



*Rev. Dr. Kim McLean*



Sunday Service:

10:30 am CST

Come visit us at

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We meet at the

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*Loving God - Loving People - Loving Life*



## UNAPOLOGETIC *We are Nazarene*

Did you know that 80% of the population of Brazil is Christian? That's according to ChatGPT, and I believe it because I've heard stories. Carla Sunberg, one of our General Superintendents, shares stories about the largest Nazarene Church in the world...in Brazil. She describes how they have several services on Sunday, all with thousands in attendance for every service. In Brazil, she says, it's popular to be Nazarene. We're the cool denomination there!

Well, one of them. Of that 80% Christian population, there are many Catholics and Assemblies of God. But the Nazarenes are very present and growing. We are a significant part of the Christian renewal happening in that country.

There are actually more Nazarenes in the US than in Brazil, but that is only because we are a bigger nation. A much smaller percentage of our population is Nazarene. To hear some people talk, "Nazarene" is antiquated, weird, and about as obscure as the tiny colony in the Dr. Seuss classic, Horton Hears a Who, that was so small it lived on a speck of dust. I suppose God could work with a meager group like that. In fact, the Nazarene church in Brazil was planted in 1958 by two missionaries, Earl and Gladys. Remember what Jesus said about faith a small as a mustard seed? With a steady practice of giving it water, light, and love, it grows! God blesses what He ordains.

The Church of the Nazarene is very special. I love our theology of love. I love learning the Jesus way *this* way, with these people, with you. We're a down-to-earth denomination, yet highly educated and very missional. I have always found us to be more concerned with seeking the lost and healing the broken, than with growing our "brand." It's like, you set out with ambitious dreams of big attendance and world changing stories, but you get side-tracked by love in the little places. And then you realize that from those meek, honest places you ARE the story that's changing the world, together with all the others.

What matters is that TODAY, right where we are, we are in step with what God has for us to do TODAY. He'll take care of the rest if we remain faithful in prayer, worship, and outreach.

There are so many beautiful expressions of our Christian faith, our Trinitarian-Jesus-is-Lord creed. It is such joy to walk along beside all of them as a true and tried and sanctified Nazarene.



