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A GREAT COMMISSION CHURCH

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

The older I get the more I want to work around the unimportant things in life and get to the vital things that edify me and those around me. In the last few years, God has been turning me upside down in my life. It has caused me to cling to Him like never before. In recent weeks, I have devoted myself to tearing back the layers of who God really is and how that impacts me. I am not looking to create a God in my own image that is pliable or moldable. If left to our own devices, we will lazily build a God who is tolerant and woke. He will do what we want when we want, and we sprinkle in some religious sounding words to ease our conscience of the guilt and shame that would accompany such arrogance and blasphemy.

I alluded to this in my message last week when attempting to describe Yahweh as the "Great I Am." Most of the time, we think of God in terms of His being around during creation and somehow was bored and wanted something to do or someone to hang out with because He was lonely. I mean, listening to those angels 24/7 had to be tiresome. This type of thinking is the great delusion of man.

When we expand our thoughts to God existing before Earth, the universe, heaven, angels, or any beings, we find ourselves left with God all alone. In our human mind, we think, "How awful to be lonely." We think that way because in our humanness we need. We need touch, affirmation, love, others, and many other things. God needs nothing. He is self-sufficient. There has never been a time He was lonely or needed people or anything. He has always been and will always be. He never needs to improve, regret, get do-overs, admit He was wrong, apologize, or a million other things. He never has to change because He is perfect in all His ways. If He had to change, that would mean He had deficiency and needed to improve.

When we think of God in these Biblical terms, it awakens us. It humbles us. It causes us to understand we are dust, and He is deity. In fact, we cannot have a right view of anything if we do not have a right view of God. Everything springs from this subject.

So, let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and serve Him because He is worthy. He does not need us, but He loves us, and out of His magnificent sovereign will, He chose to create us, call us, and love us. This should cause us to commit to a life of worship and service to the living and eternal God.

*Just a Servant,
Pastor Mike*

<p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>1 Justin Woodard 7 Lana Evans 10 Robby Gardner 11 Ray Richburg 13 Nancy Hubbard 15 Jordan Gardner 18 Lynn Evans 19 Liberty Thompson 20 Bryson Woodard 22 Patti Odom 26 Logan Hudson Dan Mcinnis 28 Shaun Richburg</p>	<p>Building Attendant: Lenn Gardner</p> <p>Nursery</p> <p>8.7 Heather Alsbrook 8.14 Patti Odom 8.21 Crystal Thompson 8.28 Karen DeCosta</p> <p>Counting Committee</p> <p>8.7 Jewell Brown, Amy Chappell 8.14 Betsy Jordan, Patti Odom 8.21 Dr. Etheridge, Tommy Geddings 8.28 Tabitha Gardner, Jodi Thompson</p> <p>Ushers</p> <p>8.7 Aiden, Benji, & Ethan Thompson 8.14 Reese & Stacey McInnis 8.21 Brent Jordan, John Smith 8.28 Aaron, Grainger, & Wyatt Powell</p>	<p>5 Good Reasons to Trust God's Timing</p> <p>Everything He plans comes to pass. <i>Isaiah 46:10</i></p> <p>His word has never failed. <i>Isaiah 55:10-11</i></p> <p>God has good intentions for you. <i>Matthew 10:29-31</i></p> <p>He has proven Himself trustworthy. <i>Deuteronomy 7:9</i></p> <p>He's always on time. <i>2 Peter 3:8</i></p>
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10 Ways a Church Family Can Love One Another *by Aaron Gray*

Pray for one another. <i>1 Thessalonians 5:25</i>	Serve together. <i>Ecclesiastes 4:9</i>	Forgive one another. <i>Colossians 3:13</i>
Gather together. <i>Hebrews 10:25</i>	Show honor. <i>Romans 12:10</i>	Have fun together. <i>Ecclesiastes 3:13</i>
Create community. <i>Romans 12:16</i>	Encourage one another. <i>1 Thessalonians 5:11</i>	Speak truth in love. <i>Ephesians 4:15</i>

Pursue godliness. *2 Peter 1:5-7*

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY	CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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- 1** Ladies' Night Out, 6 – 8 PM
- 4** Men's Fellowship Supper, 7 PM
- 9** Deacons Meeting, 7 PM

PRAYER MINISTRY

CBC Members:

Johnny Baker, Jennie DuRant
Dan McInnis, Ray Richburg
Shaun Richburg, Will Thomas

Gardening

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 27 letters spell a Lady Bird Johnson quote.

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| BROCCOLI | GREENHOUSE | PINWHEEL | SUNSHINE |
| CARROTS | GROW | PITCHFORK | TOMATOES |
| COMPOST | HOES | PLANTING | TROWEL |
| CULTIVATE | HORTICULTURE | RAIN | TULIPS |
| DAISIES | HOSE | RAKE | VEGETABLES |
| DIGGING | HYDRANGEA | RELAXING | WATER |
| FERTILIZER | LILACS | ROSES | WEEDS |
| FLOWERS | LILIES | ROWS | WHEELBARROW |
| FUCHSIA | MARIGOLDS | | |