To know HIM and to make HIM known

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Service Times

Sunday: Bible Study Worship	
LifeGroups Hannigan Denham Reynolds Morris	5:30pm
Wednesday: Bible Study	7-8:00pm

TOTAL COMMITMENT

A Haitian minister once told this parable: A certain man wanted to sell his house for \$2,000. Another man wanted very badly to buy it; but because he was poor, he could not afford the full price. After much bargaining, the owner agreed to sell the house for half of the original price with just one stipulation. The original owner would retain ownership of one small nail protruding from just over the front door.

After several years, the original owner wanted the house back. However, the new owner was unwilling to sell. Discouraged, but not defeated, the first owner came up with a plan. He went out and found the carcass of a dead dog, and he hung it on HIS nail that was still protruding over the front door.

Though the new owner did not want to sell the house, he could no longer bear the sight nor stand the smell. However, since it was not his nail, there was nothing he could do about it. Eventually it became too much for the new owner to endure. So, he sold the entire house back to the original owner.

"And behold, a man came up to him, saying, 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?' And he said to him. 'Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.' He said to him, 'Which ones?' And Jesus said, 'You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' The young man said to him, 'All these things I have kept. What do I still lack?' Jesus said to him, 'If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.' When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." - (Matthew 19:16-22)

By keeping all of these commandments, the rich man was living in the house of Jesus. However, by holding onto his possessions, he was letting Satan keep the nail over the doorway.

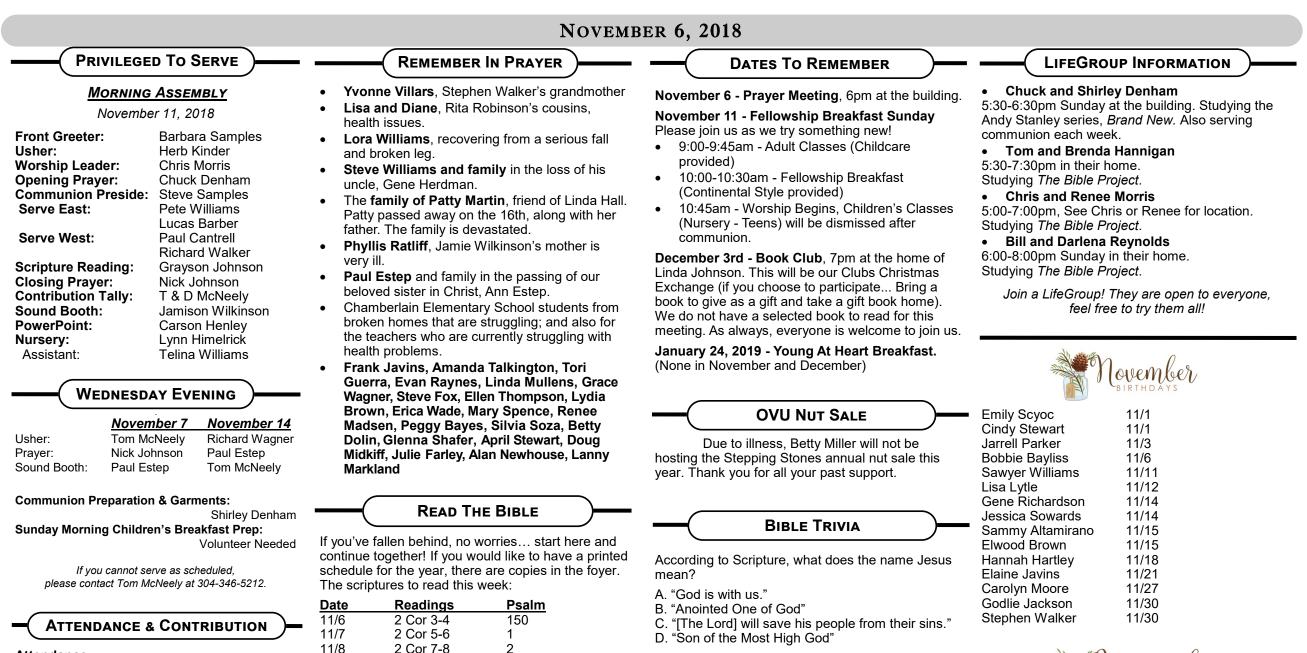
God requires total commitment out of his followers. We often times try to deceive ourselves into thinking that if we commit MOST of our lives to God, then we will be alright to still hold onto some of our "little" sins. But those "little" sins - pride, anger, lust, love of money, jealousy, etc. - are all Satan needs. If we leave even a single nail of our house to Satan, he will hang his entire arsenal on that one nail until he has taken over the entire house.

Maybe you have committed MOST of your life to God. What is the nail you are still leaving to Satan? Give it to God and live in TOTAL commitment to Him.

Love you all! Stephen

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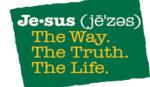




Attendance Bible Class.....64 Worship......96 Wednesday......37 Contribution.....\$4,682.01

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11/7	2 Cor 5-6	1
11/8	2 Cor 7-8	2
11/9	2 Cor 9-10	3
11/10	2 Cor 11-13	4
11/11	Gal 1-2	5
11/12	Gal 3-4	6
11/13	Gal 5-6	7
11/14	Eph 1-2	8

Answer: See Matthew 1:21



Joshua & Jessica Rogers 11/2

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