times

Sunday 11:00 am Wednesday 7:00 pm

Mark Mobley, Senior Pastor

On Second Thought: "BE AFRAID" Scripture: 2Kings 13:14-19

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**Mon. Aug 18-** Israel has been at war with the Aramaens for several generations. Joash's father fought the Aramaens. His grandfather fought the Aramaens. It is all that he has ever known. And they have been losing in slow motion. They had been beaten down to just 50 horsemen and 10 chariots. But, thanks to Elisha, the tide has turned somewhat. Joash leaves the battlefield to see the dying prophet. Elisha has been the backbone of Israel for many years. His relationship with God has been the difference in a lot of their military victories. And now, he is dying. They go through this arrow shooting thing; then an arrow hitting the ground thing. How is he supposed to know how many times to hit the ground? How is he supposed to know what is even going on? And now, the prophet gives him this bleak outlook for the future. Not, 'if you don't change this, this is what might happen.' This is what is going to happen. He gave Joash a lot to be afraid of the future for. He didn't give him any comfort. He didn't give him any encouragement. He didn't say, "At least you get to win three times". He faced him up with the facts about his life, with the facts about his future. It was enough to "Be Very Afraid" about! *What has ever caused you to fear your future? Was it of God?* **Pro.1:7.**

**Tue. Aug 19-** Fear is a major issue in scripture. God is constantly telling us not to be afraid. It is in the Bible more than 150 times. We come into the world with only two fears; the fear of being left alone and the fear of loud noises. Everything else we develop the fears for. Fear is real. There is a negative side to fear that paralyzes us and takes away our hopes, our faith, our relationships, and our ability to function. That fear doesn't come from God. God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love, of power, and of a sound mind. That kind of fear should be fought with all that we have within us. To accept and dwell in that kind of fear is a sin and destructive to our souls. But there is another type of fear; another side of fear; the positive side. It can stimulate us and motivate us to greatness. It can keep us safe from things that would destroy us. It can move us to change when nothing else will. *Where has the positive side of fear been beneficial to you?* **2Tim.1:7.**

**Wed. Aug 20-** There is a lot of pain that could be avoided with a little fear, if we just stopped to think about how this thing might change the way we do business. If people took a moment to look at the consequences of their actions, they might try something else. But we Christians go through life every day without ever looking to see where the future is taking us. There are some things that you ought to be afraid of. Many of you have every reason to fear the future. You know that if you continue with your low grade level of commitment in your marriage or in your job that it will end badly. You have a good reason to fear failure, to fear the future. You are not taking risks. You are not taking steps of faith. You are not changing. You are not chasing that dream that God gave you. You are simply floating through life like the King, doing what dad & granddad did. You have a good reason to fear the future. Your life will be riddled with regret. You are not facing your fears. You are just playing it safe. Maybe you fear God. Maybe you fear eternity. You know that one day the accounts will be settled and your balance sheet will not look good. If you look down the road that you are traveling and it doesn't take you where you want to go, you need to be afraid. If you have no idea where this road is taking you, it just seems a nice place to be, you need to be afraid. *What pain or trouble has come into your life because of a lack of fear?* **Pro.28:14.**

**Thu. Aug 21-** It would have been good if the poor King had gotten some more explanation, but we don't always get all the facts laid out for us beforehand. We don't always know what the importance of something is. 'If someone had told me, I would've done it differently. Why didn't God let me know? I never would've said that. I would've worked harder at my job. I would've paid more attention in school. I would've treated my spouse better. I would've spent more time with my kids. I would've spent more time working on my character. I would've gotten over that anger if I knew he would die.' I am standing here, just like the prophet did for Joash, standing in for God, to tell you that this is important. The most important moment that you have is this moment right here, right now. This is where time touches eternity. This is where God moves and changes things. The past is set. The future is fluid. Right here, right now, you need to be engaged. *What regrets can you avoid in your future by having the right fears in your life now?* **Heb.2:1.**

**Fri. Aug 22-** When we go through the same thing over and over again, it might be us. Instead of blaming circumstances, other people, your past, change and grow in your self. "She made me mad. It is his fault. I am Irish and we all have a quick temper. That is just the way I was raised. I have a generational curse. I can't help myself." Quit giving the power of your life, your emotions, your future to someone else. Recognize the truth about yourself. "I am the type person that loses his temper and throws things when he makes me mad. I am the type that gives in to lust when I am tired. I am the type of person who overspends when I am lonely. I am the type person that runs to alcohol when I am afraid. I am the type person who quits when I come up against opposition." The stress is never going to change as long as you are alive. There will always be Aramaens. If you don't change, your life never will. If we recognized the importance of character, we would leave the battlefield more often for the inner chamber. *Have you been prone to blame others for your bad results? Will you become responsible for your actions now?* **Ps.86:11.**

