

Don't Settle for Less

Are you excited about your life? Or do you feel as if you're merely existing, drifting along from day to day without any sense of purpose or direction? Through the years, I've met countless people who're living what I call a "settled-for-life." Somewhere along their journey, they became complacent and content in their circumstances. They settled for what they believed was adequate or satisfactory instead of exerting the effort and work necessary to living a life that's truly excellent and outstanding. The truth is, it's easy to find ourselves settled and complacent in life. And there are many reasons we can feel stuck, discouraged, or adrift; lose our enthusiasm for life; and forfeit our hope, sense of purpose, and peace. The reasons are because many people have lost sight of who God made them to be and what He designed them to do. As a result, countless people are not actively, intentionally, and purposefully pursuing what the Father has planned for them. You must remember that your heavenly Father sees you through the eyes of love and forgiveness (Eph. 2:4-5). He sees where you are, but He also sees the person He made you to be. God sees all the awesome potential and possibilities He's created you to fulfill. If you're willing to discover and align yourself with His plan and purpose for you, He'll bless you more than you could ever imagine and open doors of opportunity you never dreamed possible. He'll restore the joy, peace, and hope you've lost and show you the path to the accomplishment He wants in your life. And He promises to bless you with life at its very best. God has placed you in this time and your current location to allow you to maximize your role in establishing His will "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). If you've ever wondered why you're on this earth, understand that God has placed you here as a unique person with a unique mission aimed at establishing and extending His kingdom—and your potential lies securely and completely in that purpose. Ephesians 4. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) Ephesians 2:4,5

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Minister

Rickey Shive

Elders

Kenneth Stephens

Kenny Scott

Deacons

Rickey Davis

David Honeycutt

Times of worship

Sunday school

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m.

Sunday Night Worship

5:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible class

Thursday @ 2

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Table Waiting

Rickey Davis
Rondal Phelps
Ronnie Reed
Wendel Mosby

Table Setup

Kay Harbison

Announcements

Rondal Phelps

Sunday song leader

Randel Glass

Door Greeters

Ronnie & Laura

Nursing Home

Visitation

Vickie

Usher

Daniel Glass

Gift of Salvation

HEAR- Rom: 10:17

BELIEVE - Heb: 11:6

REPENT-Acts 2:38

CONFESS- Matt: 10:32-33

BE BAPTIZED-Rom: 6:3-5

REMAIN FAITHFUL

Rev: 2:10

Birthdays

06-Cari O'Dell

Rickey Davis

08-Betty Porter

09-Dalee Brooks

10-John Harbison

17-Kenny Scott

19-Beverly Bruton

21-Chantal Honeycutt

Anniversaries

14-Mike & Keana Morgan

Things to Remember

*Dokas email : obadiahbimiu@gmail.com

*Remember everyone on our prayer list.

God's Holy Fire: 'A Spirit-Powered Message

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

— 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 NIV

When the good news of Jesus is preached, the Holy Spirit is at work making the message powerful. The "*demonstration of the Spirit's power*" may refer to miracles that accompanied the preaching of the message of Jesus (**Hebrews 2:1-4**). However, in the context of today's Scripture, Paul is primarily focusing on a greater truth: The message of a crucified Savior doesn't appear to be wise and persuasive by human standards of wisdom (**1 Corinthians 1:18**; **1 Corinthians 2:1-3**), yet the Holy Spirit is active in the telling of the story of Jesus. The Spirit's work in the message of the cross gives it seemingly inexplicable power to reach into people's hearts and call them to Jesus. Nevertheless, for those of us who know the Holy Spirit's work, this power really is not inexplicable; it is a reminder of God's grace to give us not only the gift of Jesus but also the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us understand the gift of Jesus!

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