



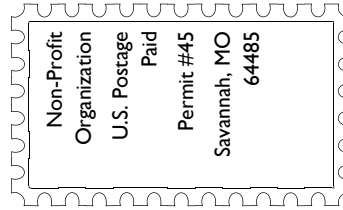
“Why so bitter?”
The Power of Love and
Forgiveness

A word from the “lil pastor” (Jeff)

It doesn't take much to look around us to see how our world and our country is consumed by bitterness. We spend so much time complaining about this or that, and then we are blown away by the hate actions shown in Charlottesville. Yet when confronted about our own bitterness or unwillingness to forgive, we sometimes don't want to face the music sort of speak. It's easier to complain and play the blame game instead of considering the greater picture.

But one of the most humbling things we can recognize is that when we are bitter, or complaining, this is where the Gospel can make a huge difference in our lives and others we come in contact with. In Ephesians 4:25-32, we see Paul reminding the church in Ephesus “to put away the lying to each other, but rather speak the truth to his neighbor because we are members of one another” (v.25). He goes on to say that we can be angry, but in our anger do no sin. We are emotional beings, and our emotions can be good things if used in the right way. It's when we want to complain or lose our cool, and be bitter towards each other is where the devil gets his victory. Paul says in v. 27 to not give the devil an opportunity. And small victories will lead into more victories and then before we realize it we have lost who we are in Christ Paul doesn't leave it there. He goes on to say that we should not use foul language “but only for the good to build others up in need so it gives **grace to those who hear**” (v. 29). The next verse says to not grieve the Holy Spirit. He ends with a gracious plea in v.32, “and be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, **just as Christ forgave you**” (CSB).

Notice I bolded two phrases that deal directly with understanding the Gospel's work in our lives. Why are we so quick to forget sometimes that if we are followers of Christ, we should be showing grace to others and practice giving forgiveness? Do we so quickly forget to bring about change, we must first experience the change in us. Let us today make the most of each opportunity and let us practice giving grace and looking to encourage and build up to help each other be more like Christ.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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The Enlightener

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened....” Ephesians 1:18

Connecting Building Sharing

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OUR MISSION:

**TO CONNECT
PEOPLE TO
GOD AND
CONNECT
PEOPLE TO
EACH
OTHER

TO
PRODUCE
POWERFUL,
POSITIVE
LIFE
CHANGE**

Serving September 10, 2017	Serving September 17, 2017	Serving September 24, 2017
<p><u>Ushers</u> Corky Cundiff Gary Lowrance Don Lawrence Steve Cole Ron Leeson</p> <p><u>Invocation</u> Pastor Dan Mefford</p> <p><u>Greeter(s)</u> Alice & Charles Morgan</p> <p><u>Welcome Center</u> Maxine Bomar</p> <p><u>Security Team</u> Aaron Jones Phil Gould</p> <p><u>Nursery</u> Ashley Price</p> <p><u>Van Driver</u> Harold Morgan</p> <p><u>Intercessory Prayer</u> Tim Kelley</p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> Rodney Cole Wes Morgan Terrel Clark Ryan Reese Collin Reese</p> <p><u>Invocation</u> Stephanie Mefford</p> <p><u>Greeter(s)</u> Caryl & Debbie Walker</p> <p><u>Welcome Center</u> Don Lawrence</p> <p><u>Security Team</u> Kelly Speer</p> <p><u>Nursery</u> Keith & Sara Toalson</p> <p><u>Van Driver</u> Kelly Speer</p> <p><u>Intercessory Prayer</u> Rick Smith</p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> Ted Coats Gary Cole Kelly Speer Wilburn Moran Charles Morgan Mark Vincent</p> <p><u>Invocation</u> Tim Kelley</p> <p><u>Greeter(s)</u> Larry & Robin Burns</p> <p><u>Welcome Center</u> Betty Sybert</p> <p><u>Security Team</u> John Voss Diane Gould</p> <p><u>Nursery</u> June Clark</p> <p><u>Van Driver</u> Keith Toalson</p> <p><u>Intercessory Prayer</u> Pastor Dan Mefford</p>