# MUSIC CITY WEST — CHURCH —

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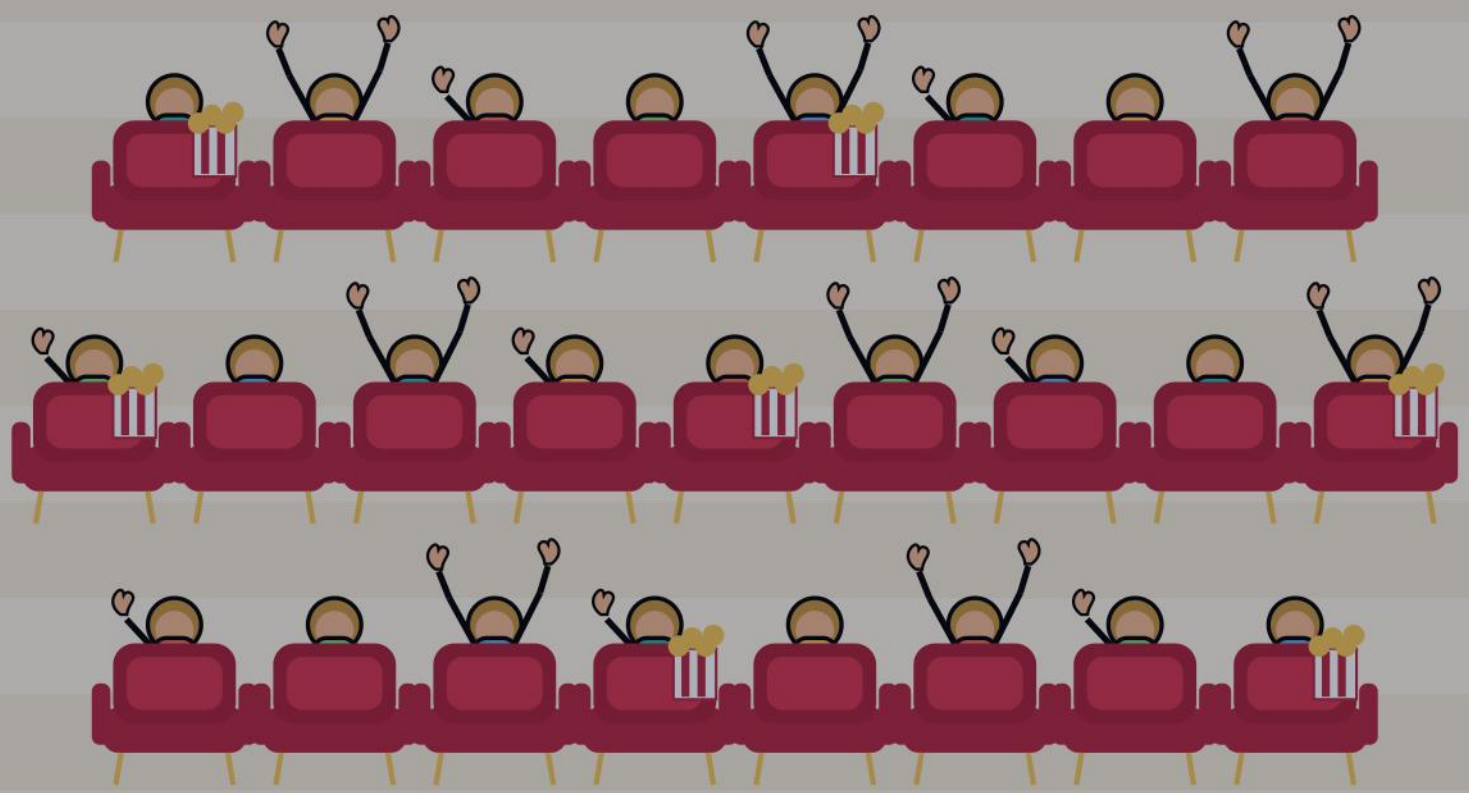
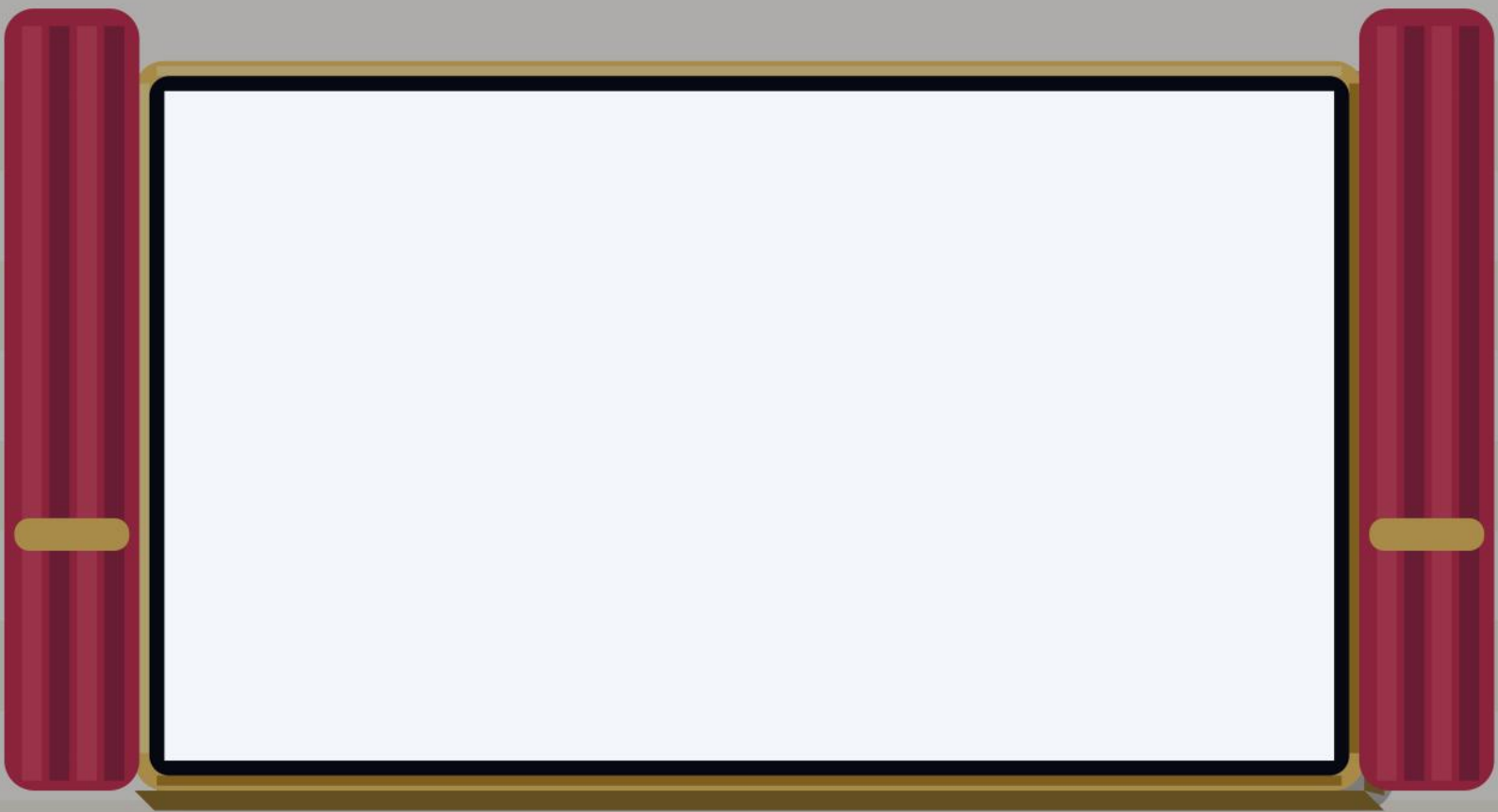
## AUGUST — 2026 —

