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Citizenship in heaven

“Citizenship is what makes a republic; monarchies can get along without it.” So said Mark Twain. Being a citizen of a democratic republic like ours brings with it responsibility. Christians are citizens of this nation and state with responsibilities like those of other citizens. There is an important difference, however. St. Paul says of believers that their citizenship is in heaven (see Philippians 3:20). To say their citizenship is in heaven is to say their responsibility as citizens of an earthly political state is understood in the context of their faith. The requirements of earthly citizenship do not surpass in importance the requirements of heavenly citizenship.

With apologies to Mark Twain, we’re talking about citizenship in a monarchy. Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of Heaven. Christians owe their first loyalty to that Kingdom. The word kingdom normally refers to a place or a region ruled by a monarch. The Kingdom of Great Britain is an example. The Kingdom of Heaven is not a place. It is a state of heart and mind; not a state located in a geographical area.

It is the reign of God, who is King, in the hearts and minds of God’s people, who are his subjects and citizens of his Kingdom. God’s Kingdom transcends political and geographical boundaries. Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven are found in all nations.

Furthermore, a citizen is a resident of a nation. Believers, while on earth, are not residents of heaven. They are residents of a state or nation. Still, St. Paul calls them citizens of heaven in Scripture. That means they have no lasting home in this world.

Earthly citizenship is not permanent. Citizenship in heaven is permanent. Believers are sojourners and pilgrims on the earth. That doesn’t dismiss them from the responsibilities of earthly citizenship, but it puts priorities in the proper context.

While believers are on their earthly sojourn to heaven, where their ultimate citizenship lies, they are instructed by Scripture to be obedient to the ruling earthly authorities. These ideally serve God’s purposes. This obedience is pleasing to God (see Romans 13:1-7). Christians are not heedless of the needs of earthly societies, and even of the requirements of earthly power.



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A recent sign outside Trinity Lutheran Church in Hays.



They act as salt, light, and leaven to infuse society with Christ’s ongoing presence in the world.

Though Scripture does enjoin believers to be subject to earthly political authority, this means so long as they are not commanded to do that which is contrary to their Christian faith (see Acts 5:29). Thus in carrying out the responsibilities of earthly citizenship, their faith comes into play.

They are citizens of The Kingdom of Heaven. Their ultimate citizenship is in heaven. Their ultimate loyalty lies there. That colors all their loyalties. The theme of this month’s ONE is: “How does your faith impact your daily decision making process?”

We might think of the answer to this question in terms of how we make decisions as citizens of a nation or state as well as in other ways considered in this issue.

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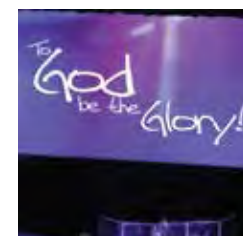
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The backdrop during a performance by The Celebration Community Church worship band at the Festival of Faith on Oct. 9

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What ways should faith affect your life?

...Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17

In what ways should faith make a difference to how we live? With the inspiration from British blogger Jon Kuhrt writing in Resistance & Renewal, I believe in EVERY area of our lives.

- Privately. Authentic faith should be always changing us from the inside out and in ways that only we know about. Through prayer we seek God's grace to shape and influence our inner lives. Real faith makes a difference when no one is watching.

- Personally. Authentic faith influences our small, daily decisions about how we behave, like our attitude when cut off while driving on Vine street or how we treat our families. But it also influences the big choices that we make about

our life: the house we buy, how we use our money, where we send our kids to school. Faith is expressed in the personal values we live by.

- Practically. Authentic faith is expressed in actions which make it tangible and visible to others — especially those who are needy or who look different than we do.

Beliefs only become faith when they are put into action. This is why the Bible consistently connects loving God and loving our neighbors. We are blessed by God in order to be a blessing to others.