BUDGET OFFERING		
<u>August 06, 2017</u>	<u>August 13, 2017</u>	<u>August 20, 2017</u>
<u>WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS</u>		
\$7,608.00		
<u>BUDGET RECEIPTS</u>		
\$9,824.00	\$6,458.00	\$4,732.00
<u>BFT RECEIPTS</u>		
\$250.00	\$60.00	\$30.00
<u>DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</u>		
\$2,090.00	\$18.74	\$186.00

<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK Weekly Hall Guides</u>		
<u>Sept 10, 2017</u>	<u>Sept 17, 2017</u>	<u>Sept 24, 2017</u>
Bill Christenson 324-1864	Gary Cole 567-4058	Paul Garrison 324-6272
Ted Coats 324-3936	Rodney Cole 428-4209	Alan Gates 324-5893

<u>VISITATION TEAM</u>		
<u>Sept 10, 2017</u>	<u>Sept 17, 2017</u>	<u>Sept 24, 2017</u>
Caryl & Debbie Walker	Tim & Donna Kelley	Donna Morris Valinda Robertson

<u>PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS</u>		
<u>Sept 10, 2017</u>	<u>Sept 17, 2017</u>	<u>Sept 24, 2017</u>
	Charles Morgan	Gary Cole

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>August 27, 2017</u>	<u>September 3, 2017</u>
<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP</u>	
212	191
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
176	165

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Office #: (816) 324-3314

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY please call Pastor Mark at (816)977-4208 or Pastor Dan @ (816)261-7271. **If no answer in the office on a work day,** please leave a message on voice mail and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Fax #816-324-7634
E-Mail: fbcsav@stjoelive.com
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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 10 - September 16, 2017

September 10: SUNDAY

8:45am Prayer Time
9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School

September 11: MONDAY

10:00am Staff Meeting
6:00pm WOM #2
7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

September 12: TUESDAY

September 13: WEDNESDAY

BOOK OF REPORTS DUE
5:15pm Dinner
6:00 - 7:30pm - AWANA
6:15pm Bible Study/Men's Study
7:00pm Choir

September 14: THURSDAY

6:00pm Youth Ministry

September 15: FRIDAY

9:00pm - 11:00pm - 5th Quarter

September 16: SATURDAY

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 17 - September 23, 2017

September 17: SUNDAY

LORD'S SUPPER
8:45am Prayer Time
9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School

September 18: MONDAY

September 19: TUESDAY

September 20: WEDNESDAY

5:15pm Dinner
6:00 - 7:30pm - AWANA
6:15pm Bible Study/Men's Study
7:00pm Choir

September 21: THURSDAY

6:00pm WOM #2
6:00pm Youth Ministry

September 22: FRIDAY

First Day of Fall

September 23: SATURDAY

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 24 - September 30, 2017

September 24: SUNDAY

8:45am Prayer Time
9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School

September 25: MONDAY

September 26: TUESDAY

September 27: WEDNESDAY

5:15pm Dinner
6:00 - 7:30pm - AWANA
6:15pm Bible Study/Men's Study
7:00pm Choir

September 28: THURSDAY

6:00pm Youth Ministry

September 29: FRIDAY

9:00pm - 11:00pm - 5th Quarter

September 30: SATURDAY



**Fifth Quarters
are happening!!!**

Time: 9:00 PM to
11:00 PM

Dates: **September 15th
September 29th**

Come join us! We will have nachos, volleyball, basketball, board games, and fellowship!

If you are interested in serving, please see
Pastor Jeff.

The next Enlightener date will be:

September 20, 2017

Submission deadline - 9/18 by 9am

2nd Time Around Shoppe:

Have to Give: King Size Mattress

See Terry Toalson with questions.

MARK CONYERS, SENIOR PASTOR

**Pastor of Admin &
Technology**

Dan Mefford

Youth Pastor

Jeff Davis

**Senior Adults/
Children's Minister**

Stephanie Mefford

Minister of Music

Greg Smith

Musician(s)

Meredith McDonald

Debbie Conyers

Custodian

Terry Toalson

Part-Time Custodian

Ruthie VanSchoiack

Secretary

Roberta Watson

The Over 60 Adult Class is still collecting **empty prescription bottles** and also **non-perishables** for the Food Pantry. Please deliver these items to their classroom - **Room #3**.

