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Have your line in the water

Through the years I have enjoyed taking the boys fishing. It is always a neat time, and the excitement shared when they reel in a big one is always thrilling. Whenever a group of boys are fishing they are always keeping count to see who has caught the most. Everyone has a great desire to catch fish, but not everyone catches the same number. One key to catching fish that is difficult for a young person is to make sure you have your bait in the water. Those who don't catch as many fish spend the same amount of time next to the water, but they have nothing in the water. They are constantly changing lures, and trying to figure out which one works the best. Many times they spend a great deal of time getting their lines untangled or their poles fixed, but one truth remains. I have never seen someone catch a fish without having their line in the water.

This causes me to think of the Lord's statement to Peter and Andrew in Matthew 4:10 "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The Lord fulfilled his promise to them as they spent the rest of their lives bringing others to Christ. I believe the Lord is still searching for "fishers of men". Our theme this year from Matthew 28:19,20 is about the Lord's command to make disciples. However, I am afraid that as Christians we must make sure we don't get caught next to the water without casting God's word in front of others. We may spend our time waiting for a "fail-proof" plan or program to bring others to Christ. We may be waiting for the "perfect spot" to fish. Our lives can get so busy and need so much straightening out, and we never get our line in the water. We can organize and talk about it forever, but we won't catch anyone without our line in the water. Let's all make sure to have a line in the water. I am so proud of this church family because in the last few weeks I have seen so many get out and start fishing. May God bless our efforts all to His glory!!! See you Sunday!

John

As Many As Possible

I Corinthians 9:19

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

How often do you set aside your desires, wishes and plans in order to serve another person? Do you open your eyes for opportunities to spread the gospel? Paul often referred to himself as a servant. In this instance, he is a servant to people around him in order to gain an audience for the gospel. Paul lists several way in which he did this. To the Jews, I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. He would repeat the same thought for the Gentiles, for those under the law, for those not under the law and for the weak. Paul would become all things to all men simply for the opportunity to share the gospel and with the motivation of saving some of them.

Have you ever spent time with another nationality in order to have a chance to talk about Jesus? Have you served others for the possibility of sharing the gospel? I knew of a time that a man went on day long fishing trips in order to share the gospel with his friend. He really didn't like that much fishing but in the course of time the man was baptized. Have you helped the sick, the grieved, the hurting or anyone in need? We do this to help them out but we also look for a time to talk about the Son of God. May we always have our mind thinking about ways to serve others so we will have an opportunity to win them to Christ. Showing the love of Christ will win some over to the Lord.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
OUR MEMBERS**

- Bernice Bratton**
- Alice Bolton**
- Dave Coleman**
- Jo Ann Coleman**
- Joyce Crowe**
- John Churchwell**
- Vera Daniels**
- Corrine Goetz**
- Tal Gray**
- Billy Ray Hardison**
- Nell Hood**
- Clayton & Myrna Jett**
- Helen Lusk**
- Gene Porter**
- Donald White**

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Georgia Cook - mother of Jennifer McNeese
Wanda Nix - sister of Debbie Massey
Linda Collier - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
Carolyn Macer - mother of Joe Macer
Joyce Runions - niece of John Churchwell
Jack & Daisy White
Kristen Bonner - niece of Edith Burgess
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Erika Odum - friend of Tammy Johnson
Herbert Burgees - father of Terry Burgees
Mark Hayes - relative of Boyd Wood
Stormy Lyle - mother of Mike Lyle

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 26, 2018

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
 Song Leader:Jerry Wilson
 Prayer:.....Randy Jones
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Richard Farris
 Gary Boyd Colton Hixson
 Sam Quirk Tom McBee
 Max Ballard Brennan McNeese
 Sonny Hargrove Andrew Sullivan

Read:Ryan Grice
 Sermon: Revive Us Again.....Keith Parker
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Revival Meeting

Ushers: Byran Farris, Charlie Willis, Danny Lasater
 Greeters: Bobby & Dana Daniels, John & Natalie Thomas
 A/V Operator: Lee Winchester, Chris Mobley

Security Team: A.M. David Thomas, Larry Nicholson - P.M. - David Thomas, Dustin Stutts

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NURSERY CARE FOR AUGUST 26

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29, 7:00 P.M.

A.M.....Jan Thomason

Revival Meeting