

Celebration Service

August 5, 2018
9:00 AM

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT:

- Sunday School
- Wednesday Night Activities
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Music Ministry
- What UM Christians believe
- Committing My Life To Christ
- Being Baptized
- Becoming A Member
- Joining a Connexion Group

NAMETAG ORDER FORM:

Please PRINT your name exactly
how you would like it to be
written on your nametag:

- Clip Tag (Free) Magnetic (\$5)
(please place this card in the offering plate)

Comments or Questions

Any comments or questions about FUMCSS?
You can share them here:

CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY 5 | 9:00 am | Celebration Service |
| | 10:00 am | Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:10 am | Traditional Service |
| WEDNESDAY 8 | 6:30 pm | Men's Group (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:45 pm | Basement Student Ministries |
| | 6:45 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| THURSDAY 9 | 6:30 pm | Spiritual Formation Committee Meeting (Wesley Room) |
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| FRIDAY 10 | 5:30 pm | Arvest Ballpark Faith & Family Night |
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| SUNDAY 12 | 9:00 am | Celebration Service |
| | 10:00 am | Communion in the Sanctuary |
| | 10:00 am | Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:10 am | Traditional Service |
| | 2:00 pm | Family Float Trip |

July Memorials:

Memorials have been received in July for:

In Memory of Cecilia Peer
In Memory of Zoe Zimmerman
In Honor of Emerging Ministries – Dinner Church

GREETERS:

| Date | Sanctuary West 8:45 AM | Sanctuary East 8:45 AM | Sanctuary West 10:50 AM | Sanctuary East 10:50 AM |
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| August 5 | Shirley Smith | Billie Jean Buckler | Katie Rennard | Roseann Crowder |
| August 12 | Shirley Smith | Billie Jean Buckler | Katie Rennard | Roseann Crowder |
| August 19 | Shirley Smith | Billie Jean Buckler | Katie Rennard | Roseann Crowder |
| August 26 | Shirley Smith | Billie Jean Buckler | Katie Rennard | Roseann Crowder |

SERMON

Say What?! Series: Two Traits Psalm 137

Opening Reflective Questions:

What are some of the more obscure or confusing passage from the Bible that you have come across in your reading?

When you came across the passages what do you recall were some of your initial thoughts? Shock? Confusion? Wonderment? All of the above?

What redeeming value can we find in this imprecatory—"Hate" psalm?

Have you ever been faced with a situation that gave rise to anger toward someone who caused you pain? What thoughts went through your head? What words did you voice if any?

Human Nature vs. Divine Nature

Psalm 137 presents us with a difficult truth about ourselves. Despite our best efforts we are _____ and it's part of our _____ nature to hate or despise.

Our human nature is only one part of who we are. As creatures created in the image of God we have threaded through our _____ DNA our _____ nature.

When God created humans he placed within each of us his divine nature and capacity to f_____ and to l_____.

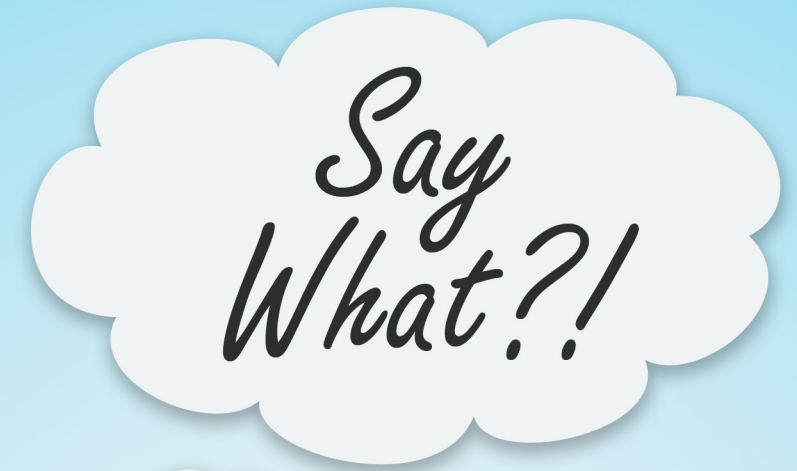
The redeeming value of this psalm, which because of its content is rarely spoken aloud in worship, is that it presents a brilliant contrast with a better way. _____ provides us with a better way.