| SUNDAY                                                                                             | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 2<br>10:30 am service<br>@ Harpeth Valley<br>— 🎵 —<br>3:30 pm service<br>@ Harmony<br>at Bellevue  | 3      | 4<br>9:00 am<br>Prayer Group<br>on zoom<br>— 🎵 —<br>7:00 pm<br>TPK Bible talks  | 5                                                           | 6        | 7      | 8        |
| 9<br>10:30 am service<br>@ Harpeth Valley<br>— 🎵 —<br>3:30 pm service<br>@ Harmony<br>at Bellevue  | 10     | 11<br>9:00 am<br>Prayer Group<br>on zoom<br>— 🎵 —<br>7:00 pm<br>TPK Bible talks | 12<br>9:30 am -<br>Healing the<br>Wounded Artist<br>on Zoom | 13       | 14     | 15       |
| 16<br>10:30 am service<br>@ Harpeth Valley<br>— 🎵 —<br>3:30 pm service<br>@ Harmony<br>at Bellevue | 17     | 18<br>9:00 am<br>Prayer Group<br>on zoom<br>— 🎵 —<br>7:00 pm<br>TPK Bible talks | 19                                                          | 20       | 21     | 22       |
| 23<br>10:30 am service<br>@ Harpeth Valley<br>— 🎵 —<br>3:30 pm service<br>@ Harmony<br>at Bellevue | 24     | 25<br>9:00 am<br>Prayer Group<br>on zoom<br>— 🎵 —<br>7:00 pm<br>TPK Bible talks | 26<br>9:30 am -<br>Healing the<br>Wounded Artist<br>on Zoom | 27       | 28     | 29       |
| 30<br>10:30 am service<br>@ Harpeth Valley<br>— 🎵 —<br>3:30 pm service<br>@ Harmony<br>at Bellevue | 31     |                                                                                 |                                                             |          |        |          |

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,  
all ye lands.*

— Psalm 100:1





COMING SOON!



NAZARENE MISSIONS  
INTERNATIONAL

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**WESTWIND** is heading to Bimini, Bahamas.