- Professionally. Authentic faith has

to be expressed in the arena where we spend most of our time and our energy — our jobs. In reality there is no sacred/secular divide: the workplace is just as significant a realm as 'church' for us to express our faith and hope in the living God.

- Publicly. Authentic faith can never accept being relegated into just a private matter. Faith has things to say about how society is ordered and how our commu-

nities operate. From the start, Christianity was a public movement, described in the New Testament as the 'Ekklesia', which means public assembly. Back then, the Christian faith was never seen as a 'private matter' and neither should

it today.

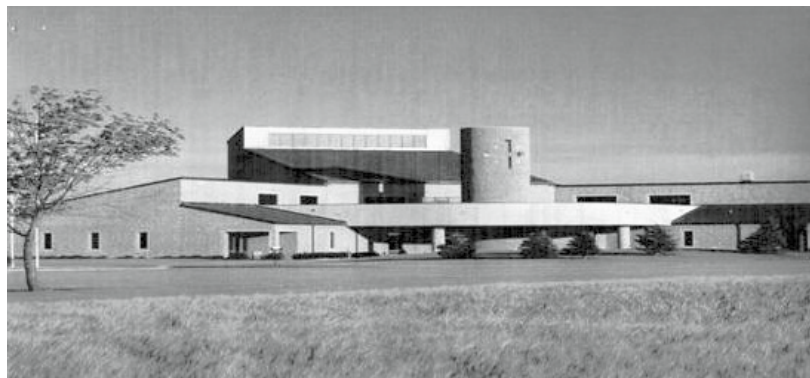
- Politically. Authentic faith cares about how the structures and powers in the world can be shaped to create greater fairness, justice and peace. We cannot care about what is happening in Syria, on the Arizona border or in a Planned Parenthood clinic, and pretend that faith has nothing to do with politics. If Jesus had not been a political threat to the Jewish and Roman authorities then he never would have been crucified.

Of course this is all far easier to write about than to live out! And different parts of the body of Christ have different strengths in regard to these areas. This is why unity among Christians is so important, so that as we work together we show the difference that faith makes in every area of our lives.



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Following is a full-time job

Compartmentalization. It's a concept that says you can section off parts of your life into separate areas and that those areas of your life won't cross each other. In my experience, it can actually be a very helpful coping mechanism. However, if taken to extremes in a person's life, it can be quite detrimental. It can also be quite detrimental if we're talking about areas of faith.

Our faith is not designed to fit into a compartment of our life. We don't get to put God in a box and put him and our faith on a shelf, pulled out only on Sundays or during

tough situations. Rather, God needs to be the bookcase of our lives, setting boundaries and parameters for what we do, how we think, and who we are.

God is said to be a jealous God (Exodus 20:5). That is not jealous as in selfish, but rather in his desire to be at the center

of our lives; the place rightly — and solely — reserved for him.

The question for us, as followers of Christ, is will we allow God to be at the center of our lives? Will we allow our everyday decisions to be guided by our faith in Christ?

There are many decisions we make each day, many of which we make on auto-pilot, that really do have significance beyond our immediate, felt circumstances. Let's take deodorant for example. The question I must answer each and every day is, "to wear or not to wear?" Now that is a very personal decision, but it has consequences beyond just my personal choice. If I'm

Mr. Stinky, then there's less of a chance that I'll get to be around people and have meaningful conversations. No one wants to have an in-depth conversation with someone who has bad body odor. Taking it further, even the brand of deodorant I purchase has further reaching effects than

just my personal preference. Is the company I am purchasing from fair to their workers? Is it an environmentally friendly company? Does the company support issues that I agree with or oppose? Each and every decision, even those as small as deodorant, have ripple effects that we may never see.

So if all of my decisions cause a ripple effect beyond me, as I contend, then what should guide my decision making process? Clearly, for me, the answer is my faith and relationship with Jesus. If I believe Jesus is my Savior, my Creator, and my Lord, then I must live like it all of the time, not just on Sundays. Unfortunately, many people try to put religion into one of their compartments, never to mix with other areas of their life.

