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News and Notes from Troy Christian Church



From the
MINISTER

"So That"

I have a pretty busy schedule this semester. With this in mind, I have become greatly focused on maximizing my time to ensure that the call of God is fulfilled in my final semester of seminary, in my marriage, in my friendships, and especially in my wonderful call to be your pastor. My key phrase for this season of life has become "so that." Never fail to recognize in your Bible reading when you come across this small phrase, it often times cuts to the very heart of what God intended for you to find within His beautiful revelation.

Sometimes this phrase is used in subtle ways that can be hard to pick up on, nowhere is it more pronounced than in the writings of John where he is explicit in his use of this phrase as he puts a very direct purpose on His revelation. From just one of his epistles, 1 John, we can gather that he has written this letter,

So that..... you too may have fellowship with us.

So that..... your joy may be made complete.

So that..... you may not sin.

So that..... it would be shown that they all are not of us.

So that..... when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

So that..... we might live through Him.

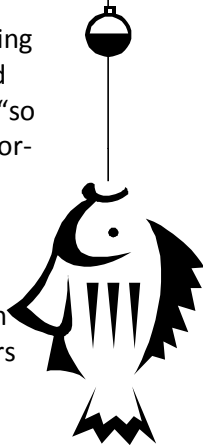
So that..... we may have confidence in the day of judgment.

So that..... you may know that you have eternal life.

So that..... we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, In His Son Jesus Christ.

This simple phrase is used 9 times in this 5 chapter book. The phrase "so that" drives his purpose for writing this book and helps us to see exactly why that the book has been revealed to him by God. When you read the book through those statements, it can help that book to resonate with you in new ways. This phrase "so that" has become the goal of my ministry as well as I seek to simplify a very complicated schedule. To incorporate greater purpose in your life is a practice that I believe can center around this simple phrase, "so that."

For a small example of how we can incorporate this in our lives.....probably the best, and most practical application of this practice comes in prayer. I have observed within many church groups across the nation that prayer often times can treat God like a genie where you say the right words and He magically appears at your command, or like a full piñata where you swing a bat, open Him up, and wait for the blessings to pour. Take a quick look at how that Paul uses the term in regard to his prayer life. (Continued on page 2)



From The Minister (from page 1)

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, **so that** you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. Ephesians 1:18-19a

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, **so that** you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ. Philippians 1:9-10

We have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **so that** you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9b-10.

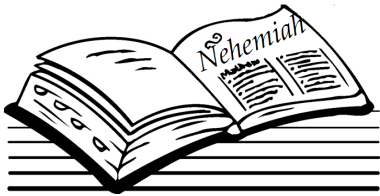
To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, **so that** the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

I constantly remember you in my prayer night and day, longing to see you, even as I recall your tears **so that** I may be filled with joy. 2 Timothy 1:3b-4

Paul consistently lived and prayed with a distinct purpose in mind. Next time you pray, or even go through your day, join with me in focusing our lives on living with a goal of maximizing our efforts for God, **so that** Christ may be glorified in our relationships, truth, and love!

Grace and Peace,
Mitchell Morrow
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sermon Series



Oct. 2: "Perseverance of the Reformer/Restoration" Nehemiah 3-4
Oct. 9: "Perseverance of the Reformer/Restoration II" Nehemiah 5
Oct. 16: "Perseverance of the Reformer/Restoration III" Nehemiah 6
Oct. 23: "Priority of the Reformer" Nehemiah 7-8:6
Oct. 30: "Power of People" Nehemiah 8-9:12



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Lisa Speaks, Cuttar Huss | 16 Gene & Barbara Speaks |
| 2 Cyndi Miller | 17 Wilma Williams |
| 3 Doris Phillips | 18 Steve & Candy Albers, Colin Jasper, Ron Shelton |
| 4 Wayne Rush | 20 Brett Speaks, Nick Johnson |
| 5 Gene Speaks | 22 Noelle Etherton |
| 6 Nellie Clary, Reece Simpson | 23 Madi Harbeston |
| 7 Tom & Anita Speaks | 26 Margaret Whetstine, David Keller |
| 9 Jake Smith, Jo Keller | 27 John Mike & Laurie Simpson, Jared Mendell, Zac Douglas |
| 11 Jana Dominguez, Bruce Jeschke | 30 Don Huss, Chad Winder, Josie Smith |
| 13 Alesha Miller | |
| 14 Wayne & Cindy Rush | |



Mark Your Calendar!

