

**GIVE ALL YOUR  
WORRIES AND CARES  
TO GOD,  
FOR HE CARES ABOUT YOU.**

1 PETER 5:7 (NLT)

 **TURNING POINT**  
CHURCH of League City, TX



Welcome to . . .

## Turning Point

CALL US FAMILY! CALL IT HOME!

*Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.* (Psalm 119:97-99)

The power to obey the Lord requires that we know what honors him. And in this knowledge is power. We cannot do our Savior's will if we don't know what He wants. So, we need to study God's Word and learn what pleases him. Then we can also display God's grace in such a way that we demonstrate God's standards in every area of our lives—albeit imperfectly.

The psalmist wrote: "Oh, how I love your law!" And he meditated on it throughout the day.

The psalmist took such great delight because God's law is a sweet provision for his people. Take comfort knowing that following God's law does not earn us his grace, but it's an expression of it!

*Prayer: Lord, may I be like the psalmist and delight in your Word—from Genesis to Revelation. Help me to see clearly what pleases you and to respond in joyful obedience.*

# OCT 2, 2022

## SUNDAY – OCT 2

09:00 am      Sunday School  
Worship Service  
Children's Church  
Men's Monthly Meeting

## WEDNESDAY – OCT 5

10:00 am      Intercessory Prayer

## SUNDAY – OCT 9

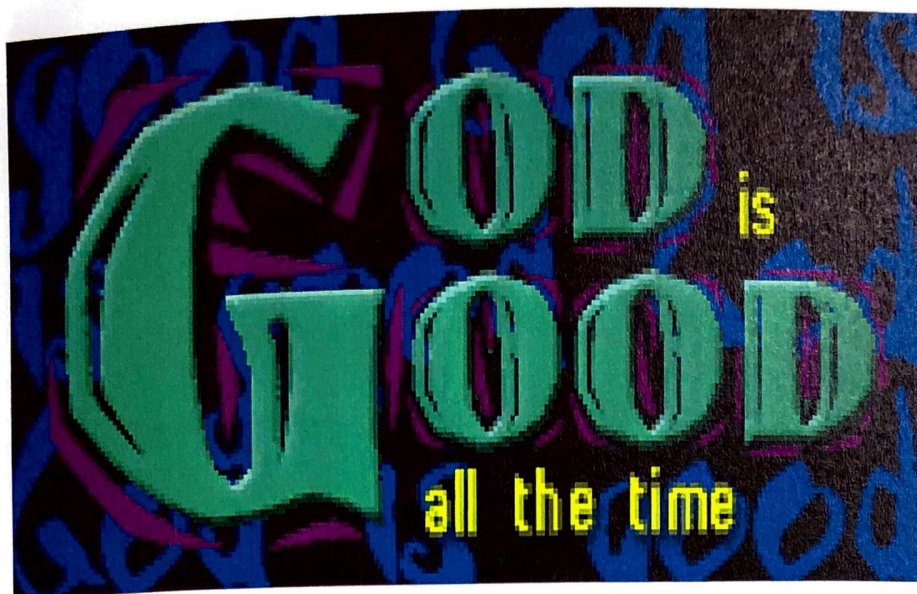
9:00 am      Sunday School  
Worship Service  
Children's Church  
Ladies Monthly Meeting

*The offering today will go to our  
Missionary fund.*

## SPECIAL PRAYER

Dahlia Hall  
Lauretta Maxwell  
Patsy McCarley  
Meri-Lyn Evans

Bonnie Hatfield  
Carollon Kivch  
Raye Murphy  
Cheryl Zielke



*Men's monthly meeting will be tonight at 6 pm here at the church. Please come and bring a friend. We will be having a great word and good fun.*

*Ladies Monthly Meeting will be here at the church Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Please bring a friend to share great fellowship and a wonderful Word.*

If you lived to see the sun come up this morning, God still has a purpose for your life. – Matthew Hagee

