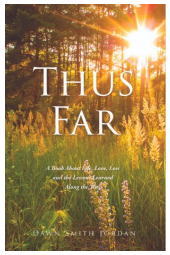
Ladies Luncheon

Thank you for coming out on Saturday for a time of worship and fellowship with guest speaker Dawn Smith Jordan! Thank you Julie for bringing this event to OBC & blessing the ladies!



Dawn has a new book coming out titled "Thus Far...A Book About Life, Love, Loss and the Lessons Learned Along the Way." It is a follow-up to her first book, "Grace So Amazing", which was released in April of 2007. If you're interested in purchasing this book, check out Dawn's website: dawnsmithjordan.com

Youth Rally

April 29th

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Sunday, May 7, 2023

The Temptation to Place Something Else Before God

(Deuteronomy 6:10-15; Matthew 4:8-11)

The Point: The greatest joy comes from exalting God.

The Bible Meets Life: "If you don't toot your own horn, who will?" We enjoy those moments when good things happen to us. We feel good when we've accomplished something. With those accomplishments and good experiences, we naturally want to tell others. Unfortunately, in the process of telling others, our words can easily turn into, "LOOK AT ME!" We don't have to utter those exact words, but it can certainly come across as exalting ourselves. Social media sites are overrun with posts that make the person look really good. And the more "likes" a person gets for what he or she has said, the better this person feels.

Self-exaltation is deceptive and fleeting. What happens when our next posting doesn't get as many "likes"? We can feel defeated.

Jesus was tempted to exalt Himself in a way that was not right. Jesus certainly deserves our praise and exaltation, but He would not seek it in a way that was outside His Father's plan. As we consider this temptation before Jesus, we'll discover the joy that comes with making much of God rather than ourselves.

Live It Out: Expose your idols. Consider where you turn when life becomes difficult. Where do you look for satisfaction and joy? Identify those as idols and turn from trusting them. Choose to place your trust solely on God. **Give thanks.** Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for all the ways He has worked in your life. Be specific about what He has done for you. **Meet together.** Meet with one or two other believers of the same gender and talk openly about those areas where you might be tempted to look to someone or something other than God. Agree to stand together and support one another in making God the sole object of your devotion and worship.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Dealing with Temptation

Sunday, May 14	Recovering from a Fall into Temptation (Psalm 32:1-7)
Sunday, May 21	The Strength to Stand Against Temptation (Ephesians 6:10-18)

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, April 30

Indoor: 55

Online: 111

Wednesday, May 3

Online: 62

Youth: 12

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs: $17,787.33

April Offering To Date: $16,219.00

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: $1,085.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Bridgett Blatz' Family

Gary Clontz

Terry Cox

The Hedgepeths

Mike Helms

Christine Hinson

Lillian Lewis

Rich Majewski

Claudette Kay

Richie Raines

Robert Skinner

Global Missions

Local & NAMB

Area Schools/Admin

The Sick & Elderly

Backpacks of Hope Students

Deacon's Meeting

TODAY at 1 PM in the sanctuary.

Bible Studies for Life

We are beginning a new BSFL unit on *Mentoring: Investing in Others* soon. Books will be available in the SS classrooms and in the vestibule on May 14th.