

**ELCOME VISITORS!** Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord. If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Your prayer requests may also be made on the

flip side of the card. At the close of service, please put your card in the contribution box at the front of the auditorium as you exit. Or you can hand it to any member.

During the service we will celebrate communion. (Sacraments are available on the table in the entry foyer.) This is a time that we partake of unleavened bread and juice from the fruit of the vine to remind us what Jesus has done for us. Communion is not only about Jesus' death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is the source of our hope that God will fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

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## WHAT ARE WE DOING BY OURSELVES?

A summary of the article "Me, Myself, and Lies – The Spiritual Dangers of Isolation" written by Marshall Segal, staff writer for <u>Desiring God</u>.

While looking for a suitable article for this week's bulletin, I happened upon the "Desiring God" website and noticed the article named above. I encourage you to go read the full article (that includes complete scripture references) at this website:

https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/me-myself-and-lies Starting with **Proverbs 18:1** 

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

Mr. Segal starts his story with the invention of the telephone and how it seemed to remove isolation, and takes us to current day "social media" and all it's pitfalls. He quotes:

At least one prominent sociologist fears that's the case: We are lonely but fearful of intimacy. Digital connections and the sociable robot may offer the illusion of companionship without the demands of friendship. Our networked life allows us to hide from each other, even as we are tethered to each other. We'd rather text than talk. (Sherry Turkle, Alone Together, 1)

The article continues:

- What kind of isolation? The author shares thoughts on those who 'admittedly' don't really like people; the challenges of 'listening' to others – who isn't aware of the challenges of truly listening to someone else; and warnings against self-reliance. Scriptures from Proverbs, Psalms, Matthew and Mark are cited.
- Alone with our Desires. "Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;" The desires that keep us apart are rooted in selfishness. Scriptures from James, Jude, Proverbs and Hebrews provide testimony to this shortcoming.
- **Sweetness of a Friend.** "The opposite of soul-wrecking isolation, though, is a life deeply rooted in the hearts and counsel of good friends." The electronic resources available to us can be a gift but they cannot replace real

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living, breathing, humans who can look at us and share our joys and sorrows - something no on-line tool can accomplish. References to Proverbs substantiate these concepts.

- Wounds of Togetherness. Satan tries to convince us that loving counsel is burdensome and not life-giving. Scripture says otherwise. (Psalms 25:7-9) Faithful counsel may wound us for the moment, but only in order to heal and preserve, leading to repentance. Friends who provide this counsel are to be treasured. (Scripture from 2 Corinthians and Proverbs)
- Antidote for Isolation. Find Join Serve "Isolation dies in church families that know they need, and want, to gather. For them, Sunday mornings aren't a sweet addition to a full and happy life; they are the foundation of a full and happy life. God means for us to know him, serve him, enjoy him, and become like him as a part of Christ's body. The more isolated we become, the more we cut ourselves off from the fountains of his grace, mercy, and guidance."



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New Westworth directories are now available.



- Please check your mail box in the north foyer.
  - Dates: June 19-24, 2022 •
    - Lubbock Christian University
    - Christian leadership camp for 8th thru 12th graders.
    - If you have a child in the appropriate age range who is interested in attend-

ing, please contact one of the Trustees or visit the website for registration. (https://summerexcitement.com)

\*  $\frac{1}{2}$ The 3rd Sunday lunch in May will be the Jewell's last Sunday - you  $\frac{1}{2}$ may want to mark your calendar now.  $\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

## May 15, 2022. \*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### May 4 — Wednesday Night Bible Study.

We will continue Season 2 of **The Chosen** (episode 3). Even if you have already watched this program, join us and participate in the discussion following the viewing of each episode.



## May 3—Men's group



This group meets in the Activity Building at 6:30 pm every-other Tuesday for fellowship, study and prayers. This is a special time of encouragement for men of all ages

## SAVE THE DATE!

## Saturday—May 14, 2022—1-4:00 pm

## A celebration of

# The Jewell's Journeys and Andy's early graduation!

As much as we hate to see them go, we want to be sure to celebrate all they have done and all God has planned for them in the future.

