

# The Bulletin

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### “Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things”

By Jerry D. Curry

God's people have always been called upon to take action. As Joshua made his farewell speech he exhorted Israel, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15). Haggai exhorted Israel, "Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house" (Haggai 1:8). Jesus, our ultimate example of a servant, says, "My meat is to do the will of Him Who sent Me" (John 4:34).

Many times we are hesitant to accept difficult challenges, consequently, opportunities to render great service to God are lost. God has not always looked to great people to serve in great ways. Be encouraged to accept great challenges as we notice how God has used ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Moses was asked by God to appear before Pharaoh and demand that he let the people of God leave Egypt. As Moses contemplated this extraordinary challenge he demonstrated his ordinary character as he made the following excuses: "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh? What shall I say unto them? But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice. I am not eloquent" (Exodus 3:4). Moses was able to rise above some ordinary traits and successfully meet the extraordinary challenges of confronting Pharaoh, leading Israel out of Egypt and through the wilderness for forty years.

God spoke to Joshua and said, "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them" (Joshua 1:2). After wandering with the murmuring nation of Israel for forty years, Joshua is given the extraordinary challenge of leading Israel into the Jordan and across to the promised land. Following Israel's defeat by Ai, Joshua demonstrated an ordinary lack of trust as he stated, "O Lord God, wherefore hast Thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us?" (Joshua 7:7) God calms the ordinary fear of Joshua by saying, "Fear not, neither be thou dismayed; take all the people of war with thee, and arise and go up to Ai; see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai" (Joshua 8:1).

David demonstrated an extraordinary faith as he went out to the battlefield and defeated the giant Goliath with a sling and small stones. (see I Samuel 17:17-51) He is paid the extraordinary compliment in Acts 13:22, where God says of David, "I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart." Yet, what painfully ordinary traits were exhibited as he committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband killed in the heat of battle. Please take time to read II Samuel 11:1-17.

We could write further of 1) Esther, though afraid of death, appeared before the king to ask that Israel be spared (Esther 4:16). 2) Abraham, who left his homeland and later raised the knife to offer his son upon the altar, yet earlier



lies about Sarah as he feared for his life (Hebrews 11:8, 17-19; Genesis 20:9-13). Or 3) Peter, who walked on water and was with the Lord at Gethsemane, yet later cursed and denied Christ (Matthew 14:27-31; 26:69-75).

May we be encouraged to accept great challenges as ordinary people striving to do extraordinary things.

**GOSPEL MEETING** Allen Shepherd  
Sunday April 21st  
Monday-Friday 22nd-26th  
7:00 PM Nightly

## “Leaving The Pit”

By Wilson Adams

It was the most compelling argument I've ever heard against social drinking...

A young man in his 30s stood in front of the Leaving the Pit Conference in Indianapolis on Saturday and told his story. His alcohol use began in high school and intensified in college. He hid it well. He was drinking heavily even though he was actively involved in church activities. "Knowledge was not my problem; connecting my heart to my head was my problem." He shrugged off his first DUI. As he sat in a jail cell following his second DUI, he looked around at other prisoners a decade his senior and asked, "Is this where I want to be in ten years?" It was decision time.

Today, he is ten years sober, married, and a father. As he told his powerful story, the silence was deafening. And then he said.... "I go to an AA meeting where people confess their struggles and where it is acknowledged openly that we cannot place ourselves in any situation where we could be tempted to drink -- and then ... I sit in a Bible class and hear a brother in Christ make a comment that he doesn't see anything wrong with social drinking and I just shake my head ..."

Sadly, alcohol is the leading drug of choice for many. Make no mistake: it is a drug -- albeit bottled. Its force is powerful, addictive, and life changing. And someone dares encourage its recreational use?

"Am I my brother's keeper?" Yes I am.

P.S. Want to know more about Leaving The Pit monthly conferences?

Visit [leavingthepit.com](http://leavingthepit.com). Highly recommended.

*"But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation." (1 Thessalonians 5:4-8).*



### A Women's Bible Class

Will meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM. Ask Chris or Kathrine Callahan for details.

## “Why I Go To Every Service of the Church”

- (1) ....**Because Jesus Is There.** *“Where two or three have gathered in My name, I am there in their midst.”* (Matthew 18:20) Jesus has never forsaken an assembly, and I want to be like Him.
- (2) ....**Because I Am Made Stronger.** Power is given in worship to live a nobler life (Acts 20:32). There is the sweetest fellowship on earth. Why should I want to miss ANY service that I am able to attend?

- (3) ....**Because Jesus Wants The Church To Grow.** The church always grows when members put God first by loyal attendance. Here is a way we all can help in the finest work on earth.
- (4) ....**To Set A Good Example.** Many look my way and follow in my steps (Matthew 5:14-16). Influence is either good or bad. Any hour the church meets, my influence is with or against Christ.
- (5) ....**To Show My Love & Gratitude.** One who truly loves God does not ask if he must attend all services. His love compels him to! If I show love to God by my attendance, then it is equally true that I show a lack of love by my absence (Matthew 22:37-39).

**News and Notes:** Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Martha Norvell (Mississippi Care), June Lawson (Lisa Busby's Mom), Clois Wright, Debbie Keplinger, Gaddy Hall, Janis Johnson, Daniel Holloway, Tammy Kilgore (Jerry's niece), Betty Hurst, Peggy Harville (cancer), Pam Zeanah, Katie Ward Cobern (cancer)  
Keep Tim Sr's uncle in our prayers, Betty Hurst is having some tests done this week, Tim Jr. is having some back issues.

**Those Who Serve:**

**Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:**

**Opening Prayer:** Paul Busby  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Sermon #1:** "The Righteous Wrath of God"

**Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:**

Jerry Kennemur  
 The Book of Acts (Jason Longstreth)  
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**Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:**

**Announcements:** Paul Johnson  
**Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:** Chris Callahan  
 2 Corinthians 6:17,18,7:1  
**Song Leader:** Adam Harris  
**Lord's Supper:** Jerry Kennemur  
**Assisting:** Adam Harris & Nathan Meade  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Invitation:** "The Goodness & Holiness of God"  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Harris Jr.

**Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.**

**March 6th:**

**Auditorium Bible Class:**

Russell Briggs  
 1 & 2 Chronicles (Mike Willis)  
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**Invitation:**

**Song Leader:**

**Closing Prayer:**

Dan Cottrell  
 Paul Busby  
 Tim Harris Sr.