



Sunday Worship Times:
8:15 am online on Facebook
Live
10:30 am in-person service
School-aged Children Sunday
School 9:30 am
Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30 am

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Well, I hate to admit it, but I did a silly thing the other day. Here's what happened. I was busily working on a Bible study lesson, trying to keep in mind that I had a meeting scheduled that same morning. So I was working on the study and was almost done when I glanced up at the clock and realized that I had only a short time to get to that meeting! I set aside my work, grabbed my coat, and into the truck I jumped, driving off to the next meeting. When I was a little way down the road, I glanced at the clock in the truck and saw that the time was different than what I thought it was. Naturally, I figured it was because I just didn't change the clock after Daylight Savings Time. To verify that, I looked at my watch, knowing that I had changed it to Daylight Savings Time. And, lo and behold! It was the same time as the truck clock! What happened? At home, while working, I glanced up at the clock and misread the time. I was a whole hour off!

When I arrived back home, I gave some thought to what I had just done, and I came to a conclusion. I wasn't giving enough attention and focus to the activities that I was doing because I was so focused on the doing. I was running from the one to the next, simply intent and satisfied that I was getting it done. I was doing.

It was then that I realized that this happens in my spiritual life as well. I have a time set aside to read and pray and spend with God, but all the while, I have my eye on the clock, knowing that I have a lot to accomplish for the day. And, of course, I was doing it for Him, so that should be ok, right? Wrong.

The reality is, God doesn't desire my doing as much as He desires my being, my presence, my person, my self. Yes, I have lots to do, and much of it is at God's request, but it is more important for me to "be" with God than to "do" for God. It is more important for me to be fully engaged with God, paying complete attention to Him, than it is to rush Him along because I have something that I have to do next, no matter how important or "good" that work is.

It is pretty easy to believe that I am spending time with God so that I can hear Him when in reality, I am spending time with God to merely impress Him, pay some sort of homage to Him, or fulfill a duty to Him. I just want to get on with my day so that I can do things for Him. Do you see the irony and self-deception in that? I hope so.

I have come to learn (but not always practice!) that our relationship with God is not measured only with time, but also with attention. Knowing the time is not more important than knowing my Saviour. Relationships are about time and attention. Some might refer to that as quantity and quality time. Whatever terms you want to use, let's make sure we are giving both to God. Let's pay attention to God. Don't just glance His way. Focus, relax, enter in, and take all the time He wants.

Quick glances at God often lead us to get things wrong. It takes time and attention.

Pastor Michael





~The April Extra~

What's going on in the next few weeks...more info on each one as we get closer to them.

**Mercy Me Concert for the Youth, April 4, 7:00 pm.
Meet with Scott at the church at 3:00 pm.**

Youth Movie Night, April 10, from 5:00-8:00 pm. The movie will be Overcomer.

Movie Nights are back. Join us April 12th, at 7:00 pm for the showing of "I Can Only Imagine". We will have the Popcorn ready.

Youth Game Night, April 24, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Youth Group meets every other Sunday at 2:00 pm. Other Youth Events the second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

Men's Lunch group will meet at the NCCU parking lot at 11:30 am, the first Wednesday of the month. Contact Quentin at 661-742-6340; he needs your cell phone number to contact you.

Women's Lunch will meet the fourth Friday of the month at noon. Ladies, please contact Roxie at 206-293-1276 to get on the list. Carpool from the church at 11:15 am, or meet at the restaurant of the month. Roxie will need a count of all who are coming by the third Friday each month.

Join Scott Smith Wednesdays on Facebook Live for a Bible Study in 1 & 2 Samuel at 2:00 pm.

Friday at 9:30 am: Are you a Prayer Warrior? Want to help pray for all the prayer requests with an awesome group of other warriors? Just show up at 9:30 am on Friday mornings in the Worship Center. Everyone is welcome. Prayer Warriors unite!

****Other Community Happenings at NCCU****

Mondays: We have the Movement Class with Sue Ullom at 9:30 am. This is not aerobics or Zumba; it is just some body movement to get your week started.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	3 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Facebook Live Hands for Christ 10:00 am Men's Lunch Meet at 11:30 in the NCCU Parking Lot Bible Study of 1 & 2 Samuel	4 Worship Team Practice 6:00 pm CANCELLED Mercy Me Concert 7:00 pm Sho Ware Center, Kent. Youth meet Scott Smith at 3:00 pm	5 Prayer Group 9:30 am	6 Women's Fellowship 10:00 am
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