



Rev. Dr. Kim McLean



Sunday Service:

10:30 am CST

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Loving God - Loving People - Loving Life



This is an AI generated meme.

WHEAT, TARES, AND AI: Don't lose heart.

What if Jesus had come to earth today, and He found a nice hill, maybe somewhere in Chattanooga, to preach the Sermon on the Mount? He'd experience what many preachers and teachers experience today. People would be googling. "What do sparrows eat?" "Do lilies spin and toil?" "What does 'toil' mean?" Maybe they'd go home and make a Chat GPT meme of Jesus on the mountain by a choo-choo train, and maybe even take credit for the design.

And speaking of AI, some worry that the new AI resources are allowing people to cultivate a sort of hidden falseness. Creativity, insight, and wisdom require work, and there is no easy path to obtaining the flow of these beautiful spirit-connections. AI, used a certain way, helps people fake it, I suppose.

But that's what people do when they don't realize the beautiful potential within them. Everyone wants to feel talented, smart, and important, and in some sense, everyone is. Do we want to feel authentic, too? Maybe, but authenticity and ego (i.e. presenting the right image) do not always make good running buddies.

Isn't it ironic that Jesus taught timeless parables that even AI cannot out pace? A seed is still a seed; dirt is still dirt; trees are still trees. How eternally lovely is the Psalm that says, *All heaven declares His glory!*" We all still live under that same sky.

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13)

Man-made things cannot replace the gift of creation. No matter what, life is a gift, a created by God gift. Life is an act of grace.

And life is eternal. Can you believe it?! Over 2000 years ago, before light bulbs or AI, we were taught to pay special attention to things that are eternal, not things that are temporary. Life is timeless and true, and sweeter when you know that.

The faith, attitudes, and integrity you plant in your heart are the timeless and true stuff. It's between you and God, alone.

You can fake your way through this life, like the tares in the wheat field, but it was, and is, and will always be your heart that God loves.

Never lose heart! – 2 Corinthians 4:16



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AUGUST — 2026 —

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

— Psalm 100:1



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Kim McLean



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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.

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

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SUNDAY 10:30 AM CST



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COMING THIS WEEK!

With Jesus Series
"With Jesus I Love"

Children will understand that God's Love fills their hearts and gives them the ability to show love to family, friends, neighbors, and even people who are difficult to love.

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!





Editor's *Corner*

by Lori Mahan

The Power of a Child's Prayer

A child's prayer can be one of the purest expressions of faith. Children often approach God with honesty, trust, and simplicity. They may not use impressive words or understand every biblical doctrine, but prayer does not depend on eloquence. Its power comes from the loving and faithful God who hears it.

I witnessed this when keeping my grandchildren recently. Sometimes during prayer they paused, not sure exactly what to say, but then their hearts take over and they pray in the purest way, and to the point.

The power of a child's prayer does not come from the child's age. It comes from God, who listens to those who call upon Him sincerely.

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."

—Psalm 145:18, NRSV

Children can pray about anything that matters to them: their families, friendships, fears, illnesses, school experiences, or concerns for others. Nothing is too small to bring before God. Through prayer, children learn that God is near and that they can depend on Him.

When children pray for other people, they begin to see beyond their own needs. Prayer teaches them to care for those who are sick, lonely, afraid, or suffering. Paul encouraged believers to pray for everyone:

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone."

—1 Timothy 2:1, NRSV

A child who prays for someone in need is practicing love. Even before the circumstances change, prayer can change the child's heart by developing compassion, patience, and a willingness to help.

The power of a child's prayer is found in the God who welcomes children, hears sincere hearts, and responds with perfect love. A child's prayer may be brief and simple, but it can express profound trust. It can bring comfort, develop compassion, strengthen faith, and remind adults how to approach God with humility.



A POCKET FULL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

with Jerry Huff



THIS WEEK

GOOD TEACHING

Read: 1 Timothy 4:1 - 16

"Grounding ourselves in the Word of God and relying on the Holy Spirit's guidance enable us to avoid false teachings."

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

SUMMER SERIES

AUGUST 23 - STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST 30 - FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

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Titus

The 56th book of the Bible

Paul's Epistles (Letters)

Instructions for Church Leadership and Godly Living

Chapter Outline

1: Instruction for Titus

Paul instructs Titus to appoint qualified elders who are committed to sound doctrine, ensuring that the church is guided by faithful leaders who uphold and teach the truth.

2: Living the Faith

Paul provides guidance for different groups within the church, emphasizing sound teaching and shared responsibility. These instructions encourage a healthy, caring, and supportive church community.

3: Final Instructions

Paul concludes with reminders about good works, healthy relationships, and the importance of grace. His message presents a clear progression from faithful leadership to Christ-centered community life.

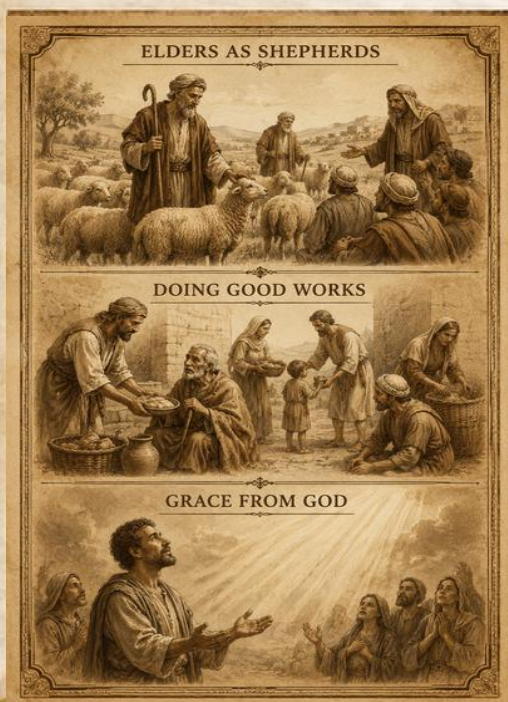
The book of Titus is a short but powerful letter about Christian leadership, sound teaching, godly living, and good works. Written by the apostle Paul to Titus, his trusted ministry partner between 62 & 65 AD, the letter explains how the truth of the gospel should transform both the church and the everyday lives of believers.

