

The Importance of First Impressions

By Dan Jenkins

Sometimes when you meet a person there is just something about them that sets them apart from others. There are those negative people who impact us in such a way that we find it difficult to see their souls and the potential they may have in Christ. On the other hand, there are those to whom we are immediately attracted, and we want to get to know them better.

When God became man, He was like us in so many ways. He took on Himself the frailties of mortals, suffered like we do and was tempted in all ways like we are. However, the first impression He made on others could never be forgotten.

When He was only twelve years of age, He was separated from His parents, and they finally found Him in the holy temple talking to the religious leaders. The Bible says that when they found Him, He was "...sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers" ([Luke 2:46-47](#)). The first impression He made greatly impacted all those who heard Him.

The same is true of the impression He had on the multitude who heard the Sermon on the Mount. "When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His teachings, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" ([Matt. 7:28-29](#)). In His first discourse in the synagogue in Nazareth, "...all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth" ([Luke 4:22](#)). Not all accepted His words in the city where He had grown up, and some of them sought to kill him by throwing Him over a cliff.

He left Nazareth and went and taught in the synagogue in Capernaum for several weeks. What was the impression He made there? "And they were astonished at His teaching for His word was with authority" ([Luke 4:32](#)). The story does not end here. Read the gospel account of His life. It happens again and again.

We may not always make the kind of impression Jesus did everywhere He went, but the very fact that we know Him impacts how others see us. Salt that is really salty and light that is not hidden under a bushel impacts all that they touch. The impact that His apostles had on others shows this. Shortly after Pentecost they were arrested and brought before the Jewish counsel. The Bible says, "When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus" ([Acts 4:13](#)). Think carefully about the first impression you make on others!

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	June 9, 2024 AM	June 9, 2024 PM	June 16, 2024 AM
Greeter	Jason Bang		Tom Muter
Announcements	Tim Bang	John McGiffin	Tom Muter
Song Leading	Duane Kemp	Jason Bang	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Usher Left		Judah Gasper	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp
Scripture Reading	Tim Bang	Chris McGiffin	Seth Arrell
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Jason Bang	Duane Kemp	Jerry Thompson

Things to know...

Help is needed with communion preparation for the remainder of the year. If you'd be willing to, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board by the entrance.

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Men's Meeting June 16th after AM Services

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Potluck Sunday - June 16th

Church will provide fried chicken, sign up sheet for sides/desserts is on the bulletin board.

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Super Saturday Vacation Bible School
June 22nd • 10am-1pm

Be sure to take postcards and flyers to invite family and friends!

Please let Stephanie or Chelsea know if you are willing and able to help! We need several Christmas trees and one tent that can be set up indoors for decoration, please let Chelsea know if you have any to loan.

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Ladies Bible Study - The Crown • Wednesday, July 10th @ 7pm

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**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

Phyllis Caldwell 6/9

Tom Butts 6/19

Suki Kirchner 6/24

Reed Rohr 6/13

Carol Kemp 6/2

Brandon Fourman 6/25

Evelyn Lam 6/14

Aiden Rohr 6/21

Patsy Muter 6/29

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Happy Anniversary

Tom & Patsy Muter 6/10

Tom & Sherrilyn Butts 6/19

Rick & Lois Ferris 6/25

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This week's Bible Verse

“For you will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.” Psalm 18:28

Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Bible Studies currently being held
- *Search for our new minister
- *Phyllis Caldwell - health & comfort
- *Rena Morgan - encouragement & health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ in TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - Parkinson's/health
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health issues
- *Debby Braefield (Tim/Dianna Bang's friend) - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & comfort
- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend, Jim) - health
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health - prostate cancer
- *Lynn Thompson - health, needs hip surgery (pray for insurance to approve)
- *Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - health, strength & energy, upcoming PET scan
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - health
- *Laura McGiffin - health
- *Viola Schultz - health

- *Dustin & Sharon Desarro - asking for prayers
- *Michelle Gasper - health issues
- *Marjorie Seiber - recovering from surgery
- *Paulette and her family - asking for prayers
- *Michael Silcott (Kemp's Son-in-law) - health
- *Rhonda Gaynor—back pain
- *Arlene Harris (Carol Kemp's sister) - recovering from a fall
- *Evelyn Lam - upcoming eye surgery 6/21
- *Tammy Sieber - Recovering from surgery
- *David Netzly (friend of the Bang's) - recovering from surgery due to complications with his diabetes
- *Seth Arrell - hurt his leg at work
- *Jimmy (Laura McGiffin's half bro) - in ICU, recovering from surgery
- *The Thompson's travelling

How can we be praying for YOU?



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June 9, 2024

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

| Sunday, June 2 |    | Wednesday, June 5 |          |
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| Bible Classes  | 22 | Bible Classes     | 17       |
| AM Attendance  | 33 |                   |          |
| PM Attendance  | 16 | Contribution      | \$966.69 |