



NEWS and CALENDAR EVENTS

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“Jesus saith unto him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.’” John 14:6
A Compromise on Christianity

The Robertson family from Duck Dynasty and the Cathy family from Chick-fil-a are two awesome examples of families and businesses who hold true to their evangelical Christian beliefs even in the scrutinizing spotlight the world puts on them. On average, Chick-fil-a makes more money per restaurant than any other fast food chain in the United States. Duck Dynasty has been A&E’s most viewed show of all time. What are the secrets to their success? Business Insider will give a reader multiple reasons for Chick-fil-a’s success: polite, quick customer service and restaurant cleanliness. In a list of 10 reasons for Duck Dynasty’s success, things such as how Si talks, Kay’s cooking, and frog hunting make the list. Nowhere in these articles is the faith of these two organizations mentioned yet that is the true reason for their successes. Both organizations built their foundations on Christ, and they continue to stay true to Him when the whole world ridicules them. When people were calling for a boycott on Chick-fil-a, and A&E was trying to remove Duck Dynasty off the air because of their beliefs on homosexuality, both Dan Cathy and Pihl Robertson stood firm on their stance that homosexuality is a sin. They never wavered, even when faced with threats to their success and finances, and God blessed them for it.

Just as they did with these two organizations, everywhere we look the culture today bombards us with sermons on “tolerance”, “not judging anyone else”, and “loving everyone.” I have heard people who claim to be Christians use this lingo. Let’s make this clear: we SHOULD love everyone, regardless of their flaws and beliefs; we SHOULD NOT be so self-righteous that we are judging anyone else. However, judging someone is NOT the same as disagreeing with someone’s beliefs. Just because I think homosexuality is a sin does not mean I am being judgmental of them. I am simply stating the truth based on the Bible. Our culture wants Christians to believe that we cannot have any other beliefs than the world’s or we are intolerant. It is to the point where Christians are compromising on their beliefs to please the world. That cannot happen. We are called to spread the Gospel to the world, but we cannot do that if we are compromising our beliefs. Jesus did not say that there were many ways to Him; that He could be reached through different religions. He said there was one way only, so we are doing the world an injustice by changing Jesus’ message or altering our beliefs to fit the world’s. Duck Dynasty and Chick-fil-a continue to be awesome examples on how to stay true to one’s beliefs even when the world is against you. We cannot compromise on anything, regardless of what the world threatens to do to us. We must remember Matthew 10:28: “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which us able to destroy both body and soul in hell.” Our ultimate desire should be to please God and bring glory to Him, not please a fickle world who has no power over us. -Kalyn Lewis

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	2 <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg. & DU Classes <u>7PM</u> Deacon Meeting	3 Prison Ministry	4 <u>5PM-10PM</u> Youth Back to School Bash	5
6 <u>During AM Service</u> ADAM'S ROAD <u>5PM</u> B & G Meeting <u>6PM</u> Project 6:23 Banquet	7 Prison Ministry	8 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	9 <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg. & DU Classes RA & GA Promotion <u>7PM</u> Council Meeting	10 <u>11:30AM</u> SAM's Luncheon <u>7PM</u> Bread of Life (Midpoint) Prison Ministry	11	12
13 <u>12PM</u> SS Teacher Appreciation Luncheon <u>2PM</u> Nursing Home	14 <u>8:30AM</u> First Day of Mother's Day Out Prison Ministry	15 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	16 <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg. & DU Classes 6:23 Class #1	17 Prison Ministry	18	19 <u>8AM</u> Men/Youth Boys Breakfast
20 <u>8AM</u> "The Teacher I Want to Be" Video <u>12PM</u> SAM's/Youth Luncheon <u>4PM</u> 6:23 Visitation #1	21 Prison Ministry	22 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	23 <u>4PM</u> Visitation #1 <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg. & DU Classes 6:23 Class #2 <u>7PM</u> Stewardship Mtg.	24 Prison Ministry	25 Prison Ministry	26
27 <u>12PM</u> NAM Luncheon <u>4PM</u> Visitation #2 <u>7PM</u> Business Meeting Communion	28 Prison Ministry	29 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	30 <u>4PM</u> Visitation #2 <u>6PM</u> Prayer Mtg. & DU Classes 6:23 Class #3	31 Prison Ministry		

PROJECT 6:23

"But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts." (1 Thessalonians 2:4)
Can you be trusted with the gospel? Some of the things we need in order to be trustworthy of the gospel are a love for God and others, approved by God, boldness, and always speak to please God rather than man. Spend time in personal Bible study and prayer. Ask God to give you a love for people and a burden for those who do not know Him. Pray for boldness to share the gospel in confidence, knowing the message we share has the power to change lives. And always seek God's approval over man's approval, knowing that God knows our heart. As we begin a new semester of 6:23 we hope that you have signed up to join us. If you are new to 6:23, we have a learner's class for you to attend. Our prayer is to reach as many people as possible with the gospel. Ask God to do great things this semester. Be faithful to attend each week. Ask the key question and be ready to share. Pray for those we will visit. And may we never lose our sense of urgency in sharing the gospel. It is a matter of life or death!

Joyfully serving - Frank and Linda Lewis

Project 6twenty3 BANQUET

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 6th for our banquet. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6PM for a great time of worship and fellowship. Please bring a dessert.



MOTHER'S DAY OUT PROGRAM

Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30AM-2PM, starting August 14th. Contact the Church office for more information or to pick up a registration packet.

ADAM'S ROAD

ADAM'S ROAD, a Christian group who will be sharing the Gospel through music and their testimony will be joining us August 6th during our AM service. Be sure to invite your friends & family.

#CREW Corner

As an upcoming senior, I can say I finally made it! Praise the Lord! I've never been a fan of school nor do I believe I ever will be. This year God has opened my eyes and my heart to His will more and more. Through FCA camp this summer He opened my eyes to the fact that me going to school is not about me, it's about the people around me that God is going to reach through me. When Brother Adam asked me to do the newsletter this month I starting looking for a verse to focus on. God placed Hebrews 12:1 in my focus. Hebrews 12:1 reads, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." The way that God works is so Awesome!! With it being summer time and me staying up late I want to be able to sleep in as often as I can. The last couple of days God has woken me up and told me to go run, CRAZY right? At least that's what I thought until I did it. God showed me through a simple morning jog that yes it was early and oh yes it hurt, but after running I got to view one of God's most beautiful displays, his sunrise. Through my morning "race" that God set before me I got to see the glorious sunrise. At the end of my race that is set before me I will get to see the other beautiful Son that rose on the 3rd day!

-Elizabeth Brewer



Youth Back to School Bash will be on Friday, August 4th from 5PM-10PM for all incoming 7th graders to 2017 graduating seniors.

SAM'S GROUP & YOUTH LUNCHEON
SAM'S GROUP (AGES 50 & UP) AND OUR YOUTH GROUP WILL BE HAVING A LUNCHEON AUGUST 20TH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AM SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. WHAT A GREAT WAY FOR THE SENIORS TO MEET AND LEARN ABOUT THE YOUTH.

Welcome

BY BAPTISM

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