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Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Small Groups
Tues., Weds. or Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9 a.m – 12 p.m.



I hope this series “12 Steps for the Recovering Pharisee (like me)” has been as eye opening and inspirational for you as it has been for me. I have constantly been plagued by this addiction to judge other people throughout my life.

I don't want to judge the person standing in front of me in the checkout line at Wal-Mart. I don't want to have a judgmental thought about the guy who cuts me off in traffic. I no longer want to judge a brother or sister in Christ whose theology may not agree with mine. I don't want to be judgmental toward a brother or sister in Christ when we disagree on anything that is not essential to our faith.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we must rid our lives of all judgmental tendencies. We must extend love and grace and mercy and forgiveness, as our Lord Jesus Christ did, to all people. This love will motivate us to tell those, who don't know Christ, about Him. Also, this love will motivate us to encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ to keep on following the Lord every day of their lives. Remember this: When we fill ourselves up with God, we won't be able to fill ourselves up with ourselves.

Here are the 12 Steps for the Recovering Pharisee:

1. We admit that our single most intense desire is to judge other people.
2. We have come to believe that our means of obtaining greatness is to make everyone lower than ourselves in our own mind.
3. We realize that we detest mercy being given to those who, unlike us, haven't worked for it and don't deserve it.
4. We have decided that we don't want to get what we deserve after all, and we don't want anyone else to either.
5. We will cease all attempts to apply teaching and rebuke to anyone but ourselves.
6. We are ready to have God remove all these defects of attitude and character.
7. We embrace the belief that we are, and will always be, experts at sinning.
8. We are looking closely at the lives of famous men and women of the Bible who turned out to be ordinary sinners like us.
9. We are seeking through prayer and meditation to make a conscious effort to consider others better than ourselves.
10. We embrace the state of astonishment as a permanent and glorious reality.
11. We choose to rid ourselves of any attitude that is not bathed in gratitude.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we will try to carry this message to others who think that Christians are better than everyone else.

The sermon series we have completed was based on the book “12 Steps for the Recovering Pharisee (like me): Finding Grace to Live Unmasked” by John

Fischer. I highly recommend this book. The 12 Steps are taken right out of this book, and the book fleshes these steps out for you.

The best encouragement I can give to you about overcoming judgmental tendencies is this: Live your life as John the Baptist lived his. He lived it this way, **“He (Jesus) must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.” (John 3:30---NLT).** Live your life like this and you will always be a Recovering Pharisee!!!

<u>APRIL</u>	
<u>GENERAL FUND INCOME</u>	
General Fund	\$10,746.40
Berea	565.60
TOTAL GEN. FUND INC.	\$11,312.00
<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</u>	
General Fund	\$9,402.57
Gen. Fund Net Inc.	\$1,909.43
<u>WEEKLY FIXED EXPENSES</u>	
	\$2142/week)
<u>APRIL AVG. INCOME</u>	
	\$2,149.48/week

<u>APRIL</u>	
<u>“OTHER FUNDS” INCOME</u>	
Building	140.00
Women’s Min.	30.00

<u>FUNDS BALANCES</u>	
General Fund	\$1,782.42
NYR	1,105.69
Anapto	-27.38
Building	20.00
Children’s Ministry	401.78
Worship Ministry	175.94
Overcomers	-45.66
CIY	13.78
We Care	-46.71
Women’s Ministry	150.00
LG Print Bibles	55.00
Bank Balance	\$3,584.86



MAY
 Shane Wood – 5/2
 Brittney Sublette – 5/9
 Sheri Betke – 5/12
 Donovan Golden – 5/29

Happy Anniversary
 Bill & Terri Broz – 5/3
 Jim & Lola Cook – 5/4

Bible Reading Questions

If you are keeping up with the *Through The Bible in a Year* reading, you should have read from Genesis through II Samuel, I Kings 1-2:12, I Chronicles, Job, Psalm 1-44, 49-71, 73, 75-78, 80-126, 128-134, 138-150 by today. Check your ‘smarts’ here:

- _____ killed more Philistines when he died then he killed his entire life.
- _____ prayed for a son and gave him to the Lord when he was weaned. His name was _____.
- Saul was king _____ years.
- _____’s two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, brought the sacred chest back from Shiloh, but the Philistines killed them and captured the sacred chest.
- The Philistines sent the ark (sacred chest) back to the Israelites by putting it on a _____.
- Some of the men looked inside the ark when it was returned. What happened to them?
- Abinadab chose his son, _____, to care for the ark and it stayed with him _____ years.
- When the time came for David to marry Saul’s daughter, Merab, Saul told her to marry _____. (hint: Chloe Betke’s middle name)
- How did Saul’s life end?
- How long was David king of Israel?
- David had a son, Solomon. What was Solomon’s mother’s name?
- _____ will be the one to build my temple, said the Lord.
- _____ was the second king of Israel.

(Answers can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Recipe, Recipe Who’s Recipe

Who submitted the recipe for *Pizza on the Grill*? If this is your recipe, contact a member of the recipe team.



Overcomers
 Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.
Basketball
 Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
 Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Anapto
 Sundays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for teens.
 No Anapto on the last Sunday of each month.