We will also take this time to celebrate Andy's early High-School graduation.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this day of joy and celebration (and reluctant good-byes).

# CELEBRATEMay BirthdaysJoAnn AnthonyMay 23Tracy BurrisMay 26Amanda MooreMay 31Manda MooreMay 31Matthew & D'Ann Bristol17 MayMatthew & D'Ann Bristol17 MayMatthew & Daniella Flaherty17 May

# **!!UPDATED INFORMATION!!**

Last week, we made a mistake in his room number. Please note the correct information:

Dennis McMillion, **Room 268** Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of City View 6701 Oakmont Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76132 817-370-4700

The facility only allows 2 visitors per day—one at a time. So if you plan to visit you might consider calling the facility first to make sure you can get in to see him. Visiting hours are 8am-8pm.

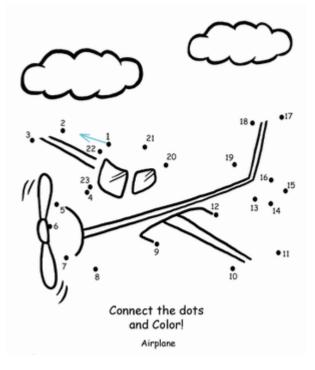
With restrictive visitation policies, a card would help lift his spirits.

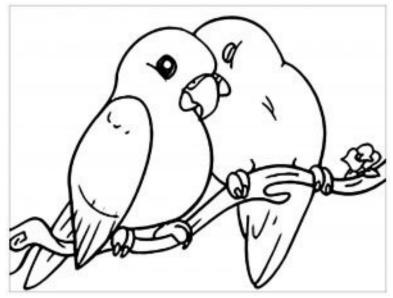
## Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

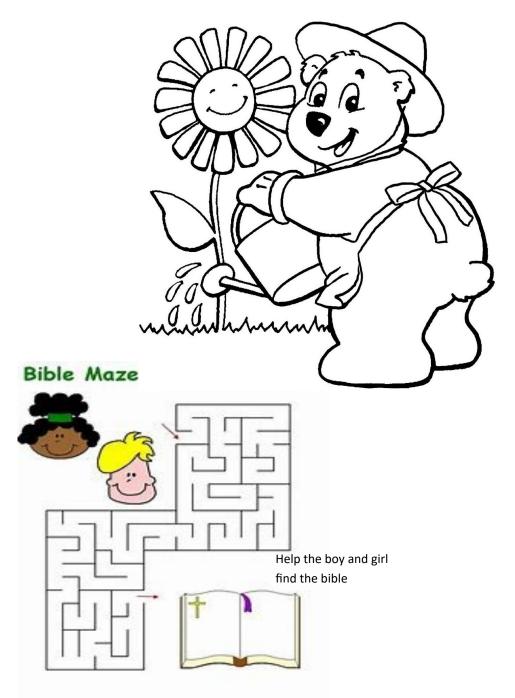
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Crayons are available in the south lobby—above the coat hooks.





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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Date	Today—May 1	
Open	Curtis Dunson	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty	
Communion	Curtis Thompson	
Prayer	David Keller	
Bible Story	Eric Kreger	
Reading	James Kreger	
Lesson/Sermon	Bob Mullin	
A/V	Christi Kreger	

## **COMING WEEKS**

Date	May 8	May 15	May 22
Open	Curtis Thompson	Eric Kreger	Tom Reynolds
Usher	Curtis Dunson	Curtis Thompson	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Christian Lindsey	Eric Kreger	Samuel Flaherty
Communion	David Keller	Johnny Box	Brian Flaherty
Prayer	Bill Jones	Wayne Kreger	Eric Kreger
Bible Story	Mike Lisle	Brian Flaherty	Max Lisle
Reading	Samuel Flaherty	Max Lisle	Bill Jones
Lesson	John Jewell	John Jewell	Bob Mullen
A/V	Robby Robertson	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger

Communion Preparation May: Hettie Keller