October 6: Elders meeting at 7:00 p.m.
October 8: Janie Simpson & Jake Newton wedding at 4:30 p.m. at Troy Christian Church. Reception following at Troy Community Building. The congregation is invited.
October 15: Men's Breakfast 7:00-8:30 a.m.
October 17: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
October 20: Support group for families of children with special needs 6:30 p.m. at the church
October 21: 5th Quarter Party for 9th-12th graders at the church following the Troy/Doniphan West football game.
October 30: 5th Sunday Brunch 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour (no Sunday School this week only). Food will be provided by the church and served by the Marriage Matters class.
October 30: We will provide the worship service at the Highland Care Center at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

Weekly Statistics

Our Giving	Attendance
August 28: \$2,026.23	139
Sept. 4: \$3,809.00	129
Sept. 11: \$2,711.10	188
Sept. 18: 2,553.50	160
Sept. 25: \$2,435.46	177
Sept. Alms Offering: \$261.52	



Serving In October

October 2: Greeters: Craig & Robyn Johnson; Time Of Prayer: Jared Pickerell; Elder: Rick Simmons; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Bruce & Cara Jeschke, Leah Johnson; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Jim & Pam Pickerell; Stewards: Steve Kostman, Derek Jasper (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs helper (Oct. 5): Mary Ruth Ruddy.

October 9: Greeters: Steve & Pam Kostman; Time Of Prayer: Casey Rush; Elder: J.D. Euler; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Neil, Mlle, Calli Caudle; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Georgette & Isabel Miner; Stewards: Rick Simmons, Terry Simpson (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs helper (Oct. 12): Cara Jeschke.

October 16: Greeters: Rick & Peggy Simmons; Time Of Prayer: Wanda Jenkins; Elder: Tom Speaks; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Sherman, Mary Jane, Katie Smith; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Tom & Danae Jenkins; Stewards: J.D Euler, Corey Kostman (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs helper (Oct. 19): Mary Ruth Ruddy.

October 23: Greeters: Bill & Wanda Simmons; Time Of Prayer: Rick Simmons; Elder: Neil Caudle; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: David & Carla Johnson, Maggie Johnson; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Mlle Caudle, Sarah Kretzinger; Stewards: Rick Jeschke, Steve Adams (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs helper (Oct. 26): Cara Jeschke.

October 30: Greeters: Bob & Debbie Smith; Time Of Prayer: Adam Kretzinger; Elder: John Wiedmer; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Jesse & Sheri Smith, Mackenzie Harbeston; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Wanda & Bethany Jenkins; Stewards: Linda Clary, Charlotte Thomas (counting at end of 2nd service); KICKs helper (Nov. 2): Mary Ruth Ruddy.

Serving This Month: Communion: Terry & Mary Simpson; Sunday School Nursery: Bruce & Cara Jeschke; For a ride to church call: Bill Simmons 985-3901; Mowing in October: Gary Davies.

Almost Home

In *Lessons I Learned in the Dark* (Multnomah Books), Jennifer Rothschild describes the physical and spiritual impact of losing her sight as a teenager. During her first lesson with a mobility instructor, he pointed out some blooming hibiscus on the corner near her home. "When you smell the flowers, you know you're almost home," the instructor said.

Rothschild notes that the closer we get to our heavenly home, "any kind of darkness here on earth...will pale in comparison to the sweet aroma that will usher us into the presence of the One whose face we will clearly see. And when our eyes look into his face, we'll realize that, compared to the surpassing excellence of seeing him, nothing else really mattered."

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J.D. Euler 989-4444; Tom Speaks 985-3781; Steve Adams 985-2530

Sundays: 1st Service 8:00 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 2nd Service 10:30 a.m.; 7th-12th grade youth group 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: KICKs for K-6th graders 3:40-5:00 p.m.

