



Yucca Breeze

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T H E U N I T E D C H U R C H E S O F H O T S P R I N G S

P A S T O R ' S P U L P I T :

Preaching through the Book of Philippians, my heart has been moved to share with you a poem that my maternal grandparents had on one of their walls. (Which, I could mention that Christian decorations leave a lasting impression on people; especially our beloved children and grandchildren.) But, that is a conversation for later. Now I just want you to share with me as we each try to grasp the words of this particular poem. It has stayed with me throughout the years ... and more, even when I wasn't a believer! The poem is entitled *Only One Life*, by Charles Thomas Studd.

"Only One Life"

Two little lines I heard one day,
Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart,
And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,

Only what's done for Christ will last.
Only one life, yes only one,
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,
And stand before His Judgement seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,

Only what's done for Christ will last.
Only one life, the still small voice,
Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,
And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years,
Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its clays I must fulfill,
living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore,
When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way,
Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one,
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call,
I know I'll say "twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last. "

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Charles Thomas (C.T.) Studd (1860-1931) was an English missionary who faithfully served his Saviour in China, India, and Africa. His motto was: "If Jesus Christ is God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." One of His more poignant quotes came late in his life; a life once filled with privilege and pleasure, a life that He exchanged for an enteral purpose as a missionary.

"I cannot tell you what joy it gave me to bring the first soul to the Lord Jesus Christ. I have tasted almost all the pleasures that this world can give. I do not suppose there is one that I have not experienced, but I can tell you that those pleasures were as nothing compared to the joy that the saving of that one soul gave me."— Studd

MARK YOU CALENDAR!!

HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY — AUGUST 2ND, 10AM

Our Sunday Worship Service will be held at Centennial Park.

There will be a special presentation by Island Breeze and Communion will be served.

We do plan to observe social distancing. Masks are strongly encouraged.

Bottled water and hand sanitizer will be available.

Bring your chair and make plans to join us. (A few chairs will be available for those who may not have a lawn chair.)



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DINNER — CHANGE OF DATE!

The date of our Centennial Dinner has been changed

to **Sunday, September 6th** — and will feature an ***outdoor brisket picnic lunch*** from **12:00-3:00 pm** with music, speakers and display of church memorabilia. The **Church**

Worship Service will take place from **10:00-11:30 am** and include presentations regarding church history. If you have already made a reservation for the dinner, please make a new reservation by: reservation card (located in the Fellowship Hall); call the Church Office at 745-5640; or email ucassist@gwtc.net.

Disciple to Disciple (D2D / Informational and Organizational Meeting)

AUGUST 30, 2020 — Fireside Room, TUC — 11:15 am to 12:00 pm

Course Description:

Disciple to Disciple is a 33-week course (3 X 11 week classes) spread throughout a year, that has always been on my heart as more than a few Christians feel they: 1) have not had the opportunity to really develop the primary and solid Christian habits that can be life-changing and fruitful for the Kingdom of God; 2) Don't really know how to share with someone about how Jesus Christ became real to them; 3) don't know what to say when talking to someone about Christ and the offer of salvation; 4) are feeling guilty because all of the above! and 5) have always wanted to grow deeper in their own faith but haven't found the means, material or mentor(s) that could guide them through the process.

The Memorial Committee of the United Churches has either mailed to next of kin, or personally delivered, Memorial Christmas Ornaments to families of the following loved ones that have passed away during the last 1-1/2 years.

Max Erwin	02/20/1927—03/01/2018	Winnie Hofer	01/03/1927—07/29/2019
Lee Bristol	07/23/1937—06/05/2019	Lucille Mower	06/22/1927—10/10/2019
Carol Harrison	07/27/1943—03/27/2019	Sharon Shaw	08/20/1938—11/23/2019

Well-Deserved Retirement

Lynn Michelle Mason, our gifted and dedicated Adult Choir Director of 27 years, has made the prayerful decision to retire from music ministry at The United Churches, effective August 1, 2020. After being associated with the choir for 30 years, she now looks forward—along with Frank—to having the opportunity and blessing of spending lots more time with their son, daughter and son-in-law, and beautiful grandbaby. We know our choir, as well as our entire church family, will miss Lynn Michelle's faithful musical leadership and consistent spirit of Christian love and service, but we wish Lynn and Frank all of God's blessings and joy as He helps them compose this next verse of their song, together. We look forward to continuing to worship together, as their new and exciting schedule permits.

ABC MEN'S ROUND UP CAMP JUDSON, SD AUG 28-30, 2020

Head 'Em Up To:

Worship — play — learn — relax
Fellowship — eat great food
have a great time!
Several of our men often get
together and travel up for the
Saturday sessions. The schedule
is available in the church office or
on the Baptist bulletin board.



ALERT — QUILT RAFFLE!!!

Beautiful Quilt to be raffled off with all
proceeds to benefit our stain glass window
project.

The quilt is 78 inches x 63 inches. Quilt top by
local quilter. Longarm quilting professional
done at Lickety Stitch in Lusk.

Raffle tickets will be \$ 1.00 each and 6 tickets for \$
5.00. Quilt raffle tickets can be purchased at the
church on Sundays or call to arrange. If you are in
your car just let us know and raffle tickets will be brought out to you. If
you are at home due to the pandemic, let us know and we can arrange
curbside service. For raffle tickets call: Pat Collogan at (605) 440-2739 or
Cora Reid at (402) 504-2196.