That natural tendency seems to be universal. For example, I recently took on a new responsibility that is not directly tied to a religious cause. As I was thinking through my prayers, I realized that I had not added that particular item to my prayer list. I was shocked at how easy it

was for me to, without really thinking, compartmentalize that area of my life into a "non-faith" area. I immediately rectified the situation and now pray for that area, but it really got me thinking about how easy it can be to restrict my faith to only certain things.

I don't think I'm alone in that regard. I think we all too often classify things as religious or non-religious, faith-based or secular. The problem is that I don't think that God allows us to make that distinction. As followers of Christ, we are the Church, Christ's bride. Therefore, everything we do is an extension of Christ. It doesn't matter what it is, we represent Christ and more than that, we are Christ's Bride no matter where we are or what we do. Let that sink in for a second.

If we truly understand that truth, then that should undeniably change our behavior, our thoughts, and our desires. Following Christ is not all about Sundays — it's about the 24/7 life we live. You can't be a part-time, compartmentalized Christ-follower. It's a full time gig.



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Strengthen your faith by using it correctly

Decisions. Decision-making. Choices. I'm sure you've been faced with these terms before. We all have. We all make choices and decisions — daily, hourly, even minute by minute. Some are big and some are small. Many are life-changing while others are inconsequential. Is there any one "right" way to make a decision? (Oh my, making a decision about how to even *make* a decision!?)

Sleep on it. Weigh your options. Look at the pros and cons. Pray over it. Flip a coin. Just do it. Take a leap of faith. Close your eyes and go for it. Are any of these phrases familiar? I would almost guarantee you've done at *least* one of them already today about *some* type of choice you've made.

What determines how we make a decision? I suppose the obvious is determining what type of decision it is. Choosing what to eat for breakfast in the morning

seems easy, right? You've eaten eggs and bacon with a side of toast every day for the past 20 years. Why switch up your routine? What if you are running late and don't really have time for breakfast? What now? Protein? No protein? How long is it until lunch? What's for lunch anyway? Is McDonald's on my way to work? I'm sure you can relate or at least chuckle. I've just made a simple choice seem monumental!

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all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

What does this mean for us? Do we just wander from place to place and thing to thing and blindly assume that God is directing our paths or do we actually have

an active part in this? I believe that God gives us the ability to make our decisions. The decisions are ours. He is not making them for us. Here is where faith comes in. Faith is a verb. It is something to be acted on, rather than to be passive about. You can *say* you "have faith", but what are you *doing* with your faith? I'm going to give you a head start in answering my question. You are making decisions and choices based on your faith. Day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute — possibly even second by second.

Faith is like a muscle. You strengthen muscles by using them correctly. You injure them when you are careless and don't do things the way you ought to. This also holds true with faith. It builds and grows and strengthens the more you listen to God and follow the path he has laid out before you with his Word. When we have real faith, we are able to tackle everyday reality. We do our part and move closer in the right direction, one step at a time. Is it difficult? Absolutely! We find our strength in Him. When we first do *our* part and have faith, God then is able to do His part.

Fear gets in the way of Jesus' love

In a former church, one of my people had the idea to build a nice white picket fence as a visual image for the Parable of the Good Samaritan in answer to Jesus' question, "Who acted as neighbor to the man beaten and bleeding on the side of the road?" The white picket fence for her was a symbol of a "good neighbor": nice people who live next door on the well-kept block. Good neighbors are people who look like us, dress like us, talk like us, worship like us, eat like us... As Mr. Rogers famously sang "Would you like to be my neighbor?"

