

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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On Second Thought: "COME" Text: Matt. 11:28,29,30

Mon. Sep.22- Packing for vacation to me means closet relocation. We may be going for only a week, but I will pack like I'll be gone for a couple of months. I guess I carry more than I need to because I'm just not sure what I will want to wear when I get there. Why do we tend to take on more than we need to? We wind up making what should be enjoyable a burden with all of the extra stuff we pack into it. Just like our lives. People tend to burden their life with so much junk that they don't even have a life. People's lives are so loaded down with extra baggage that they can't even enjoy life. They tend to tolerate life more than they celebrate it. The reason why it is like that is because they are weighed down with bad habits, sin, addictions, adulteries, abuses, afflictions, arrogance, pride, pressures, pains of the past, present, & future, guilt, strife, unforgiveness, & bitterness. *What baggage are you carrying in your life?* **Gal.5:1.**

Tue. Sep.23- For many people despair has so gripped their soul that even a painful death seems more favorable than continuing to struggle with a painful life. Suicide seems a viable option for freedom from all of their mess. The echoes of a promise of a good life have long faded away as the morning dew in the mid-day sun. Thoughts of hope are muted by the whispers of the adversary of their soul saying, "You'll never be free". They are spiraling downward into a pit of darkness & destruction, with seemingly no light at the end of the tunnel. We don't always know who they are. They are not always easily recognizable, but they are all around us. They come to church nearly every Sunday & work in various ministries within the church. They sing in the choir, work in children church, youth, serve as ushers, & greeters. Men, women, boy, girls, married, single, divorced, widowed, husbands, wives, male, female, young, middle aged, old, rich, middle class, & poor. Red, yellow, black, white, & brown. They all come carrying their secret loads of sin & addictions, & we are none the wiser. After all, we're in church & everything is alright. *Have you ever felt like ending your life? Did you talk to someone about it? Would you?* **1Jn.3:8.**

Wed. Sep.24- We're not alright! We dress nice, look nice, talk nice, & sing nice. But we're not alright! Life has been rough. Sin has been hard. Secrets are many. If you think people are burdened on the outside, you should see what it has done to them on the inside! They're torn & tattered; broken & shattered. Sin has taken a toll on them; torn them to shreds. Their life, hopes, & dreams are ripped away from the realm of reality. Some don't want to face it; others are tired of looking at it. Some have tried everything; others think it's hopeless. But we'll work hard to maintain our church image. After all, we can't afford to let people think less of us than we already think of ourselves! We put on our masks & our makeup & come to church pretending everything is perfect. But it's not! We're dying! We want relief, but not at the risk of exposure! But what you won't admit, you won't quit. You can't heal what you refuse see or feel. *What are you pretending doesn't exist?* **Rom.6:14.**

Thu. Sep.25- How do we accumulate so much baggage in our lives? Some may be thrust upon us like a young bellhop at a cheap hotel, but the majority comes from the bad choices we made. We think we are immune to the consequences of bad decisions. We convince ourselves, "It will never happen to me. I know when to quit. I'm in control. I know how to handle it." We didn't set out to destroy our life, but we didn't plan to be in this shape either. We ask, "How did this happen?" "Why did I let this happen? I'm smarter than this. I know better." How did it happen? SIN. It's not a politically correct word, or socially acceptable term in this 21st century church, but nonetheless it is still the truth! The problem with sin & addictions is that they only get worse with repeated use. It's designed that way. It's a trap! Like an animal caught in a snare, the more it wiggles, the firmer the hold becomes. We try to see just how close to sin we get without actually sinning. We think we don't want to sin, but what we are really saying is this: "I want to sin without being sinful." You can't! You can't get close to sin without it infecting you! *Have you taken responsibility for your consequences? What will you do about them?* **Matt.16:27.**

Fri. Sep.26- "Come... and I will give..." What, more burdens? No! Release! Relief! Refreshing! He doesn't want to add anything else to you; He wants to take stuff off of you and yoke you up to His life and yoke up with you to go through life together. He wants a valid relationship w/you. His request to "Come" is not to put more on you than you're able to bear, but to remove the load. He doesn't even ask us to give anything! Your issues are the reason for the invitation! We are very good at getting into sin, but only Jesus can get us out. He doesn't even ask us to clean up; He asks us to step out. Step out & trust Him. Step out & lay it all down. He isn't asking us to clean up our act before we come; just come! Come loaded. Come broken. Come weighed down. Come guilty. Come weary. Come tired. Come running. Come crawling. But COME! *What is keeping you from responding to His call to come?* **Heb12:1,2.**

