REACHING THE UNCHURCHED

They aren't antagonistic.

They welcome a conversation with believers.

They aren't staying out of church for the reasons you may think.

In one of the most comprehensive studies ever done on the unchurched, LifeWay Research, surveyed 2,000 unchurched Americans. They defined "unchurched" as someone who has not attended a worship service in the last six months.

Most unchurched do indeed have some church background. Contrary to some perceptions, the great majority of unchurched have a church background. Almost two-thirds of them (62%) went to church regularly as a child.

Most unchurched quit church because they get out of the habit of churchgoing. For certain, a number of them did leave churches for negative reasons, but that is not true of the majority.

One-third of the unchurched have plans to go to church in the future. Please read that statement carefully. One of three unchurched Americans are actually planning to return to church. Are we actively inviting them?

It also turns out that the unchurched are very open to a gospel conversation. Nearly half (47%) would interact freely in such a conversation. Another third (31%) would listen actively without participating. Pause for a moment. Look at those numbers. Almost eight of ten unchurched Americans would welcome a gospel conversation. Another 12% would discuss it with some discomfort, and only 11% would change the subject as soon as possible. We can't use the poor excuse that the unchurched really aren't interested in gospel conversations. In reality, church members are more likely not to be interested in initiating gospel conversations.

If you invite them, they will come. Among the unchurched, 55% said they would attend church if invited by a family member. And 51% said they would attend church if invited by a friend or neighbor. These numbers are staggering. The opportunities are incredible.

It's truly an incredible opportunity.

Let's seize this God-given moment.

Invite a family member, a neighbor, a coworker to worship.

Grace & Peace Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live, call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244 YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- Cora Epperson has moved to assisted living.
- **Dot Jones** is recovering from knee surgery.
- Steve Arwood is home.
- **Dena Rounsaville** is recovering at home from a fall
- Betty Blue is in Baptist East ICU.
- **Mike Tabor** is recovering from a heart cath.
- Michael Canada is experiencing severe leg pain.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Sonia Henry, Beverly Hutcheson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Chris Rogers, Louise Schmittou, Tonya Smith, Jamie Vorhof, Helen Weathers, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jane Winstead.

REHAB: Richard Fraley,

HOSPICE CARE: Katie Culley, Ann Estes

SHUT-INS: Ann Estes, Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Maxine Drewery, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorenson, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy.

SYMPATHY

Goodman Oaks would like to extend our sympathy to Justin & Dawn Ales and family at the passing of Justin's father, Virgil Ales.

SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Emma McKean, bride elect of Alex Williams, Sunday, May 7, from 3:00PM until 4:30PM. She is registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



NURSERY WORKERS

April 30

10:00 (0-24 mos) Heather Cuevas, Kimberly King, Karen Kopf No Evening Service

<u>May 7</u>

10:00 (0-24 mos) Emily Beard, Cassie Walker, Mason Branning (2 years) Mason Branning, Amanda Denton (2 years) Amanda Massey, Lynn Bicknell 5:00PM: Jennifer Kuykendall, Tammy Behl

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Today is our 5th Sunday. We will have a fellowship meal after the morning worship. The menu is ham, corn, green beans, and rolls. We ask our members to bring salads and desserts.

As you know we also set aside the contribution from our 5th Sunday to meet needs that are not in our annual budget. Goodman Oaks is blessed to have our facility paid off. This allows us to use a large portion of our contribution to do works of mercy and missions around the world, and around the county.

We use our facility as a tool to accommodate worship that is centered on God and edifying to each other. We use our facility to host our wonderful education programs and to host programs from the Encouragers, to WBS, to Thursday School. And numerous other ministries that are simply too many to mention.

The proceeds of this 5th Sunday's collection will be used to begin the much needed process of remodeling some of the classrooms and recarpeting the classrooms and hallways. May the Lord continue to bless you for your spirit of service and support.

FIELD OF DEREAMS

Please join us on Monday, May 1, and Tuesday, May 2, from 6:00PM-8:30PM nightly, as Goodman Oaks helps assist special needs children and their families at the Field of Dreams (located in the Southwest Corner of the Snowden Grove Park). We will be cheering for and helping our very own Matthew Canada and Eden Williams while they play baseball. Please contact Susan Brownfield for more information.

EL SALVADOR YARD SALE

The annual El Salvador yard sale will be **Saturday**, **May 6**. Donations may be dropped off in room 20 and labeled ESYS. Please contact Nick **Eddlemon** for pick-ups.

YOUTH NEWS

GRAND ISLAND MISSION TRIP

If you would like to go to Grand Island this summer, please let Jared know by Sunday, May 7. The dates for this year's trip will be Tuesday, June 20-Monday, June 26.

SENIOR SUNDAY

This year we will be honoring our graduating Seniors on Sunday, May 21. Please join us as we celebrate this great achievement with Atticus Nelson (Desoto Central), Kayley Underwood (Harding Academy), Deja Henry (Southaven), Noah Hammett (Lewisburg), and Jacob Robinson (Hernando).

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today. An attended nursery for 0-24 months is available in the foyer and 2 year olds meet in room 5. Children ages 3-5 will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church. Hearing assistance is available at the sound booth.

If you are a member of the Church of Christ and are looking for a place to worship and serve, please consider placing yourself under the oversight of our shepherds and becoming part of our family in serving the Lord.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call Derek McNamara at 662-349-3600.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class 9:00AM
Morning Assembly 10:00AM
Evening Assembly 5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class 7:00PM

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RANSOMED FOR HOLINESS 1 PETER 1:13-21

Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:
Sunday Offering \$18,997
Weekly Budget \$22,900

Attendance:
Bible Class 331
Morning Assembly 516
Midweek Class 149

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ORDER OF WORSHIP April 30, 2017

Singing - Luke McNamara

797 "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

123 "The Steadfast Love Of The Lord"

Prayer - Ray Glover

176 "Lamb Of God"

The Lord's Supper and Offering
Bob Coker

99-101 "Holy Presence Medley"

"Before The Throne"

47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

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Invitation Song:

147 "I Stand Amazed"

Shepherd's Prayer - David Butler

Him we proclaim,

warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

~Colossians 1:28

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