BODY

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:4 - 7

Timothy 3:15 - 17

SYMBOLISM & IMAGERY



Elders as Shepherds

Paul compares church leaders to shepherds, highlighting their responsibility to guide, protect, and care for the congregation. This image reflects God's loving care for His people and the sacred duty entrusted to spiritual leaders.

Doing Good Works

Titus repeatedly encourages believers to devote themselves to good works. These acts of service are a practical response to faith and help strengthen relationships within the church and the wider community.

Grace from God

Paul presents grace as a life-changing gift from God, emphasizing that salvation is received through His mercy rather than earned through human effort. This theme reinforces the biblical truth that believers must depend fully on God's grace.

THEMES IN TITUS

Faithfulness, endurance and spiritual growth

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LETTER

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Salutation

1

Titus in Crete

2

Teach Sound Doctrine

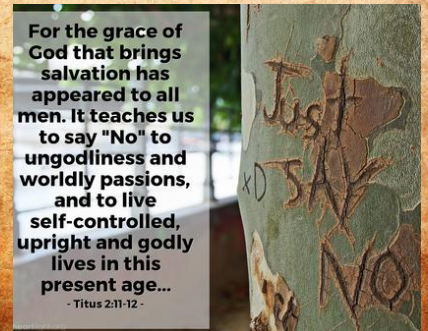
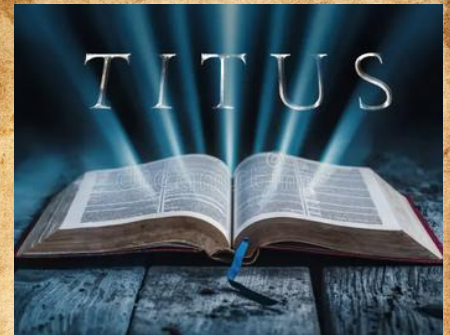
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Maintain Good Deeds

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Final Message and Benediction

A faithful Christian life joins belief and behavior, grace and growth, truth and love. When believers live with integrity, kindness, self-control, and devotion to good works, they make the teaching about God our Savior visible to the world.



PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Emphasis on Integrity

Believers are called to live with integrity and honesty, reflecting the character of Christ in every interaction. This emphasizes the importance of living out an authentic and sincere faith.

Value of Community

The letter encourages believers to support one another, build strong relationships, and grow together in faith.

Call to Action

The book encourages believers to show Christ's love through good works and service to others.

Background and Purpose

Paul left Titus on the island of Crete to help organize the churches and appoint qualified leaders in every town. The Cretan culture was known for dishonesty, moral corruption, and self-indulgence. Christians living in that environment needed leaders who would teach the truth and model a different way of life. Paul's message is clear: sound doctrine must produce sound living. Believers are not saved by good works, but salvation should lead them to live upright, loving, and productive lives.

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 page is a light cream color, decorated with numerous pink hearts of varying sizes. The hearts have a soft, watercolor-like texture. A single heart, slightly larger and more saturated in color than the others, is positioned centrally above the title.

Heart Quote

*“The things we think are the things that feed
our souls. If we think on pure and lovely
things, we shall grow pure and lovely like them;
and the converse is equally true.*

- Hannah Whitall Smith

August BIBLE READING

WALKING STRONG

Walking with Christ. Standing in Faith. Finishing Strong.

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|----|-------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Ephesians 6:10 | 17 | 2 Timothy 4:7 |
| 2 | Colossians 1:10 | 18 | James 1:12 |
| 3 | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 | 19 | 1 John 2:6 |
| 4 | 2 Corinthians 5:7 | 20 | Deuteronomy 31:6 |
| 5 | Proverbs 3:5-6 | 21 | Psalms 18:32 |
| 6 | Psalms 119:105 | 22 | Philippians 4:13 |
| 7 | Micah 6:8 | 23 | Psalms 23:3 |
| 8 | Galatians 5:25 | 24 | Luke 9:23 |
| 9 | Romans 8:1 | 25 | Romans 6:4 |
| 10 | Philippians 3:14 | 26 | Colossians 2:6-7 |
| 11 | Hebrews 12:1 | 27 | 1 Corinthians 15:58 |
| 12 | Romans 12:2 | 28 | 1 Peter 5:8-9 |
| 13 | 1 Peter 2:21 | 29 | Psalms 119:9 |
| 14 | Joshua 1:9 | 30 | Nahum 1:7 |
| 15 | Psalms 37:23 | 31 | Revelation 2:10 |
| 16 | Isaiah 40:31 | | |

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Comfort & creativity



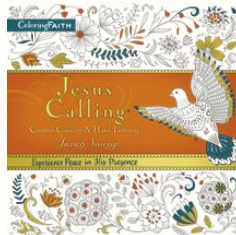
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Change lives.**



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





Music City West OUTREACH PROGRAMS

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with
Pastor Kim

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Music



Writing



Faith



Community



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