## Your help is needed!

Pastor Kim has been invited to preach at a historic Wesleyan church that is currently without a pastor. The community holds special significance because Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spent time there while preparing his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech.

Our praise team, WestWind, is excited to join Pastor Kim and share the joyful spirit of our Sunday morning worship with this small, rustic church!

Tickets and accommodations are covered, but there are still some travel-related expenses. We will be receiving love offerings, and every contribution—no matter the amount—will be greatly appreciated.

We also need volunteers to help keep things running smoothly at home on September 13th and 20th! Assistance is needed with music, setup, the Harmony service, prayer support, and any other area where you feel called to serve. Together, we can support this wonderful ministry opportunity—both near and far!

# Kids Creative Collective



a special place where kids can  
learn about God's love  
through creativity, music,  
stories, activities, and  
friendship while parents  
enjoy worship.

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HARPETH VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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SUNDAY 10:30 AM CST



**MUSIC CITY WEST**  
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# COMING THIS WEEK!

With Jesus Series  
"With Jesus I am Smart"  
Children learn that being smart  
is not just knowing facts - it is  
making wise choices that honor God.

## WE LEARN TOGETHER!

We discover God's Word,  
ask questions, and grow  
in faith together!

GROWING  
IN GOD'S WORD  
TOGETHER!

## WE PRAISE TOGETHER!

We lift our voices to God!

## WE PRAY TOGETHER!

We talk to God with  
thankful hearts!

FAITH



FRIENDS



CREATIVITY



FUN!





# HEALING the WOUNDED ARTIST

with  
Rev. Dr.  
Kim McLean



Wed. August 26th

9:30-10:30 am (CT)  
on ZOOM



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**MUSIC CITY WEST CHURCH**

# The August Initiative

## Working together, honoring Christ

Three simple ways to participate this month

### YOUR AUGUST COMMITMENT

#### 01 ATTEND

Join at least one Tuesday Discipleship Class (also known as Bible Talks or TPK).

#### 02 INVITE

Invite at least one person to Tuesday Service, 7-8 PM CST, on Zoom or in person.

#### 03 BRING

Bring a child to church. Invest in their faith, their belonging, and their future.

### ONE CHURCH. THREE ACTIONS. LASTING IMPACT.

Choose your next step, invite someone to join you, and let us grow together.

Loving God, Loving People, Loving Life



# Editor's *Corner*

by Lori Mahan

*God didn't let me break...*

*This week a song showed up in my feed and it wasn't a coincidence. Written by Raven Leigh, "God didn't let me break" presents a testimony of enduring hardship through God's sustaining presence.*

*Most of us can recall more than one experience that could have crushed us, yet somehow we endured and made it through. How?*

*It's not that believers never experience pain. Faith does not make us untouched by grief, disappointment, loneliness, or exhaustion. Instead, it reminds us that suffering does not have to possess the final word. We may feel wounded, overwhelmed, and close to breaking, yet God remains present within those difficult places.*

*Psalms 34:18 declares that God is near to the brokenhearted. His nearness does not always remove the struggle immediately, but it assures us that we are not abandoned. Sometimes God changes our circumstances; at other times, He strengthens us so that the circumstances do not destroy us.*

*Paul's testimony states in 2 Corinthians 12:9: God's grace is sufficient, for His power is revealed through human weakness. Our survival is not always evidence of our own strength. Often, it is evidence that God carried us when we had no strength remaining.*

*The idea that God "did not let me break" should not mean that Christians must hide their tears or pretend to be strong. Biblical strength includes admitting pain, seeking help, praying honestly, and allowing others to offer support. A person can feel emotionally broken while still being spiritually held by God.*

*Isaiah 43:2 promises God's presence through overwhelming waters and fire. It does not promise that hardship will never come; it promises that hardship will not separate us from Him. God walks with us through the storm, protects what suffering cannot destroy, and gradually leads us toward healing.*

