

The Mephibosheth Connection

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Do you ever feel as if the world is against you? Recall the story of Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan in the book of 2 Samuel. If anyone had the right to feel this way, it was him.

Here are a few things that would have made Mephibosheth feel as if the world was against him:

- His father Jonathan and grandfather King Saul had been killed. (2 Sam 1:4)
- The royal dynasty had been usurped, and Mephibosheth would have feared a bounty on his head. (5:3)
- He became crippled at age five. (4:4)
- His name meant “from the mouth of shame.”
- He lived in a place named Lo-debar, meaning “desolation.” (9:4)

In spite of the bad in his life, everything changed for Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 9. The promise David made to Jonathan, to show kindness to the house of Saul (9:1), was remembered in Mephibosheth’s adulthood. Mephibosheth was brought from desolation into the palace of the king. Rather than destroy Mephibosheth, as would have been expected, David kindly blessed him with “all that belonged to Saul and to all his house” (9:9). From this

point unto his death, Mephibosheth was blessed to dine at the king’s table.

You and I who are Christians find ourselves in Mephibosheth’s shoes. We were once people in desolation deserving death.

Titus 3:3 says, “For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.”

However, the kindness of our king has blessed us with riches through Christ and made us heirs according to hope.

Continuing, Titus 3:4-7 reveals, “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

Do you ever feel as if the world is against you? It is (John 15:8). Let us be invigorated by the knowledge that our King is for us (Romans 8:31).

Caleb Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Pam Babb, Titus Farley, Fred & Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Ed & Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe Freund, Kayla Hayes, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Cheryl Neilans, Rachel Potter, Angel Rivera, Alondra Rivera, Harold Speir, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Baby Announcement: Congratulations to Austin and April Fehring on the birth of their son. Kasen Micheal was born August 17, weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz and was 21 inches long.

A **welcome basket** has been placed in the foyer for Emily Garton. Let's help welcome her to her first new home with items you think she might need. If you have any questions, please contact Ginger Murray.

Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need, usually a local family. Last week we helped a family whose young son has just been diagnosed with diabetes and the father has terminal cancer. If you know someone who needs immediate help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Make it a part of your weekly schedule and bring your friends.

Ladies, **sign language** class will meet Thursday at 5:30 in the fellowship room.

September 14 will be a **night of singing** together at 7:00 in the activities center. We are going to try to do this on the second Saturday of each month. It will be a great time to praise God, encourage each other, and learn some new songs.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *Resurrection: Why Not?*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. *Do Not Get Drunk*
(Eph. 5:18, Danny Boggs)

Resurrection: God's Power and Promise. This Sunday morning we'll initiate a sermon series that will carry us through the end of the year. Resurrection is at the heart of the good news. And it spurs so many New Testament truths that our study will not grow repetitive. Invite your friends and family somewhere along the way to worship with us and hear some overwhelmingly positive messages.

Thursday morning ladies' Bible class will begin September 5. We will study 2 Samuel. Join us!

Building Biblical Character: Our gospel meeting with Spencer Furby is less than four weeks away--September 22-25! Make plans to be transformed by the truth of God's Word. Share an invitation with someone. Pray for a fruitful week in your life, in the lives of lost people, and the life of the church.

September 27-29 is **RUSH** at Freed Hardeman University for grades 7-12. We will leave on Friday at 8:30 a.m. and return Sunday evening. The cost is \$35 plus money for 3 meals. Sign up as soon as possible on Caleb's door. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 22.

Mark your calendar: October 26 is the date for a day of encouragement designed especially for our young ladies. We will be hosting Pure on Purpose: Girls Doing Life God's Way.

We want your picture for the picture directory if you are a new member or your picture is out of date. You can send a picture to the church email or Coralee will take one of you at church. This will be a great help for new members and will help the current members get to know the newer ones as well.

Adult Bible Classes
Sundays

Auditorium: *1 & 2 Corinthians*
Bill Reiboldt and Pat Andrews

Room 7: *The Barnabas Factor*
John Deffenbaugh and Glen Honeycutt

Fellowship Room: *Thinking Right About the Bible*
Pete Babb and Danny Boggs

Wednesdays

Auditorium: *Acts*
Josh King and Rick Hyder

Room 21: *I Timothy*
Bob Murray

Room 29: *Stick and Stones: A Study of Hurtful Words and Helpful Remedies*
Casey Flint, Zane Berner, Tucker Anderson

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, September 1

- AM Opening: Jason Giebler
- AM Closing: Tim Wald
- PM Opening: Jim Friend
- PM Closing: Daniel Rogers

Wednesday, September 4

- Opening: Carl Cobb
- Closing: Noah Reiboldt

RECORDS	08-25-19	08-26-18
Bible Study	158	152
AM Worship	205	195
PM Worship	136	134
Wednesday	139	130
Contribution	\$9,186.00	\$8,758.45
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58