Question: What are some of the ways Jesus provides us with a better way?

Closing

Unlike our biological DNA where choice is not typically a part of the process, with our spiritual DNA God's gift of _____ will allows us to make a choice in which trait—human or divine is dominant. Our choice is which will be recessive and which will be dominant.

Reflective Question: What steps will you take this week to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in allowing your divine nature to be your dominant nature?



Exploring Confusing and Obscure Passages of the Bible

Two Traits



WELCOME

Message from the Pastor

Early in my ministry I was doing survey of the Gospel of Mark and I'm reading along and all of the sudden I come across this passage where I read about a young man losing his clothes and running away naked. I remember thinking to myself "Say What?! There's a naked streaker in the Bible?!" I feel fairly certain that we have all at one time or another come across a confusing or strange passage in the Bible and perhaps scratched our head trying to make sense of it or maybe reacted in shock saying "Say What?! That's in the Bible?!" or "How have I missed this before?" Whatever the case may be the Apostle Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 3:16: *All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.*

So, with that in mind today we begin a three week sermon series entitled "Say What?: Exploring Confusing and Obscure Passages of the Bible." We'll look at a troubling psalm, an obscure book of the Bible, and yes, we'll take a look at the story of the naked streaker in Mark. We're glad you're here!



WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

We believe that God has put us here at this time to faithfully seek Him and make Him known through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Our Values*

Prayer, Love, Worship
Bible-Based Preaching & Teaching
 Children & Youth Ministry
 Discovering God's vision for our church

What We Believe

Many people believe they are Christian because they were born into a religious home or they go to church, tried their best, or are a moral person. However, the Bible teaches that these things do not make you a Christian. You become a Christian simply by:

1. Acknowledging that you, like all people have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. The Bible calls sin a desire to live independently of God. (Romans 3:23)
2. Personally believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (Romans 6:23)
3. Repenting (turning away from your sins), confessing, and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9)

You may express your desire and belief in prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving grace as God's gift to you. The Bible is clear that we all enter into a relationship with God through His mercy and grace.

**Bold = Focus of Today's Message*

QUIET TIME GUIDE

You can incorporate a little of today's worship into your daily quiet time as easy as 1-2-3-4.

- 1 = Begin with reading *Inviting God's Presence and Action*
- 2 = Read the day's Scriptures from the *Feed on the Word list*
- 3 = Pray through the *Joys & Concerns*
- 4 = Finish with the *Benediction/Blessing*

1. Inviting God's Presence and Action:

O God, by the waters of our exile, we sit and weep, remembering our home. How can we sing your song in a foreign land? We are estranged from ourselves, we are alienated from one another. O God, you know our weakness: have compassion upon us; send us your Spirit to heal us and to prepare the way for our return. Lead us by the still waters, restore our souls. And your praise shall always be on our lips, and we shall exalt your name together. Amen.

2. Feed on the Word:

We are starting a new way to read through the Bible using Seedbed's reading guide and devotional. To read the daily devotional, sign up at: www.seedbed.com/daily-text

3. Joys & Concerns:

Newest Concerns:

- There are several new confidential prayer concerns.
- Sylvia Burnett is scheduled to have surgery on Wed. Aug. 8th at 10:30am at Washington Regional.
- Elisha Comfort requests prayers for her Uncle Don Bond who was just diagnosed with Parkinson's, and pray for his wife Connie.
- Ann Lowerre requests prayer for Rev Andrew Brunson who is imprisoned in Turkey.
- Jim Huggins sister-in-law's mom, Irene Shervo, passed away. Remember the family during this time.
- Joallen Moose shares concerns for Caleb Lester after a serious motorcycle accident & amputation of his leg. He is Worship Minister at heritage Methodist in VanBuren AR.

