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Keeping Your Lamp Lit

By: Pastor Bob

Greetings, in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

God promises to bless when we obey joyfully. Luke 11:28 says "...blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it." I can't speak for other pastors, but this time of year, I get a bit nervous about who's going to do what in the upcoming new church year. I don't "worry" about it, but I admit I wonder and pray if there will be enough folks to cover all the needed positions in the church. I can't help but question: Will there be enough teachers to teach our precious children? Enough nursery workers to keep our darling babies? Enough people to keep the buildings up to par? Enough volunteers to work in the kitchen? Wouldn't it be awesome to have choir loft filled with voices singing for Jesus? And on and on.

So, you've prayed about where God wants to use you in the West Millen body of Christ in this new church year? That's great! God promises those who make a commitment **and keep that commitment** will be blessed for obeying His word.

Now, let's address those who haven't made a commitment to serve the Lord in His church. Are you telling God you choose to be a passive by-stander or pew-warmer? I'm reminded of those old statistics which really prove true in many churches: 20% of the people do 80% of the work and 20% of the members give 80% of the money. I'm saddened

for those who choose not to work in God's House. For not only does God promise to bless when we joyfully obey, He also promises to bless when we are loyal, reliable and dependable. Well, there's three words we don't find in the vocabulary of today's world!

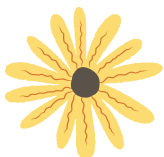
All this reminds me of a Bible story: Ruth was a Moabite woman who abandoned her pagan heritage and clutched to God's people! Naomi was a Jew living in a pagan culture, due to a famine in her own land. Ruth was her daughter-in-law. After all the men of the family died prematurely, Naomi chose to go back to Bethlehem but encouraged her daughters-in-law to stay in their own land. One daughter-in-law did stay, but Ruth clung to Naomi and showed extreme loyalty by going back to Judah with her. Ruth gleaned in the fields. She showed up and worked hard, for there was no other means of support for her and Naomi. What Ruth didn't know was that the field she worked in was owned by a very wealthy planter named Boaz. He noticed Ruth's tireless efforts and unselfishness and offered her food and water. When Ruth expressed her appreciation, Boaz said to her, "The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge" (Ruth 2:12). Boaz later became Ruth's kinsman redeemer and the two eventually married. The neat thing is the rest of the story: Ruth, a pagan, who gave her heart and life to the one true living God, worked hard, was loyal, faithful, dependable, and obeyed even when it wasn't convenient or easy. God blessed her by placing her in the lineage of Jesus, the great-grandmother of King David!

Now, of course, we don't "work for God" just to collect rewards. We work for Him because we love Him and loyalty

comes from the heart. Blessings are promises from God. When we are faithful to Him, even in times and places where unfaithfulness is common, He graciously blesses us, our families, and our church body!

August Prayer Focus is the new church year, Sept 1st: We are so blessed at West Millen to have many loyal servants with a strong sense of responsibility. We are also extremely blessed to have many new members who will want to become a worker in God's House. **If you aren't sure about where to serve, please contact one of the members on the "Nominating Committee" and they will be most gracious to help you find where, the gifts God has given you, can be used for His glory and to increase His Kingdom here at West Millen.**

'Til next time—"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessalonians 1:2)



Upcoming Events



We invite everyone to join us for upcoming events as we grow together in faith, fellowship, and service. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

BROTHERHOOD & WMU MEETING | AUGUST 20 AT 7PM

Join us for the Brotherhood and WMU meeting and supper on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 7:00PM. Let's come together for fellowship, prayer, and discussion as we continue to serve and grow in our community.

5TH SUNDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Sunday, August 30 at 5:00 PM for our 5th Sunday Movie Night! Children will enjoy The Prince of Egypt, while youth and adults will watch The Case for Christ in the sanctuary. Free supper, popcorn, and drinks will be provided! Bring the whole family and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and a great movie.



HIS HOUSE RECOVERY HOME

Throughout August, for our local missions project, we will be collecting needed items for His House Recovery Home in Garfield, a free, faith-based recovery home serving women who are overcoming addiction and working toward a new beginning. A list of needed items is available in the foyer. Donations may be placed on the table in the foyer. Please consider helping us support this ministry through prayer and giving. Donation Deadline: August 31

MISSIONS MOMENT

Missions have become especially meaningful to our Kingdom Kids and Tweens as we learn about missionaries who dedicate their lives to sharing Jesus with others. Recently, we learned about Erik and Ida Nelson, who traveled the Amazon River to share the Gospel with people in remote villages where many had never heard about Jesus. Their story reminds us that millions of people around the world still need to hear the Good News. We may not all travel to the Amazon, but we can all take part in missions by praying, giving, serving, and sharing Jesus with others. Want to get involved? Join us for our WMU and Brotherhood meetings! These ministries give us opportunities to pray for missionaries, support mission work, and share the love of Jesus in our community and around the world.

BIBLE STUDY | MONDAYS AT 6:15PM

Everyone is invited to attend Bible study every Monday at 6:15PM in the social hall.

YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We are excited to announce a new Sunday School class designed specifically for young adults ages 18-29, happening now! This class is a great opportunity to grow in your faith, build meaningful relationships, and dive deeper into God's Word alongside others in a similar stage of life. Whether you're just beginning your walk with Christ or looking to strengthen your foundation, we would love for you to join us. For more information, please see Patrick or Clay.

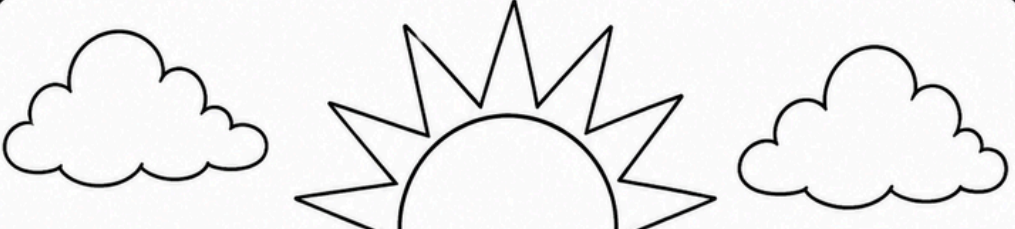
WEDNESDAY NIGHT NEW BELIEVERS CLASS

New Believers class meets on Wednesday nights for anyone ages 15 and up who is new to the faith or looking to better understand the basics of following Christ. This class will focus on building a strong foundation, answering questions, and encouraging spiritual growth in a welcoming environment. If you or someone you know would benefit from this class, we invite you to be a part of it. For more information, please see Patrick.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday evening, our deacons and men of the church lead us in a time of Bible study and reflection. It's a great opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship, come and be encouraged midweek!





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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					 Pray for our kids as they head back to school!	1
2	3 Bible Study 6:15 PM	4	5	6	7	8
9 Deacon Ordination Service (AM)	10 Bible Study 6:15 PM	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Bible Study 6:15 PM	18	19	20 Brotherhood + WMU (7:00PM)	21	22
23 Deacons Meeting 8:30AM	24 Bible Study 6:15 PM	25	26	27	28	29
30 5th Sunday Movie Night	31 Bible Study 6:15 PM His House Donation Deadline					

SUNDAY

9:15 AM BIBLE STUDY (CLASSES FOR ALL AGES + NURSERY)
10:30 AM WORSHIP (NURSERY + CHILDREN'S CHURCH)
4:45 PM CHOIR PRACTICE
6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP

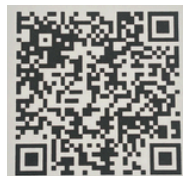
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6:00 PM NEW BELIEVERS CLASS + ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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