CHURCH CAMP SERVICE

Sunday, August 16th, 10 AM / Centennial Park

- Lots of outdoor fun and music and fellowship!
- Bring your chair or a blanket!
- Bring your own picnic lunch!
- Bring some sparklers (if you have any left over)!
- And last but not least ... mark your calendar and plan to attend!!!!

CHURCH CENTANNIAL — LOOKING BACK — SUNDAY SCHOOL

“The size of Sunday School classes was one of the main reasons the planning of a new church building 70 years ago. Each department had their own musician too. A girls' Choir, organized in 1924, together with an orchestra, furnished the music for the Sunday Evening Church services of that year. At various other times there have been boy's choirs, children's choirs, or young people's that furnish an anthem for the morning worship service at least once a month.

Another part of the Christian Education program was the Wednesday afternoon release program. The Hot Springs Elementary school releases students early to attend classes at local churches. Five released time classes were offered. This program needed many teachers throughout the school year.

Vacation Bible Schools were very popular for many summers, sponsored by our church and sometimes two churches would plan the programs together. Community children would attend, increasing the attendance. Some years, lunch was served during the week.

There have been many adult classes throughout the years. Most of these classes took place on Sunday, morning or evening. Currently we have some classes that happen during the week.”

The preceding quote was from the November 13, 1924 issue of the Hot Springs Star. The Sunday School program at The United Churches has a long and proud history. The years have seen many changes and advances, but the basic premise has always been the same - educating people, particularly young people, in the ways of the Lord.

~ From the Centennial Booklet.

AUGUST Birthdays:

- 3 Maggie May (103 in 2020)
- 6 Mary McDill
- 10 Ralph Sieg
- 14 Richard Bershon
- 19 Lydia Emery
- 21 Judy Hansen
- 23 Nevetta Sieg
- 24 Robin Wynia
- 29 Wayne Hageman



AUGUST Anniversaries:

- 5 Todd & Robin Wynia
- 9 Ed & Pat Cerney
- 13 Jerry & Pat Collogan
- 15 Jim & Annie Zwetzig
- 21 Gordon & Jean Brooks



If your name is not included on the Birthdays and Anniversaries list and you would like it to be added, please contact the church

Please keep praying for our Nation and each other during these challenging times.

In the next week or so, our members and friends will be receiving an updated membership list that one can use for a personal prayer guide. Watch for this critical snail mail coming to your homes.



STANDING FIRM IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE AS WE PRAY

Satan's Agenda for Us	God's Plan for Us	Scripture Reference
"Me first"	God first	Matthew 6:33
Lies	Truth	Proverbs 14:25
Fear	Love	1 John 4:18
Discouragement	Confidence, Strength	Deuteronomy 31:8
Anger	Patience	2 Timothy 2:24
Condemning others	Putting up with others	Colossians 3:12, 13
Powered by alcohol	Powered by the Holy Spirit	Ephesians 5:18
Complaining	Contentment	Philippians 2:14
"My way"	God's way	Proverbs 16:25
Death	Life	John 5:24
Gossip	Confidentiality	Proverbs 20:19
Regret and shame	God's forgiveness	Acts 3:19
Greed	Giving	Luke 12:15-21
Cursing	Blessing your enemies	Luke 6:28
Revenge	Forgiveness	Matthew 6:14, 15
Hateful talk	Encouragement	Ephesians 4:29
Self-pity	Songs of praise	Ephesians 5:19, 20
Laziness	Productivity, watchfulness	Proverbs 12:24
Unfaithfulness	Loyalty	Philippians 2:4
Irresponsibility	Dependability	Proverbs 14:14
Being rude	Being considerate	Titus 3:2
Worry	Rest	Matthew 11:28, 29
Anxiety	Peace	John 16:33
Jealousy, envy	Abundant hear	James 3:16, 17
Using others	Sacrificing for others	I Corinthians 13:4-7
Rage	Self-control	Colossians 3:8-12
Sexual immorality	Sexual fidelity	I Thessalians 4:3
"My power"	God's power	Ephesians 3:16

SERMON SERIES — FALL/WINTER — 2020

Date:	Title:	Text:
August 30	"Light Weight Kids..."	Philippians 2:12-18
September 6	"Son-ny Side Up..."	Philippians 2:19-30
September 13	"Best the Flesh..."	Philippians 3:1-16

Series: A Season for Prayer

September 20	"The Lord and Prayer"	Luke 11:1-4
September 27	"Answers to Prayer"	Luke 11:1-10
October 4	"Out"	
October 11	"Out"	
October 18	"Fasting and Prayer"	Matthew 6:16-18; 17:21
October 25	"Time for Prayer"	Mark 14:32-42
November 1	"What Difference Does Prayer Make?"	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Series: Stewardship is a Choice! (Maxwell)

November 8	"Choose Your Model—Personal"	Luke 12:16-20
November 15	"Choose Your Model—Church"	2 Cor. 8:1-5; 9:6-15
November 22	"Choose Your Measurement"	Luke 6: 38

Series: Advent of Advent

November 29 Advent Sunday 1	"There Will Be Peace"	Isaiah 11: 1-10
December 6 Advent Sunday 2	"There Will Be Singing"	Isaiah 35: 1-10
December 13 Advent Sunday 3	"God Will Be with Us"	Isaiah 7: 10-16
December 20 Advent Sunday 4	"A Child Will Be Born"	Isaiah 9: 2-7

Wednesday Advent Services

December 2

December 9

December 16

December 24 (Thursday)

Christmas Eve

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