*Scars can remain part of the story, but they no longer define its ending. God can transform pain into compassion, weakness into dependence, and survival into a witness that encourages others. What attempted to destroy us may become the place where God's sustaining power is most clearly seen.*

*"God Didn't Let Me Break" reminds us that resilience is not simply standing alone. It is being held by God, strengthened by grace, supported by others, and given the courage to rise again.*



# A POCKET FULL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

with Jerry Huff



THIS WEEK

## STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

*Read: 1 Timothy 5:17 - 25 & 6:1 - 2a*

*"We are called to show honor and respect  
to everyone within the church."*

Tune in to TPK on Tuesday nights for an  
in-depth discussion of this week's lesson  
with Pastor Kim McLean.

## SUMMER SERIES

AUGUST 30 - FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

If you would like to order a quarterly Sunday School Book, please send your request complete with name and address to [mcwchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mcwchurch@gmail.com), subject: Sunday School Book. A \$5.00 donation goes to fund this literature. Thank you!

# Philemon

## The 57th book of the Bible

### Paul's Epistles (Letters)

**A letter about forgiveness and reconciliation in Christ.**

#### Verse Outline

##### 1-3: Salutations

Paul warmly greets Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, and the church, meeting in their home, creating a personal and relational tone.

##### 4 - 7: Philemon's Love and Faith

Paul thanks God for Philemon's faithful love and devotion.

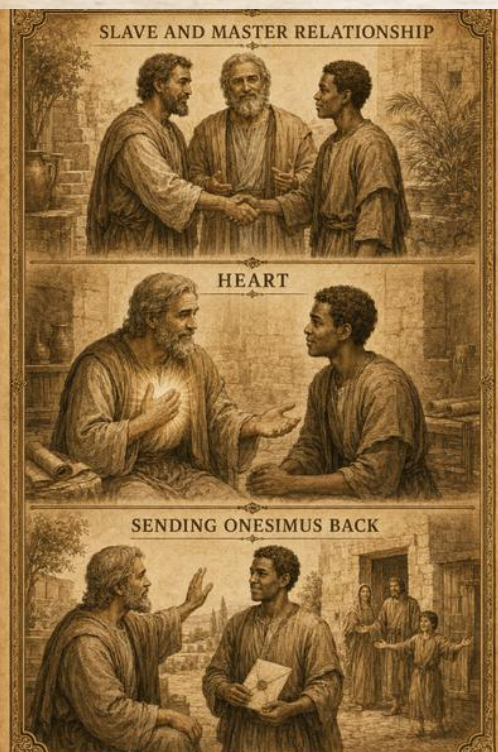
##### 8 - 25: Paul's Appeal and Final Greetings

Paul asks Philemon to welcome Onesimus back and closes with encouragement, personal requests, and blessings, emphasizing love and forgiveness.

Paul wrote Philemon around A.D. 60–62 while imprisoned, likely in Rome. He appealed to Philemon to forgive and welcome back Onesimus—not merely as a servant, but as a beloved brother in Christ. The letter demonstrates how Christian love, reconciliation, and equality should transform relationships.

*"So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back - not to mention that you owe me your very self."* Philemon 17 - 19

## SYMBOLISM & IMAGERY



### Slave and Master Relationship

Philemon and Onesimus's relationship shows how Christ transforms social barriers and calls believers to treat one another as equals.

### Heart

Paul's reference to his heart reveals his deep affection for Onesimus and the strong spiritual bonds faith creates among believers.

### Sending Onesimus Back

Sending Onesimus back represents restoring broken relationships and making amends, reflecting the biblical principles of reconciliation and forgiveness.

