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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



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UNITY IN CHRIST

"...that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as you loved Me." John 17:23

Welcome Taylor Park, *Executive Pastor*

Call to Worship Hebrews 4:14-16

Song of Worship And Can It Be

Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:8-9

Song of Praise Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

Elder Prayer Mark Gosney

Thanksgiving for John Dawson, *Director of Fellowship & Recreation Ministries* and Cortney Cannon, *Children's Ministry Director* Bill Granger, Susan Shorter

Scripture Reading: John 17:20-23 Christie Taylor

Sermon Rev. Jim Fleming

*"1 + 1 = 1"
Last Word
John 17:20-23*

The Lord's Supper

Songs of Worship Beneath the Cross of Jesus
King of Kings

Benediction

*Musicians: The Worship Choir, David Brumfield, Jeremy Conner, Trent England,
April Fichthorn, Tori Martin, John Rawlinson, Jamie Scholik, Phil Thompson.
Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.*

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"1 + 1 = 1" Last Word Series

John 17:20–23 | Rev. Jim Fleming

John 13:1–4

1. **Definition of Oneness** (17:21–23)

A. Oneness means doing what Father does.

John 5:19; 10:32, 37–38; John 8:29; 5:30

B. Oneness means saying what Father says.

John 8:28; 12:50; 14:9–11

2. **Basis of Oneness** (17:20)

Our part is quite simple; the Holy Spirit handles the rest.

John 12:42–48; John 14:16–17, 20, 26; 16:7, 13–14

3. **Fruit from Oneness** (17:21, 23)

A. Our message to the world becomes believable.

B. Our identity is revealed.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

"GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLLOSSIANS, PHILEMON"
LED BY BUDDY JONES

Men's Bible Studies "Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon", Mondays, September 11–December 4, 6:30–8:00 p.m., E135 OR Wednesdays, September 13–December 6, 6:30–7:30 a.m., Zoom led by Buddy Jones. These letters were written by the Apostle Paul to four NT churches. Paul told Timothy that the Scriptures are profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. The study format includes weekly study assignments, small group discussion, and lecture. Sign up for the study at www.firstevan.org/mens-bible-studies.

DISCOVER FIRST EVAN

Discover First Evan, Next Sunday, September 17 4:00–6:00 p.m., Chapel

This class is offered to those interested in learning more about First Evan or desiring membership. Attending the class in no way obligates you to join, but it is the first step toward membership. For questions or additional information, please contact Jacki Stieferman at jstieferman@firstevan.org. More details on membership can be found at www.firstevan.org/dfe.

Church Picnic

Church Picnic, Sunday, September 24 12:00–2:00 p.m., East Lawn

Our annual picnic will have all the staples: John Dawson's BBQ sandwiches, hotdogs, grilled corn on the cob, inflatables, rock wall, putting golf games, and more! Dress casually for church, bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy fellowship with your church family!

Midweek Fellowship Meal, Wednesday, September 13, 5:00–6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

MENU: Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, & Garden Salad OR Chicken Noodle Soup & Salad Bar; Southern Homestyle Roll; Dessert: Pecan Pie with Ice Cream

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Dan & Sue Wicher, Avnt Ministries, Memphis Praise

- That Rachel Nady was installed as the Director of the Malaga Media Center after 18 months of training with Dan.
- That we (Dan and Susan) have been named Missional Leadership Coaches for Avnt.
- That we were blessed with periods of rest and refreshment during vacation and special times with family this summer.

Pray

- For the Avnt Missionary Gathering in Kansas City, Sept 11–15; Dan has ministry responsibilities and a speaking role during the installation service of Avnt's new President.
- For us as we partner with FEC to advance a ministry to Hispanics in Shelby County.
- For the Malaga trip, Nov 13–25 as we have meetings to refresh the 5-year plan at the Media Center.

MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK

RedZone Ministries

Praise

- That RedZone added outreach to middle schoolers with a focus on Sheffield Middle School and staff has made great strides.
- That we took a small but mighty group of middle schoolers to KAA in June. It was the first RedZone Middle School overnight trip ever.
- That the Opportunity Zone is nearly ready to open its doors wide to serve the Orange Mound.

Pray

- For the provision of committed staff to work with youth and help run the day-to-day operations at the Opportunity Zone.
- For more volunteers to drive a van, tutor, mentor, lead a Bible study, or even join the board of directors.
- That Opportunity Zone may be a haven of peace within the Orange Mound Community.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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Due to a glitch in our financial software we were unable to give an accurate update at the time the bulletin went to print.

If you wish to give financially to the **Maui Fire Relief** effort, designate "**Domestic Disaster**" or visit www.firstevan.org/maui.

FAMILY MATTERS

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Births McClain Margaret Groshart, September 1, 2023
Parents: Kenny and Rachel (Hughes) Groshart
Grandparents: Eileen Hughes;
Ken and Shelia Groshart

Edison Aurelius Laurence, August 2, 2023
Parents: Jacob and Lauren Laurence
Grandparents: Greg and Elizabeth Laurence

Death Natalie Nowell's grandmother,
Jeanne Maurine Hampton Newberry,
August 31, 2023