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LOST

Cloth bag - tan, red, and blue squares. It has a bible and other books, along with a yellow, orange, and pink notebook. If found, please call Tammy Burns at 816-262-1245. Thank you!

Women's Ministry Bible Study

The Quest by Beth Moore

Beginning Monday, October 2

Will run for 6 weeks

Cost for the book is \$16.00

The Quest is not your typical Beth Moore Study. It is not an in-depth Bible Study. It is a study to learn how to study God's Word. The promotional information says, "**Learn to dig into the Word, to respond to the questions of God, and to bring your questions before Him.**"

Sign up in the Gym by Wednesday Sept 20th so we can order the books.

Questions: please contact Vicki Gates

AWANA Update

AWANA is off to a GREAT start! We had 34 kids the first week and 37 kids the second week!!!

I want to thank all the leaders who are dedicated to seeing that the clubbers have the opportunity to know, love, and serve our Savior.

September is BRING A FRIEND month.

Thank you, Stephanie Mefford

Protecting The Miracle of Life in our Backyard

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Key Note Speaker: Ryan Dobson

Word of Life Church

3902 N Riverside Rd, St. Joseph, MO 64505

Please follow the link below on your computer to access our new church directory on-line beginning August 30th.. The password is **HeLives**. You may request to access your personal information and edit data such as names, numbers, addresses, etc. for you or your family only. Your user name and password for that type of functionality will be unique. **OTHER THAN YOURSELF, ONLY THE CHURCH OFFICE ALSO HAS ACCESS TO UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION.** This **REQUIRES** an email to be included in your information on the church database. If you prefer we send you an invitation to set up your own account via our control-panel, please notify pastor Dan. We can do updates for you, but it will not be as quick as if you did them yourself.

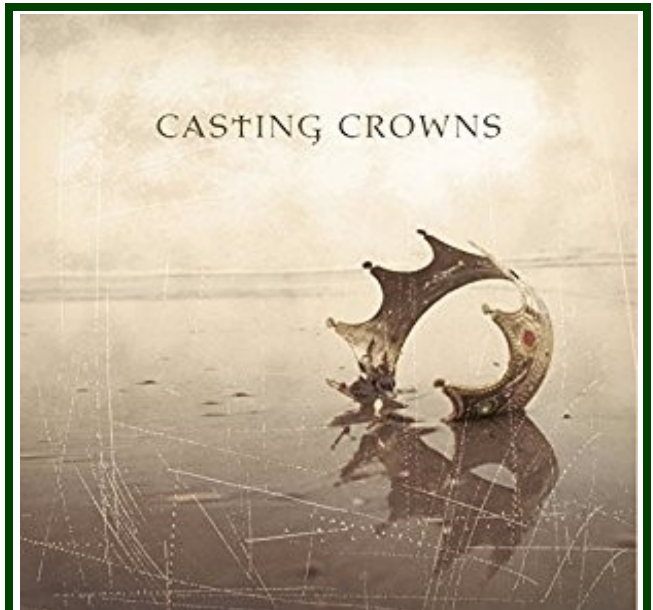
<https://servantkeeper.com/directory/FBCSAV>

You may also place the directory on your phone. You need to follow the instructions for your type of phone on how to place the link to the directory on your screen. This varies among brands so please know that we cannot assist with requests for this type help. There is on-line help available from your phone manufacturer and it can guide you to accomplish the task.

Let Pastor Dan know if you have questions. The old church directory is still in use until such time as we complete the transfer.



Online Church
DIRECTORY



Casting Crowns Concert

When: Thursday, October 12th
7:00 PM

Where: Civic Arena

How: Get your \$33.00 to Jeff Davis by Sunday, September 24th to reserve your seat/ticket! We will be leaving the church by 5:45 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Davis.

REMINDER: If you have an **URGENT** message and get the answering machine at the church, please call or text the emergency number (816-261-7271) with your message. (If texting, please include your name in the text message.) We may not be able to check the machine after office hours until Sunday morning.