**A study in Forgiveness, reconciliation, brotherhood and faith.**

# THEMES IN PHILEMON

*Faithfulness, endurance and spiritual growth*

## A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LETTER

1 - 4

Salutation

4 - 7

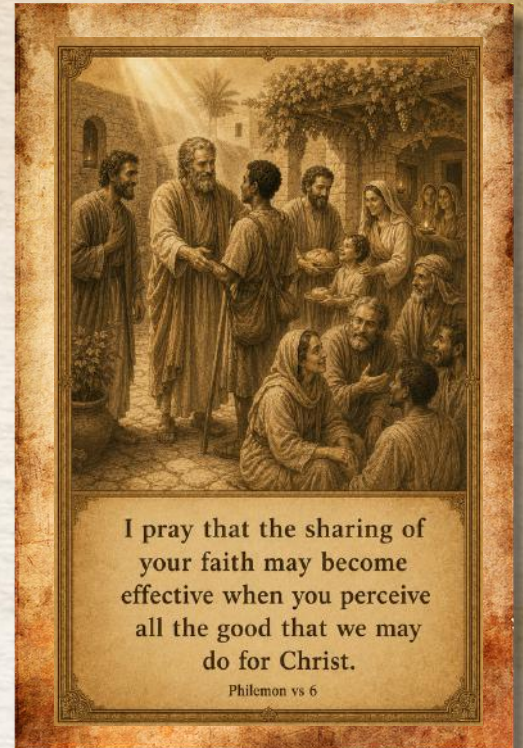
Philemon's Love and Faith

8 - 22

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

23 - 25

Maintain Good Deeds



## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

### Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Just as Paul encouraged Philemon to forgive Onesimus, believers are called to forgive those who have wronged them.

### Embracing Equality in Christ

The letter teaches that all believers are equal in Christ, calling Christians to build inclusive communities where everyone is valued.

### Living Out Faith Through Action

Paul teaches that genuine faith is shown through loving actions, kindness, and compassion toward others.

## Who was Philemon & Onesimus?

Philemon was a respected Christian believer who lived in Colossae and hosted a church in his home. He was likely a wealthy man and the master of Onesimus.

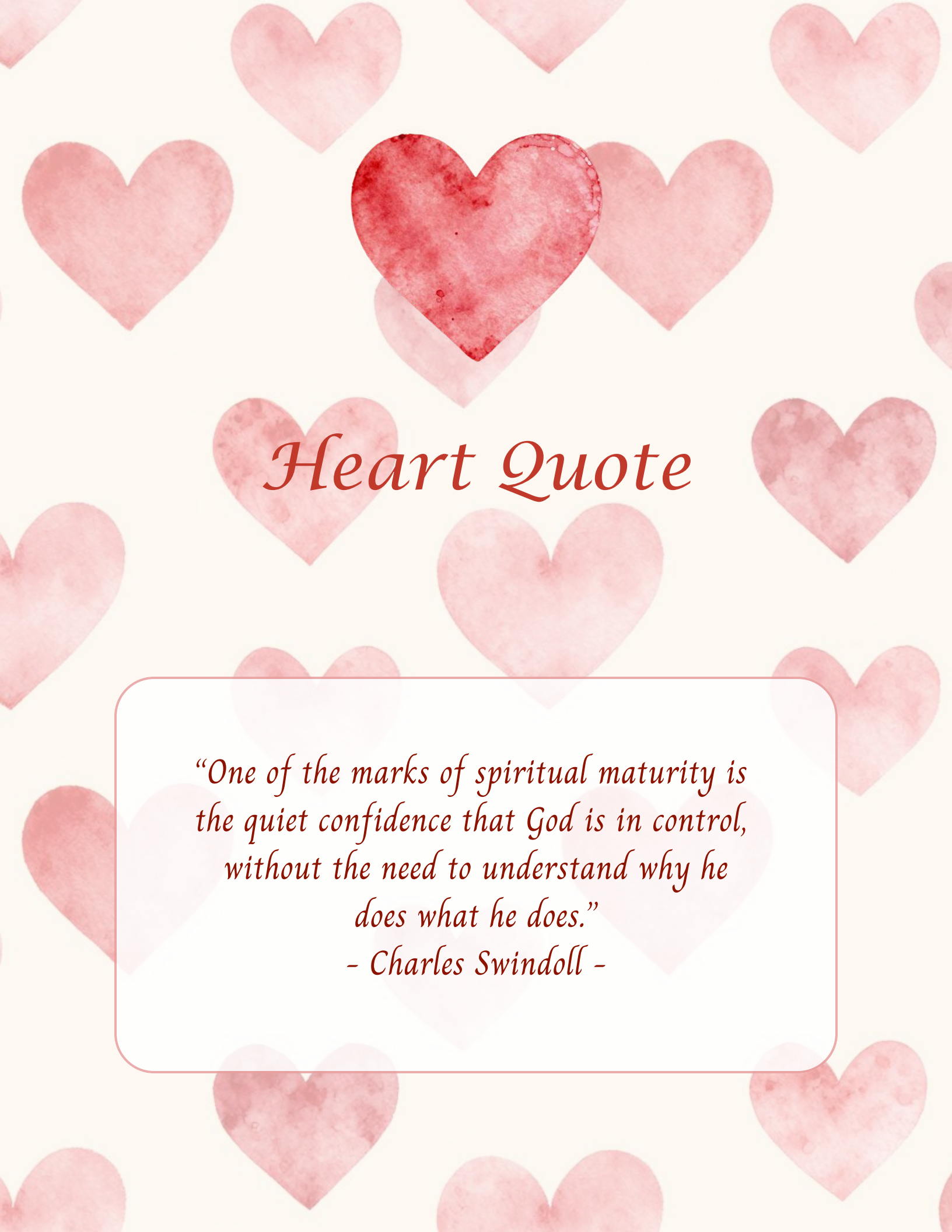
Onesimus was an enslaved man whose story is told primarily in Paul's letter to Philemon. He belonged to Philemon. Although the Bible does not provide every detail of Onesimus's past, Paul's letter reveals a powerful story of repentance, reconciliation, and transformation through Jesus Christ.