CMCE
 May 21 at White Oak Camp, Moberly.

Ladies Bible Study
 Fridays at 9:30 a.m., *Principles from the Women of the Bible*, Book One
New Florence Nursing Home
 3rd Sunday every other month. (Next June 17, 3 p.m.)

Small Groups
 Mon., Wed. or Thurs. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in homes – Faith lessons. Ask about joining a small group today.

Kansas City NACC
 July 3-6 at the KC Convention Center

Quilt Ministry Meeting
 May 7, 6 p.m.

VBS Meeting
 May 15, 6 p.m.

<u>APRIL</u>	
Sunday School – 49	
Sunrise Service - 70	
Worship Service - 89	
<u>Average Attendance</u>	
<u>This Fiscal Year to Date</u>	
(since October 1, 2006)	
Sunday School - 49	
Worship Service - 97	

Common Bible Phrases

Did you find any common quotes and phrases in the last month’s Bible readings? Here’s one from I Samuel 10:24, **“Long live the king.”** Here are more: **“...at their wit’s end”** from Psalms 107:27, meaning, “can not handle any more”, **“from strength to strength”**, Psalms 84:7, **“Out of the mouth of babes”** from Psalms 8:2, **“teach you a lesson”** from I Samuel 14:12 [the Contemporary English version says, **“teach you a thing or two!”**] If you find others, email them to: info@highhillchristianchurch.org.

CCC of the Bible 50th Anniversary

Central Christian College of the Bible, Moberly, celebrates her 50th Anniversary on May 18-19! Friday there will be an Alumni picnic at noon, an Alumni musical band, "Three Days Under", and at 6:30 p.m. Commencement services. Saturday starts with a Continental Breakfast & Alumni Variety Show. The 50th Anniversary & Homecoming Banquet will begin at 11:30 a.m. with special music by the Alumni Choir, message by Tom Ellsworth, Sherwood Oaks CC, Bloomington, Indiana, special recognition of the classes of '67, '77, '87, '97 and '07. A carnival follows on the front lawn at 2 p.m. and 18 hole golf tournament at Timberlake golf course. CCC continues growing strong from a student body of 19 in 1957 to over 500 this year. For more information visit the web at: www.cccb.edu.

Quilt Ministry

The new Quilt Ministry is looking for someone to donate a quilt frame. Contact Theresa Duncan, if you can help with this. It is not too late to join this ministry. You do not need to be an experienced quilter. You can come and learn. Their next meeting is May 7 at 6 p.m.

NACC at KC

The North American Christian Convention is in Kansas City this year, July 3-6, at the Kansas City Convention Center. The theme is "It's Time." Bob Russell, Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky, is one of the many featured speakers. He will illustrate the power of praising God. You can register online at nacctheconnectionplace.org. Brochures are on the bulletin board.

Who's in Charge?

Have you been thinking about joining up with one of our ministry teams but didn't know whom to contact? Here is a list of our ministry teams and the deacon in charge. He can help you get involved with a ministry team of your choice.

- Adult Education – Shane Wood
- Basketball – Jason Pierson
- Building Maintenance – Jason Pierson
- Children's – Jeffrey Hartman
- Lawn Care – Jason Pierson
- Missions – Dave Wood
- Outreach – Tim Hartman
- Overcomers – Kent Hall
- Prayer – Dave Wood
- Small Groups – Dave Wood
- Teen – Donovan Golden
- We Care – Shane Wood
- Women's Ministry – Dave Wood
- Worship – Shane Wood

Answers to Bible Questions

1. *Samson*. This was when he pushed down the columns and the roof collapsed on the Philistine rulers and everyone inside. (Judges 16:29-30)
2. *Hannah. Samuel*. Hannah left Samuel at the Lord's house with the priest, Eli, to raise as soon as he was weaned. (I Samuel 1)
3. *Forty*. (Acts 13:21)
4. *Eli*. At the news, Eli fell backward, broke his neck and died. (I Samuel 4)
5. *Cart*. They hitched 2 cows to the cart and sent it on it's way. (I Sam. 6:7-18)
6. *The Lord killed them*. (I Sam. 6:19)
7. *Eleazar. Twenty years*. (I Sam. 7:1-2)
8. *Adriel*. (I Samuel 18:19)
9. *He committed suicide in a battle with the Philistines*. Read about it in I Samuel 31.
10. *Forty years*. (2 Samuel 5:4)
11. *Bathsheba*. (2 Samuel 12:24)
12. *Solomon*. (I Chronicles 22:10) Although Solomon was the one chosen to rebuild the temple, David made the plans for it and gathered the materials. (I Chronicles 22:2-4)
13. *David*. I Samuel 1-13

**It is easier to preach
ten sermons
than it is
to live one.**

Ministries at High Hill Christian Church

Basketball Ministry
Building & Grounds
Children's Ministry
Missions Ministry

Outreach Ministry
Overcomers
Prayer Ministry
Small Groups

Teen Ministry
We Care Ministry
Women's Ministry
Worship Ministry

Strengthening God's Family One Life At A Time

High Hill Christian Church exists to bring Jesus to people,
To bring people to Jesus,
And together grow in complete devotion to Him.