Do you remember "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood"? Every afternoon Mr. Rogers would come home to his TV show set, put on his trademark red sweater and talk to children about important things like kindness, being a helper, the value to working

to learn something new, courage to do the right thing, the honest vulnerability of sadness, and getting to know new people as individuals. Mr. Rogers, a Presbyterian Minister ordained to ministry through television, knew that Jesus used a Samaritan — the viscerally despised enemy of the Israelites — as a challenging illustration of the Greatest Commandment. The Good Samaritan didn't live on the other side of any white picket fence. Even so, he showed mercy and compassion. Jesus and Mr. Rogers taught us to "Go and do the same."

The reality is that what most gets in

the way of Jesus' kind of radical love is our fear. We fear strangers and loss and the unknown. Toxic fear drives most of our decisions these days. There is another way. Because of my faith in God who I know

through Jesus Christ, I seek to live as one who is not afraid. Every time I do the hard work of practicing faith over fear, I am more convinced that perfect

love casts out fear. I am certainly not perfect, but I try to be aware of when my decisions are coming from fear or from faith. When I can name my fear in the light of God's love, it has less power over my life and my decisions.

What does it look like to love God and love neighbors as yourself? For me, in my day to day decisions, from the faith perspective, I always come back to the Greatest Commandment. Is this decision based in radical love of God and radical love for neighbors near and far? The life transforming Way of Jesus Christ teaches that the decisions I make can't just be about me and my wants and desires nor my fears. The Bible is filled with evidence of those whom God loves and honestly, religious leaders are not high on the list. People who are poor, hungry, sick and in prison, foreigners and those who are out-cast are lifted up as God's beloved.

Love God. Love others even when some would label them "enemy". Act with mercy and compassion. It's just that easy and it's just that hard.



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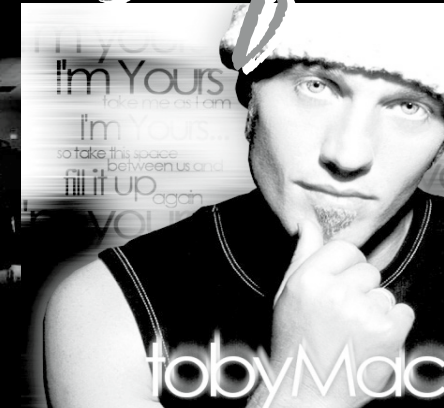
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Celebrating the past, present and future

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Contemporary praise music from the Celebration Community Church Worship choir began the 25th annual Festival of Faith as attendees filed into Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

The event was sponsored by the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance.

This year's theme was Life of Faith.

Approximately 200 people were in attendance as an invocation was given by Scott Watford, president of the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance, followed by a prayer by Carolyn Miller.

Hays Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tammy Wellbrock welcomed the crowd.

The musical group Trilogy performed three numbers, from traditional hymns such as "Find Us Faithful" and "Shepherd Me, O God," to the more bluegrass-gospel hit "I'll Fly Away."

A reading from Hebrews 12:1-2 was delivered by Brooke Forinash.

The message was focused on the past, present and future of one's spiritual life.

Brandon Prough, associate pastor of Westview Church, introduced a video compilation of the last 25 years of Festival of Faith in order to remember the past and where it began.

"The messages are just as pertinent now as they were then," Prough said.

Indeed, many of the messages delivered in sermons during the past 25 years seemed all too familiar to the situations America is facing today. The economy and education have been on the minds of the community for some time, and they prayed for guidance for our leaders in past festivals — and that the community would come together as a spiritual people and find unity in their diversity.

Pastor Kevin Daniels, Hays Christian Church, addressed the present phase in the life of faith.

Daniels asked the crowd to think of the biggest building they could.

"Now, imagine the land underneath before the building was there," Daniels said. "Because once there was no building there. Someone had to take a first step in order to build it."

Daniels said the future can't become a reality without action. He encouraged the attendees to start living their faith today.

"What first step is God calling you to do today?" Daniels asked.

Bill Meagher, a teacher at Thomas More Prep-Marian, spoke about the future of faith in the community.