**Sat. Aug 23-** It is easy in this modern world to try to go without God. We have created this great safety net so that we can live without ever really needing to have faith in Him. We have the best economy in the history of the world. If we fall out of that, we have unemployment insurance. We have insurance for everything, even our pets. We have doctors that try to cure ever disease known to man & insurance to pay for it. Prayer becomes a luxury that we use in emergencies. The Bible is something that we only read when we feel guilty, because we are so busy being entertained. We feel like that we are doing God a favor if we go to church and allow ourselves to be converted. After all, we had it good in this life, so Heaven might not be too bad. And if we tithe, well God owes me more than anyone else on earth. Worship becomes entertainment so that we find the style of music we like best. And we never realize that those things change us on the inside to be people who can win the battles of life. We go through life half alive on the inside, starving spiritually, battling with a weak, emaciated spirit. We need to be afraid that who we are will really come to light and we will get what we deserve. It doesn't have to be this way. We can change, we can grow, we can use our fear to move us to change, and God can use us. We can face the facts and let our fear of God energize us to change the world. *What battles are you facing right now that can be won with the proper perspective of fear in place in your life now?* **Heb.4:1.**



**August Food Item:**

**CANNED PEAS**

**Drop box in the foyer**

**REVOLUTION SMALL GROUP LEADERS:**

MARK & ROBBIN MOBLEY, MARK & RHONDA AKIN, KEN & DORRIS HARTLEY, KARI MILLER, STEVE & LYNNE FRACHISEUR, RICK & DEBBIE DARBY, JAMES & BOBBIE WEAVER, JOE & LANICE COUCH, SIDNEY & SUZANNE BRIDGES, LAURA TODD, & DONNA ANDERSON.



*August*



*Showcase*



*Passionate Partners*

*Couple's Ministry*

Look for their  
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table in  
this month.

**\*COMING ATTRACTIONS\***

- 08/19- Food Pantry- 2pm-4pm
- 08/24-Project Life- "Soaring w/Eagles or Pecking w/Chickens" Part 4 w/Brenda Dooley-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 08/31-Project Life- "Forces That Form Your Future: Beliefs" w/ Mark Akin-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 09/01-Labor Day Holiday. Church Office Closed
- 09/02- Real Men- Lunch-TBA
- 09/02- Food Pantry- 2pm-4pm
- 09/06-Ministries In Motion-12pm to 4pm
- 09/07-Project Life- "Forces That Form Your Future: Decisions" w/ Mark Akin-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 09/12-Freedom For Women-7pm
- 09/13- Passionate Partners @ Dave & Buster's- meet there @ 1pm
- 09/14-Project Life- "Forces That Form Your Future: Character" w/ Mark Akin-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 09/16- Food Pantry- 2pm-4pm
- 09/20-Garments of Praise-8am to 4pm
- 09/20- Brotherhood- 8am
- 09/20- Faithful Warriors- 6pm
- 09/21- Project Life- TBA-10am
- 09/27- Us Girls Trip to The Dillard House
- 09/28- Project Life-TBA-10am
- 09/28- William Clayton & the Redeemed Singing
- 09/28- Walk On Water-5:30pm
- 09/30-The Pantry-2pm to 4pm
- 10/10-Freedom For Women-7pm
- 10/18-Garments of Praise-8am to 11am
- 10/18-Brotherhood-8am
- 10/14-The Pantry-2pm to 4pm
- 10/25-Jefferson Movie Night
- 10/28-The Pantry-2pm to 4pm

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE**

"As a prisoner of the Lord, I beg you to live in a way that is worthy of the people God has chosen to be his own." Ephesians 4:1 (CEV)

**Life in Motion**



"Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to His word; instead, put it into practice." James 1:22 GNB

Last week I...

**Giving**- set my tithes aside first before I spent any money. \_\_\_

**Service**- served others as a steward of grace. \_\_\_

**Worship**- put my worship on display for God in the sanctuary. \_\_\_

**Small Group**- received wisdom from those I am accountable to. \_\_\_

**Journal**- paid attention to what God revealed to me & did it. \_\_\_

This week I...

**Family**- will work toward peace & harmony with my family. 1Cor.1:10 \_\_\_

**Bible**- will encourage myself in the Word to build my faith. Ps.119:80 \_\_\_

**Prayer**- will pray for revival in me. Isa.57:15 \_\_\_

**Church**- will introduce myself to someone new. Heb.13:2 \_\_\_

**Journal**- will spend more time worshipping God than asking for things. Ps.95:6 \_\_\_

**ELEVATION Message Rewind**

**"Get A Grip" 1 Tm 1:18,19**

- Paul tells Timothy to keep a firm grip on his faith & on himself
- He doesn't say keep a grip only if it feels right or looks right
- No, he says get a grip and don't let it go!
- You can't pick when battles come in your life
- You can pick how they will end up
- You were made a winner
- People will say things to hurt you
- They tried to do it to Jesus all the time
- Jesus learned how to ignore these people & blow their comments off
- We need to learn how to do that
- Get a grip on things that are important: God, your life, your faith, and your family
- Let the other stuff go

**Kid Invasion Recap**

**"KEEP AWAY" Colossians 3:8; 1Peter 2:1**

- We want to be rid of things that keep us from God.
- Temptations to do wrong, as well as negative influences keep us away from God.
- There are things that try to keep us away from serving, knowing, & obeying God.
- Satan doesn't want us to be close to God.
- He wants to distract us & interfere with our being close to God.
- It is up to us to get rid of these negative things and to clear the way to receive God's blessings, help and love.

**Prayer Focus for 2008**

-100 Salvations in our Children & Youth ministries.

-1,000 Salvations world-wide.

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**REVOLUTION**

**SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

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