# Monthly Memory Verse



*“Of Course, there is great gain  
in godliness combined with  
contentment.”  
1 Timothy 6:6*

August 2026

The background of the entire image is a light cream color, decorated with numerous pink hearts of varying sizes. The hearts have a soft, watercolor-like texture. One heart, located near the top center, is a darker shade of red and has a more pronounced, textured appearance, possibly representing a bloodstain or a more intense heart.

## *Heart Quote*

*“One of the marks of spiritual maturity is  
the quiet confidence that God is in control,  
without the need to understand why he  
does what he does.”*

*- Charles Swindoll -*

# August BIBLE READING

## WALKING STRONG

*Walking with Christ. Standing in Faith. Finishing Strong.*

- 1 Ephesians 6:10
- 2 Colossians 1:10
- 3 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17
- 4 2 Corinthians 5:7
- 5 Proverbs 3:5-6
- 6 Psalm 119:105
- 7 Micah 6:8
- 8 Galatians 5:25
- 9 Romans 8:1
- 10 Philippians 3:14
- 11 Hebrews 12:1
- 12 Romans 12:2
- 13 1 Peter 2:21
- 14 Joshua 1:9
- 15 Psalm 37:23
- 16 Isaiah 40:31

- 17 2 Timothy 4:7
- 18 James 1:12
- 19 1 John 2:6
- 20 Deuteronomy 31:6
- 21 Psalm 18:32
- 22 Philippians 4:13
- 23 Psalm 23:3
- 24 Luke 9:23
- 25 Romans 6:4
- 26 Colossians 2:6-7
- 27 1 Corinthians 15:58
- 28 1 Peter 5:8-9
- 29 Psalm 119:9
- 30 Nahum 1:7
- 31 Revelation 2:10

MUSIC CITY WEST PRISON MINISTRY

# CLOTHING WITH DIGNITY

A simple gift can help someone step forward with confidence.



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RESTORE HOPE THROUGH MINISTRY

## Why your donation matters

Many men and women leaving prison return to society with little to no wardrobe and often without the financial means to obtain one. Having proper clothing is not just a basic need; it plays a vital role in restoring dignity, building self-respect, and supporting a successful fresh start.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donate clean shirts, pants, jackets, dresses, shoes, and other wearable items. Bring clothing to church on Sunday, volunteer with the ministry, or make a financial gift.