"All around us, there is a call for division and sepa-



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North Oak Community Church pastor Ken Ediger gives the benediction to close the 25th annual Festival of Faith on Oct. 9 in Hays.

ration," Meagher said. "But those that think our faith will not survive don't understand our history."

Meagher said just as families have taught the audience members, they continue to teach their children about beliefs and those children will teach their children.

"The church's best days are ahead," Meagher said.

An offering was taken for the ECMA Second Mile Fund, which ECMA treasurer Steve Dinkel explained helped 340 people in Ellis County during 2015 with rent, housing needs, medical needs and food. The fund also helped approximately 330 travelers passing through the city with gas, shelter and other crisis needs.

The fund also assists two shelters in Salina. The Second Mile Fund is primarily funded by the churches of Ellis County; however, out of 25 churches in the area, approximately 10 give to the Second Mile Fund. Dinkel said he hopes more churches will support it in

the future. The Ellis County First Call for Help organization administers the fund each year.

"The poor are with us, and I believe a community of faith supports those around us," Dinkel said.

Closing prayers from Pastor Wes Oakley, Westview Church, and Patrick McGinnis, Breathe Coffee House, were followed by the Lord's Prayer delivered by five children from different churches in the community.

The benediction was given by Ken Ediger, lead pastor of North Oak Community Church.

"I've been at most of the Festivals of Faith over the last 25 years, and it's been great to be a part of," Ediger said.

A rendition of "How Great Thou Art" from Celebration Community Church Worship ended the celebration.

A reception immediately followed the service in the lobby of Sheridan Hall.

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The Celebration Community Church worship band performs at the 25th annual Festival of Faith on Oct. 9 at Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Hays. Money raised during the event helps out the Second Mile Fund and First Call for Help.

Helping the Second Mile Fund

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The Second Mile Fund was created in the 1990s by the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance as a way to help as many needy people as possible. ECMA pastors formed the coalition, and each took turns wearing a pager to assist mostly the transient population in need.

“Being on Interstate 70, we have a lot of transients. Some of the transients were in need and some were just panhandlers,” said Steve Dinkel, pastor at Liberty Foursquare Church in Hays. “They would go church to church collecting money. Then, when somebody locally really needed assistance, the churches didn’t have money to help.”

As the hours increased, ECMA pastors couldn’t efficiently manage the fund and people seeking assistance. The pastors formed First Call For Help to administer the funds.

“We hired a social worker as a director. That person would qualify the person (in need). It is just a better system. We are administrating funds much more efficiently than we used to,” Dinkel said.

Linda Mills is the current director of FCFH. She oversees the disbursing of the \$20,000 to \$25,000 in funds throughout

the year.

FCFH provides crisis assistance, service coordination and education to the most vulnerable populations in Ellis County, according to Mills.

The transient population accounts for most of the foot traffic FCFH receives, according to Mills.

“They get here with no resources. They may need money to get down the road or have vehicle problems,” Mills said.

FCFH also will provide bus tickets for people to travel to Salina to stay in a shelter as the City of Hays does not have any shelters. In the event of bad weather, FCFH also will pay for a night at a local motel for some transients on their way to the shelters in Salina.

In 2015 FCFH assisted 199 people by paying for one-night stays in a motel. FCFH also assisted 135 people by providing gas or a bus ticket to Salina.

FCFH also provides several support services to Ellis County residents. FCFH provides some money for residents facing eviction or needing financial assistance paying for limited basic utilities. In 2015, FCFH prevented 175 families from being evicted and assisted with paying 138 residents’ basic utility bills. FCFH also has started referring the homeless as they search for homes to live in.

Originally, the Second Mile Fund was able to cover a person’s entire rent for one month, but now applicants receive up to \$200 once a year. As rents have increased in Ellis County during the past 20 years, FCFH simply can’t cover the higher monthly cost.

FCFH also operates a meals-on-wheels program within Ellis County.