Sat. Sep.27- Some people say, "He'll meet you half way." Not true! All you have to do is come! He's already gone all of the way for you and fixed the sin problem long before we ever accumulated all this baggage! This is not about who'll move first. This is not a competition; it's an invitation! An invitation to come & lay it all down at His feet. You may think: "I can't come to Him like this; then He'll know. He'll know my sin, my habits, my secrets, my addictions." He already knows. He knows what you're doing, what you're intending to do, but beyond that He also knows what it is doing to you & yet He still loves you enough to say, "Come". You may need counseling. You may need extra prayer. You may need an accountability partner. But for now, all you need to do is come! He won't take from you what is not offered to Him. But a broken and contrite spirit He'll not refuse. *Aren't you tired of carrying the load that He offers to take from you? Don't you want His life?* **Jn.6:63.**

Change Your Mind. Change Your Life. Change Your World.

0756 Salvations!



Attention: Food Pantry is in desperate need for canned foods of all kinds.

Use drop box in the foyer

Family Fall Festival

Sunday, October 26 right after church!

This years event will be a covered dish family-affair. We will host a cakewalk, bingo, flag football, inflatable's & trunk-or-treat for the kids. There should be something for everybody!

**Food + Folks + Fun = LWWC Fall Festival!!!
Please sign up to bring needed food items.**

Gospel Music Singing

with
William Clayton & the Redeemed

**Sunday, September 28 during the 11:00 am service
Bring your friends & family**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- 09/23- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 09/27- Us Girls Trip to The Dillard House- 9:30am
- 09/28- Project Life- "The Search for Significance Pt.1" w/ Rick Darby-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 09/28- William Clayton & the Redeemed Singing
- 09/28- Walk On Water-5:30pm
- 09/30- REAL MEN- lunch @ 11:45am @ El Jinete
- 09/30-The Food Pantry-2pm to 4pm
- 09/30- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 10/05- Project Life- "The Search for Significance Pt.2" w/ Rick Darby-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 10/05- Water Baptism Meeting- Please sign-up & attend this class if you plan to be baptized Oct.12th
- 10/07- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 10/10-Freedom For Women-7pm
- 10/12- Project Life- "The Search for Significance Pt.3" w/ Rick Darby-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 10/12- Water Baptism- sign up in foyer
- 10/18-Garments of Praise-8am to 11am
- 10/18-Elevation Movie Night-6pm
- 10/18-Brotherhood-8am
- 10/19- Kitchen Shower for Fellowship Hall- Details TBA
- 10/14-The Food Pantry-2pm to 4pm
- 10/14- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 10/19- Project Life- TBA
- 10/21- REAL MEN- lunch @ 11:45am. TBA
- 10/21- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 10/25-Jefferson Movie Night

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord. He has given me the strength for my work because He knew that He could trust me."

1Tim. 1:12 (CEV)

Life in Motion

"Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to His word; instead, put it

Last week I...

Family- guarded my temper. __
Bible- shared the Word with a friend.

Prayer- prayed for wisdom in this nation. __

Church- made sure others were made to feel welcome here. __

Journal- devoted more attention to listening to what God tells me. __

This week I...

Giving- will look for creative ways to bless others. Pro22:9 __

Service- will show my support for the church by serving others. Gal 5:13 __

Worship- will live the life that glorifies God in front of others. Matt5:16 __

Small Group- will attend the next meeting for US Girls (ladies) or Real Men (guys). 1Thess5:11 __

Journal- will become more faithful in doing my journal. Pro28:20 __

ELEVATION Message Rewind

TSHIRTS

ARE IN!

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR T-SHIRT AT THE INFORMATION DESK.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID FOR YOURS, NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Kid Invasion Recap

"OUR WORDS"

1 Peter 3:10

- God does not like us to make fun of people & speak negative about each other or ourselves.
- God takes it as an insult when we speak negative.
- We need to quit repeating what the devil tells us- bad thoughts.
- When we make fun of other people and ourselves it hurts God's feelings.
- "No man can tame the tongue."

Prayer Focus for 2008

-100 Salvations in our Children & Youth ministries.

-1,000 Salvations world-wide.

JOIN THE SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

REVO-LUTION