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THE  
NEXT DOOR  
RECOVERY

LIVES RECLAIMED  
STORIES OF HOPE

## A SMALL GIFT CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Help bring comfort, dignity, creativity, and hope to women rebuilding their lives.

THESE ARE ONLY SOME OF THE ITEMS NEEDED AT THE NEXT DOOR RECOVERY

### Everyday essentials



ORAL CARE



PERSONAL CARE



### Comfort & creativity



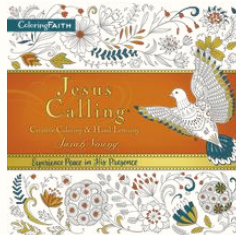
HAIR & SKIN CARE



LAUNDRY



JOURNALS



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PUZZLES & PENS



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Together, we can continue  
*Loving God, Loving People, and Loving Life.*



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# Did You Know?



## FACEBOOK ~ PAYPAL GIVING FUND

A simple way to support Music City West on your birthday is to ask friends and family to make a donation to Music City West instead of giving you birthday gifts.

Many nonprofits provide a donation page where contributions can be made directly in honor of your birthday, ensuring the funds go straight to Music City West.

This turns YOUR celebration into an opportunity to make a positive impact while supporting our Church.



# Ask how can I help?

## Get INVOLVED.

Your time.  
Your talents.  
Your heart.

**Make a difference.  
Change lives.**



### MCW OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- The Next Door Recovery Worship Volunteers
- Prison Ministry/Clothing donations/Music Volunteers
- Book Club leader/Coordinator
- Celebrate Recovery/Coordinator
- Harmony at Bellevue/Worship Volunteers



### MCW MARKETING/SOCIAL MEDIA

- Send/Share Facebook/Instagram Posts
- Send E-mail Announcements
- Write Thank-you cards
- Event/Service Photographer
- Assistant Videographer
- Promotional Videos/You Tube
- Social Media Promoter



### EVENTS

- Coordinator/Setup
- Community awareness promoter



### OTHER

- Hospitality Coordinator
- Set-up and Break-down for morning service/Chairs/Literature, Altar, and Snack Tables
- Children's Church Assistant



Loving God, Loving People, Loving Life



# Music City West OUTREACH PROGRAMS

LOVING GOD ~ LOVING COMMUNITY ~ LOVING LIFE

## TPK Bible TALKS

Tuesdays

with  
Pastor Kim

Tap into the power of faith every Tuesday evening with Pastor Kim McLean for inspiring Bible talks at 7-8 pm (CST)

 In person or on Zoom

 Click here for link

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE. CHANGING LIVES.

At Music City West Church, outreach is our heartbeat. Through worship, teaching, prayer, recovery support, and practical help, we bring hope, love, and the transforming power of Jesus Christ to our community.

*Together, we are making a difference—one life, one family, one act of love at a time.*



### MUSIC CITY WEST MISSION MINISTRY



## CLOTHING DONATION



New & used clothes, shoes, or other wearable items to give, that will serve your help.



Every donation can make a real difference. Thank you for supporting this ministry! Bring all clothes to church on Sunday or Donate 24/7.



## HEALING THE WOUNDED ARTIST

A Trauma Recovery Group



Art



Music



Writing



Faith



Community



### BELLEVUE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

in Bellevue United Methodist Church

Providing weekly food donations to support families in need.



## Harmony at Bellevue

Family Serving Families

Bringing a full worship service each Sunday to Harmony at Bellevue, an assisted living facility.

Services start at 3:30 pm (CST).



## Book Club

Book club for encouragement, healing & hope.



## Need Prayer?

Join MCW every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am (CST) on Zoom



mcwpray4me@gmail.com



Click here for link



## THE NEXT DOOR RECOVERY

A recovery facility for women where we provide a 12-step worship service, prayer, serve meals, organization and donate needed supplies.

## Dark Sky Blue

Monday's @ 6:30 pm (CST). Classes will be in person at Pastor Kim's place. Watch the calendar for updates.

A Trauma Recovery Group



## Celebrate Recovery®

A Christ-Centered Recovery Program

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Hope & Love