“We provide 32 to 40 (daily) hot meals per week to mostly elderly and disabled residents. That comes to about 7,000 meals a year,” Mills said. “It is also a good way to check on people and make sure they are OK.”

As the Second Mile Fund became more and more popular in the 90s and early 2000s, it also picked up financial backing from the United Way and the state of Kansas. That funding reached all-time highs in the \$40,000 range a few years ago.

However, as funding criteria has changed, The Second Mile Fund lost assistance from the state. It now receives its funding from the ECMA, United Way of Ellis County, the city of Hays and a few personal donors, according to Dinkel and Mills.

“The state doesn’t help any more. We dropped to an all-time low of participation in 2015 of 10 churches. So we have started to re-emphasize that,” Dinkel said.

Ready for Thanksgiving feast

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For more than 20 years the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance (ECMA), consisting of more than 30 churches, has sponsored a Thanksgiving Day Feast for members of the community to enjoy. This year, the feast will be from noon until 1:30 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2350 E. Eighth, Hays.

"It works really wonderfully because we have two large, nicely appointed banquet halls to serve in," said Celeste Lasich, pastor of Hays First Presbyterian Church. "They have lovely table decorations, linens on the table, it is really a very warm and festive place to be able to serve those meals."

The cost of the meal is paid for by the ECMA, but more than 100 volunteers assist with the feast. Volunteers assist in serving the meal, handing out bags of food for families in need, and distributing some meals to community members that might not be able to attend.

Volunteers collect food from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at both Dillion's locations and Walmart in Hays. The collected food will be sacked at 5:30 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the meal at the hall and passed out as attendees depart the feast the following day, according to a press release from ECMA.

Originally, ECMA and First Call For Help initiated the feast because they believed there was a need in Hays.

Approximately 300 dinners were served the first year. More than 700 people enjoyed the event last year, and more are expected to attend this year, according to Celebration Community Church Pastor Kyle Ermoian.

"The meal is a great experience for anyone, not just the needy. If someone is alone for the day, we encourage them to come," First Call For Help Volunteer Coordinator Linda Mills said. "I have witnessed people reconnect with each other after not seeing each other for years."

Ermoian has been involved with the feast for 23 years, but will not be able to attend this year as he will be out of town.

"My wife and I look forward to this event every year. For the first time in 20 years, I will not be attending. But it is a great event and a great community event," Ermoian said. "It shows the generosity of the Ellis County community and a coming together of what we are truly thankful for."

Ermoian has the utmost confidence

that Lasich, Mills and Pam Brungardt of the Rose Garden Banquet Hall — all of whom have partnered with Ermoian the past few years — will carry on the great tradition of the feast.

ACCESS transportation will remain open to provide transport for guests to and from the event, but will not accept any other transportation requests in Hays on Thanksgiving.

Financial contributions can be made to ECMA. P.O. Box 173 Hays, KS, 67601. Memo the checks "Thanksgiving Dinner." Any additional proceeds will go into ECMA's Second Mile Fund, which assists Ellis County needy people with food and shelter throughout the year.

Contact First Call For Help at (785) 623-2800 to volunteer this year. In addition to sacking groceries and serving the meal, volunteers also are needed to sit at each table to engage attendees who might not know each other, fill water glasses and usher patrons to open seats in the banquet hall.



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SPOTLIGHT

Class on the fast track at First United Methodist



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Senior Pastor Mike Rose of First United Methodist Church, has bought into the theory that less is more when it comes to his new adult ministry classes. This year, the church has adopted a new adult ministry class titled “Disciple Fast Track.” The new class is a less time consuming experience for attendees.

The old class “Disciple” required students to meet in person for as many as four hours a week. Students then would have additional readings requiring as much as an additional 10 hours of study each week. The new course requires students to spend no more than three hours a week in total study time.

The reduction of time was appealing to many of the congregation. Enrollment in the old classes had dwindled to fewer than 10 students per year. More than 40 members have enrolled in the new

adult ministry courses.