Joys:

- We celebrate birthdays the week of 7/30 - 8/5: Brenda Haxel, Brendan Lee, Jessica Lynn Foster, and Max Thomas.
- Paul Taylor is joyful he got the new 3rd shift job [still with McKee].
- Shirley Smith is thankful to the Lord for our rains; please continue to send rain and put out the fires!
- Steve and Mary Peters are grateful for the financial help God sent - it really made a difference!
- Glenda Gorszyczk says, "Thank you to everyone for the birthday calls, cards, text messages, and gifts last week. I love you back!"
- Sarah Lee is thankful her mom has a job that allows her to work from home.
- Thankful to everyone who bid on the china dishes and silver items last Sunday. All items are sold and monies will go to the Memorial Fund.

Continuing Concerns:

- Prior weeks prayer concerns.
- Pray for healing [*Those on this list have ongoing medical issues and doctor appointments*]:
 - Barbara Akins
 - Jessie Bedor
 - Cheryl Comfort
 - Liam Comfort's grandparents
 - Sue Farley
 - Daisye Howell
 - Paul McVay
 - Joallen Moose
 - Karl Mounger's sister, Ruth
 - Randy Murphy
 - Mary Peters
 - Pam Rasmussen

4. Benediction:

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR MINISTRY INTERN'S LAST WEEK

Today Hannah Schroeder will complete her internship with us. We want to wish her well as her internship comes to a close and she prepares to return to her regular studies at JBU. Hannah has been a great partner, working with Clark, Rebekah, Manny, and Dan this summer honing her skills and talents in worship arts and children's ministries. Please join us in sending her forth with our love and gratitude for the work she has been doing here at FUMCSS.

CONNEXION GROUP SIGN UPS ARE IN THE NARTHEX

This is our 4th year of Connexion Groups! These small groups meet weekly through the fall and spring (no meetings in December, June, July or August) and serve to connect and transform the FUMC family. Our Connexion Groups will begin the week of Sunday, Sept. 9th. Signup sheets are now available in the Narthex until Sunday, Aug. 26 or until all groups are full.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME THIS WEEK

Check the FUMC calendar for these activities starting back up!
 -- Chancel Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, August 8th.
 -- The Basement Students will start meeting again on Wed., August 8th.
 -- Timothy Team will begin meeting again on Wednesday, August 15th.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & TEACHERS

Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks next week (Aug. 12) as we will have a time in both services to Bless the Backpacks. We will also be praying for the teachers as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Join us at the Faith & Family Night featuring David Dunn Friday August 10 at Arvest Ballpark. The David Dunn Concert starts at 6pm, and the First Pitch is at 7:15pm. There will also be post-game fireworks! Tickets are \$8.00 payable to Rod or Dolores Deuel. See flyers on the bulletin board for more details.

FAMILY FLOAT TRIP

Everyone is welcome to join us for a float trip on August 12, at 2pm! We'll be renting rafts and going down the Illinois River. The cost is \$5/person, and you must email Manny to sign up (manny@fumcss.com).

UPCOMING SUMMER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- > Thursday, August 9th, Spiritual Formation Committee will meet at 6:30pm in the Wesley Room.
- > Tuesday, August 21st, Ad Council Committee will meet at 6:30pm in the Wesley Room.
- > Sunday, August 26th, Nominations Committee will meet at 4:00pm in the Wesley Room.

NURSERY

Childcare for infant, toddler, and preschool aged children is provided during both services. There is also a nursing mothers room located just off the Fellowship Hall. While the nursery is available for our youngest members, parents with school-aged students are encouraged to bring their children to the worship services. Kids activity packs are available on the table in the Narthex.

✦ EXTRA DOLLARS

There is a brochure with the story of the "Extra Dollar" in the Information Rack in the Welcome Center.

CONNECT CARD

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We are so glad that you are here and hope you feel at home as you join us in worship. Whether you are a guest, or a member, please fill out and return this card so we can know you were here!

Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Time Guest*
- Repeat Guest
- Member
- My address has changed

Name: _____

Names of children ages 0-18 in attendance today: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

- Check here if you would like to be added to our weekly email list.

Email: _____

Joys, Concerns, God Sightings: _____

- Check box if you do not wish to have your prayer requests published.

**If you are a first time guest today, we have a gift for you! Please go to the welcome table outside the chapel where your completed "Connect Card" may be traded for a gift certificate to Barnett's Dairyette.*