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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                    Worship Service  
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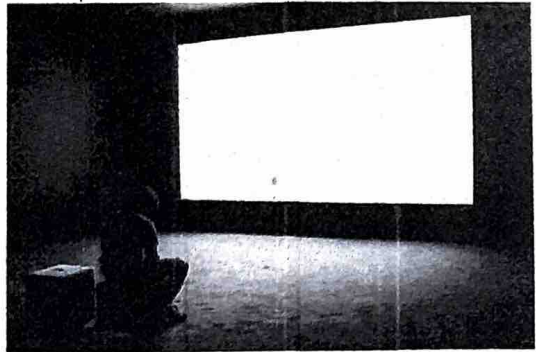
AND MORE TO COME . . . .

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# Feeling Lost

Kole Farney

Have you ever been lost? Maybe you lost track of mom or dad at the grocery store and all of a sudden the shelves and aisles seemed really tall and scary. Or, you found yourself driving in a strange neighborhood after following your GPS to a location that ended up being completely wrong.



My wife and I often remember the night **we drove across town** to a Dairy Queen that did not exist. We were **lost and we knew it**, so we sought directions and eventually found the **delicious soft-serve** ice cream we had been seeking. But we **wouldn't have sought help** if we hadn't truly believed we were lost.

There once was a man named Zacchaeus (**Luke 19:1-10**) who likely knew what it was to feel lost in a crowd of **people, because "he was small of stature"** (v.3). As a child I sang, "**and a wee little man was he.**" Upon hearing that Jesus was coming **through town, he climbed** a tree for a better view (v.4).

When Jesus told Zacchaeus he was coming **over, the people grumbled**, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man **who is a sinner,**" (v.7). Zach was a jerk—a real miser, who stole money **from the poor and made himself rich** collecting taxes and the people **knew it, Jesus knew it**, and Zacchaeus did too. He felt lost.

## Jesus came to seek and save the lost

The story ends with Zacchaeus making **restitution for his sin and fraud** (v.8) and Jesus declaring, "Today **salvation has come to this house**, since he also is a son of Abraham," (v. 9). As a **representative for those** who would be made heirs to the promises of **Abraham, Zacchaeus was saved.**

Jesus sought him because he was lost, "**For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost,**" (v.10). Not because **he was in a tree, not because** he was tiny, but because he needed found **and he wasn't in denial** about it. He owned his reality and came to Jesus **in honesty and need.** After a



lifetime of deceit, this man was willing to give up his money and possessions to follow Jesus.

Salvation came to Zacchaeus because Jesus seeks sinners. Without Jesus, tax collectors, harlots, thieves, liars, murderers, and *you* are “by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind,” (Eph 2:3). By nature and choice, all mankind deserve wrath and is lost. You are lost, or were lost before Jesus sought you. The question is, do you feel like that is true? Do you deny your own sin or do you own it like Zacchaeus?

### **Fit for Salvation**

Luke makes note that Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully (v.7). As the hymn goes, *All the fitness He requireth, Is to feel your need of Him.* Contemplating his miserable and unrighteous life to the present, Zacchaeus was feeling very needy. He was burdened and weighed down with a life of treachery. He was now fit for Jesus.

He was not righteous, but he was seeking to see One who was. He was not able to enter heaven, but was climbing the tree to gaze on the One who had come down from the presence of God. He knew he could not rescue himself, but had heard that the Savior could.

Jesus would later climb a tree for Zacchaeus. A dead tree. An instrument of death. Having done His earthly seeking it was now time to save. With the roles reversed, Jesus would be hung in the sight of all, to accomplish the redemption that Zacchaeus had no power to bring about. Raised up with blood pouring down, dripping off of His nose, and pooling on the ground.

He commanded Zacchaeus to come down because He knew He was going up. First into the house of the sinner and then to his rightful place under the terrible wrath of God on the cross, making payment for his sins – and yours too, you who feel lost and flee to His feet where the blood runs free.

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:14-15*