“Many wanted to take it, but they just couldn’t dedicate all the time required for Disciple,” Rose said.

In addition to an increased attendance in class size, Rose notes several other positive outcomes from the new fast track course. Rose feels the classes are bringing his congregation of nearly 1,100 closer together. The classes have attendees that range from a married couple in their 20s to a woman in her 90s.

Rose credits the shortened class to not only piquing the interest of current members, but also bringing back parishioners who have been absent from church.

“Through an invitation and some other things, they’ve started coming back. They’re not only coming to the class, but they’re coming to the worship service and really getting involved,” Rose said. “They are really, very sincerely, enjoying learning and appreciating the class itself.”

The condensed version of the class started just a few months ago,

but Rose already is receiving positive feedback from the attendees.

“Virtually all of them have said they love it. We are learning so much, and we get good feedback on the collegiality and the camaraderie of the class. People are connecting with one another and they are all interactive.”

In addition to seeing the increased numbers and interaction among the attendees, Rose enjoys answering questions and teaching the scriptures to the students.

“We have had a lot of ‘ah ha’ moments. It is really a remarkable transition when you see people really start understanding the Bible,” Rose said. “It really starts making sense to them and they are comfortable with it. It helps them develop their faith in a remarkable way.”

Though Disciple Fast Track is conducted by First United Methodist Church, Rose insists other denominations are welcome to attend the classes.

Inspired by the texts of the Bible

Greetings Bible Reader! “How does your faith impact your daily decision making process?”

That’s the theme question for this month’s One magazine. As we read through the Bible this month, especially our Old Testament readings, this question is illustrated frequently.

As we continue reading about the life



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of King David in 2 Samuel, notice the impact of different decisions David made. Our faith cannot be compartmentalized otherwise it becomes irrelevant. Our

faith is supposed to be evident to all.

Our New Testament readings from now until the end of the year will be the books authored

by the Apostle John. Let these rich texts

November

1.....□ 2 Sam. 21-22.....	□ John 7	17.....□ 1 Kings 16.....	□ John 19
2.....□ 2 Sam. 23-24.....	□ John 8	18.....□ 1 Kings 16.....	□ John 19
3.....□ 1 Kings 1-2.....	□ John 9	19 & 20.....Weekend Review	
4.....□ 1 Kings 3-4.....	□ John 10	21.....□ 1 Kings 18.....	□ John 21
5 & 6.....Weekend Review		22.....□ 1 Kings 19.....	□ 1 John 1
7.....□ 1 Kings 5-6.....	□ John 11	23.....□ 1 Kings 20.....	□ 1 John 2
8.....□ 1 Kings 7-8.....	□ John 12	24.....□ 1 Kings 21.....	□ 1 John 3
9.....□ 1 Kings 9-10.....	□ John 13	25.....□ 1 Kings 22.....	□ 1 John 4
10.....□ 1 Kings 11.....	□ John 14	26 & 27.....Weekend Review	
11.....□ 1 Kings 12.....	□ John 15	28.....□ 2 Kings 1.....	□ 1 John 5
12 & 13.....Weekend Review		29.....□ 2 Kings 2.....	□ 2 John
14.....□ 1 Kings 13.....	□ John 16	30.....□ 2 Kings 3.....	□ 3 John
15.....□ 1 Kings 14.....	□ John 17		
16.....□ 1 Kings 15.....	□ John 18		

inspire you in your faith.

Luke 18:8 communicates how important it is that we use our faith, and be

found using it when Jesus returns. May the Lord find us faithful in these most interesting times.

CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST

Christmas is right around the corner, and once again ONE is hosting a coloring contest for children. The theme for this year's contest is "The birth of Jesus." The deadline for submission is Nov. 8. The winner of the contest will have the artwork appear on the cover of the December issue of ONE. Participants should put their name, age, grade and church on the back of their submission. They can be dropped off at your church or at The Hays Daily News, 507 Main.

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