

# THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

## Sunday Morning Service

- Song Leader Philip Steele
- Scripture Reading Kelly Knepley
- Opening Prayer Kelly Knepley
- Lord's Supper Luke Collinsworth
- Closing Prayer Jim Tobias Akel Marshall

## Sunday Evening Service

- Song Leader All Song Leaders
- Opening Prayer Luke Collinsworth
- Closing Prayer Jim Tobias

## Wednesday Evening Service – April 16<sup>th</sup>

- Song Leader Tom Haddox
- Opening Prayer Luke Collinsworth
- Closing Prayer Philip Steele

### Today's Sermons:

AM – Forsaken ...

Scripture Reading: **Mark 15:33-39**

PM – Song Service and Devotional

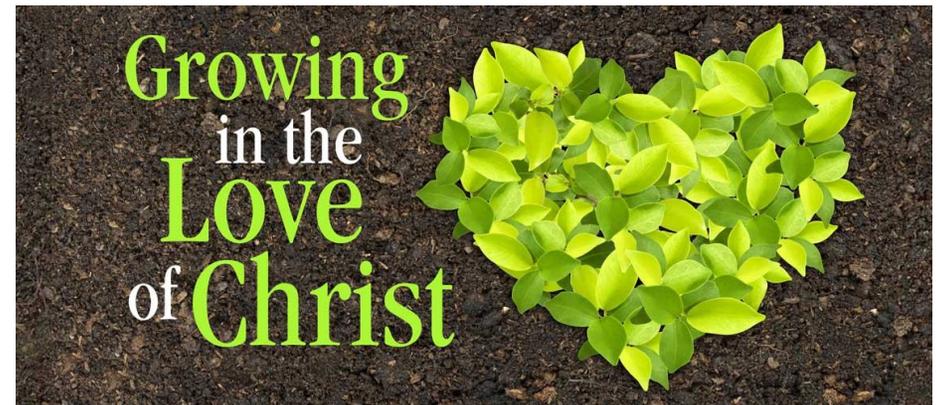
Wednesday Adult Class Study: **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel**

**“Let Brotherly Love Continue”**

Hebrew 13:1

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## SERVICES OF THE CHURCH

### Sunday



**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Local Cable 18

@ 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM

Bible Class	9:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:30 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Class	6:30 PM
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**April 13, 2014**



**Church Family Night** – Our next Movie night is scheduled for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. Join us in watching “**What If ...**”

**Upcoming Dates to Note:**

- **Potluck** – TODAY, immediately after the morning service.
- **Monthly Men’s Business Meeting** – Immediately after the potluck.
- **Men’s Breakfast** – Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 AM at Big Boy’s followed by Bible Study in the fellowship hall.

**Attendance:**

Sunday Bible Study (04/06) – 17  
 Sunday Morning Service (04/06) – 26  
 Sunday Evening Service (04/06) – 17  
 Mid-week (04/09) – 20

**Statistics:**

Contribution Last Week (04/06) - \$1026  
 Average Contribution (per week, up to 03/30) – \$992  
**2014 Weekly Contribution Goal – \$1015**

**Remembrance in prayer:**

- **Betty Navin** – ongoing health issues.
- **Kristine Haddox** – severe Bell’s palsy
- **Melva French** – (Cheryl French’s mother)
- **Tim Brown** – (friend of Carl) diagnosed with liver cancer
- **Bob Engel** – (friend of Jim) has cancer and is in hospice care
- **Lesley Harrison** – (friend of Barb) is battling lung cancer.
- **Bobbi Ross** – (Tobias’ daughter)
- **Charles Coats** – (preacher in Webberville) ongoing health problems

## ***GOD’S PURPOSE FOR LIFE***

By Randall Caselman



I was on my way to Fayetteville on Interstate 540 when I saw the flagman with a stop sign in his hand. The sign on the side of the road said, "Overpass under construction." I was in a hurry, as I usually am. Why me Lord? Why now? Why here? I'm in a hurry! I'm late! I've got things to do, schedules to meet, people to see! Ever been there?

But you see, delays often have a purpose. Sometimes they come because God is doing His work. He is making the dangerous places safe, the crooked paths straight, placing guard rails, bridges, overpasses, and road signs where we need them most, so that we can reach our destination safely. The next time life is delayed, Think!...

**God may be preparing a situation or a person ahead.** We may think we are ready for any situation, anybody, but others may not be ready. God may be holding us back until the right time, the right place, to bring another through his or her situation by touching our lives. Joseph spent years in prison before he could help his family. God was preparing the life of one man to save a nation. Be patient, the world has yet to see what God can do with, through, for, those who will wait on Him.

**The delay may be for us.** God may be refining our character, deepening our faith. Peter tells us that God refines us, remolds, remakes us like gold in a refiner's fire to strengthen our faith (1 Peter 1.6-7). Who knows what lies ahead? We may need a deeper faith in order to climb life's mountain. Spiritual maturity takes time. Scripture tells us that: "*perseverance produces character; patience, when complete, makes us mature*" (James 1.4). Moses spent forty hard, lonely, years tending his father-in-law's sheep in the Sinai. God was preparing him to lead Israel to the Promised Land. Moses was willing to yield to God's timetable. Are we?

**God may be helping us appreciate what He's already done.** Stopped on the road I could see spring's green grass, the red clover beginning to bloom, the yellow and white buttercups, servis trees and forsythia in bloom. It's difficult to see God's handiwork speeding down the interstate at 70. God says, "*Be still and know that I am God.*" Sometimes God must bring on some delays, so we'll stop and smell the roses: forgiveness, salvation, family, friends, health, wealth, freedom, etc. It's true, delays often cause us to count our blessings.

**Delays make the destination sweeter.** We would not know the joy of health except for pain; the joy of forgiveness if not for the burden of guilt; the joy of togetherness were it not for loneliness; the joy of life if not for death; the joy of heaven were it not for the trials and troubles of this world. Paul says, we have no comprehension of what great things God has in store for us, and we can never experience the good things God has prepared for us without some delays. Amen?

So, the next time you see a flagman ahead with a stop sign in his hand, consider the fact that it may be God holding the sign.