



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Family Matters

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Speakers for Today

Sunday AM
Ethan Dye

Sunday PM
Ethan Dye

No Awe of God

I remember listening to a talk radio program where the host was eliciting comments on why the crime rate had risen for the first time in several years. As you can probably guess, most of the responses were extreme and unconvincing. Still, a common thread among most of the callers was that there is more crime when people no longer have a fear of punishment for crime, nor a respect for authority.

Whenever and wherever wickedness rules, one of the basic reasons is a diminished fear of the consequences of wrongdoing. A major part of Satan's success with Eve was the fact that he convinced her that "you will **not** surely die" (**Genesis 3.4**). He cunningly diminished the fear of sin and of God.

Over the centuries this same theme repeated itself time and again in the history of Israel and Judah. In the time of Jeremiah, God was lamenting the spiritual adultery of His people. They had given themselves to the idolatrous prostitutes of wood and stone "because Israel's immorality mattered so little to her" (**Jeremiah 3.9**). And why was that? One clue to the answer of this question is found in **Jeremiah 2.19**: "Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have **no awe of me**." Similarly, David wrote concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: "There is **no fear of God** before his eyes" (**Psalms 36.1**).

When thinking of the awesomeness of God, it is common for us to be amazed at His wisdom and power. It gives us warm feelings to think of His holiness and might. However, when Jeremiah spoke of Israel having no awe of God, he had in mind a healthy, reverent fear of God's judgment, a fear that would restrain wickedness. Instead, Israel had become so awe-less of that God they were willing to turn to other gods of their own creation and to practice unrestrained wickedness.

Where is the awe of God today when people use His name so thoughtlessly (*Oh my God - omg*)? Where is the awe of God today when homosexuality, abortion, etc. are not just accepted, but encouraged in our society (**Romans 1.18-32**)? Where is the awe of God today when honesty and integrity are thought of as archaic words? Where is the awe of God today when tradition and entertainment are preferred over scripture and truth? Where is the awe of God today when lying and slander among God's people carry no accountability? Where is the awe of God today when every excuse under the sun will suffice to justify us from fulfilling our responsibilities to God to worship, pray, give, commune, study, teach, serve, fellowship, etc.?

Standing in awe of God is not just a song we sing or prayer we offer; it's not just a tingly feeling toward God. It's an attitude of a humble heart bowing before the Almighty that responds with real life actions of service to Him. Are you in awe of God?

Joe Chesser
Fruitland Church of Christ

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am
Evening: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Bible Class: 112
Sunday AM: 168
Sunday PM: 104
Wednesday PM: 92
Contribution: \$3988
Budget: \$4100

Think on This...

Dear children, let us
not love with words or
speech but with
actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Jennifer Huskey: 07.08
Ashlee Garland: 07.09
Jane Miller: 07.10

Anniversaries

Gary & Marcia Ridenour:
07.12

Serving This Week

Announcements: Larry Dowdy
Greeters: Doug & Nancy Lester
Ushers: Mike Green/Randy Seabaugh
PowerPoint: Clayton Schafer
Lead Singing: Todd Newman
Head Lord's Table: David Selvig
Scripture: Lance Kluesner
Prayers:
 AM: Ray Duffey/Murray Dunn
 PM: Kelly Garland/Mike Green

Wednesday Singing: Todd Newman
Wednesday Lesson: Chris Miller
 "The Names of Jesus"
Wednesday Prayer: Randy Seabaugh
Elder Chair: Ray Duffey
Communion to Shut-Ins: Rick Welker

Daily Bible Reading

July 7: Psalms 137-140
July 8: Psalms 141-146
July 9: Psalms 147-150
July 10: Proverbs 1-3
July 11: Proverbs 4-6
July 12: Proverbs 7-9
July 13: Proverbs 10-12

Continuing Prayer Needs

Richard Baker	Jerry Mitchell
June Black	Gary & Jane Mungle
Thelma Brown	Carolyn Neese
Lisa Bryan	Vivian Petty
Myrtie Crews	Jim Pickett
Sharon Davidson	Stan Pierce
Maxine Davis	Eevee Pugh
Bill Dillman	Kevin Pugh
John Dobbins	Patricia Risenhoover
Ray & Marilyn Duffey	Barbara Rushing
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Lena Schweain
Kenny & Sharon Giesler	Helen Seabaugh
Wayne Graham	Jim & Susan Seabaugh
Dwayne Griffin	Juanita Shelton
Carolyn Hann	Steve Simmons
Jack Huskey	Sarah Singleton
Sonny Huskey	Kim Spraggs
Francis & Diana Ivanovich	Faye Stinnett
Peter Ivanovich	Gelena Stoffregen
Al Jackson	Quentin Tarpley
Betty Jones	Harry Thele
Robin & Tina Jones	Molly Thomas
Anthony Keele	Susan Tomsu
Dorothy Loyd	Carolyn Trentham
Hannah McClellan	Mike Turnbow
Brian Mitchell	John Ward

Congratulations!

- Congratulations to **Shawn Myers** on his recent retirement from the Illinois State Patrol! We appreciate his years of service and have a "To Do List" waiting in the office! ☺

Remember in Your Prayers

- **Betty Welshans** had successful surgery on her carotid artery this week and is home and doing well.
- **Allen Hedge** has a cracked hip bone and will be recovering for a while. He does not expect to have surgery at this time.
- **Brian Mitchell** injured his knee last week and had an MRI on Wednesday. He will follow-up on Tuesday.
- **Deanna Finch** fell at work on Thursday and injured her knee and hip. She was seeing a doctor on Friday.
- **Mike Turnbow** is scheduled for an MRI on Monday.

News & Notes

- There will be a baby shower for **Whitney Dye** this Sunday, **July 7 at 2pm** in the fellowship room. Instead of a card, bring a book (new or well-loved!) with a note written inside the cover. They are expecting a baby boy and are registered at Target and Amazon.
- We have been asked to provide **15 dozen cookies** for the campers at **BYC** on **July 16**. Please sign up to help provide these goodies for the kids attending that week. Cookies should be brought to the building by Monday evening, July 15. **We also need someone to deliver the cookies by 10:30am on July 16. Please let Joy Kaye know if you are willing to help with this need.**
- Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is set for **Wednesday, July 17** from 3-7 pm. Please sign up to donate or to help provide refreshments.
- There will be a planning meeting for all **Thursday School Volunteers** on **Sunday, July 28** at 5:15 pm in the fellowship room. Anyone planning to help with Thursday School or wishing to become involved is encouraged to attend. See Joy Kaye with any questions.
- We have a Back-To-School potluck set for **Sunday, July 28** following evening services. Bring a dish and/or a freezer of ice cream and enjoy an evening with our church family. Team #2 (Crowden, Singleton, Seabaugh) will handle set-up and clean-up.
- Please take time to complete the survey was sent out recently to help Eva complete a teacher rotation for the upcoming year.
- A new **Helping Hands** list has been posted. Please take a tab or two and help us restock the closet. If you know of any families who may benefit from this ministry, please see Scott Spraggs.
- **CFS Timothy Cans** are due back now. Please bring your filled cans and drop them in the office as soon as possible. They will be picked up soon.

Sympathy

- We offer our love and sympathy to Betty Jones as she has lost her son, **Kendall Sparkman** this week. Kendall was removed from life support on Friday. Arrangements are pending.

Youth News

- **July 7-12: BYC Session 3**—Stan Dauck & Kevin Lawrence
- **July 14-20: BYC Session 4**—Mike Rush
- **July 21-26: LECYC Senior Week**