



the Encourager

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HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

Have you ever eaten to the point that you couldn't take another bite? You realized that you were stuffed, full, well beyond your limit. Thanksgiving dinners, church potlucks, all-you-can-eat buffets, your favorite dessert, hot buttered popcorn at the movies, all have the attraction to take us beyond our limits.

Have you ever reached your fill with God where you couldn't do one more thing, read one more verse, or say one more prayer? When it comes to God, just "How Much Is Enough?"

Is an hour each week in a worship service enough? Does that satisfy your craving for God?

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We work 35-50 hours a week. Our children go to school about 35 hours a week. We sleep between 35-50 hours a week. If we eat three meals a day and spend just 20 minutes at each meal then that results in 7 hours in a week. We may watch TV an average of two hours a day, so 14 hours each week give or take depending on whether its football season or Hallmark holiday movie time.

So, let me ask again, when it comes to God, just “How Much Is Enough?”

We are about to add regular children’s Bible classes to our Sunday mornings (9:30) and Children’s Church to part of our worship time. Our regular Sunday worship service is about an hour (10:30). After Labor Day we will be kicking off a Wednesday evening service focused on learning some new songs and improving our ability to praise God in song (7:00). There is already a Bible class that meets at 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. Life Groups will be starting in September, so a couple of additional opportunities each month to feast on God.

The same can be asked about fellowship, prayer, Bible reading, service to one another and others . . . “How Much Is Enough?” Does a handshake give you your fill of fellowship? Does a prayer before a meal satisfy your hunger for God? Is a single verse of scripture enough to meet your need for God’s Word? When you hold the door for someone at the post office or let someone in front of you at the checkout line, does that make you feel bloated from too much service?

God gives us so much daily and gave us the very best He had to give in His Son, Jesus. Have you reached your fill of God yet? “How Much Is Enough?”

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25, NLT)

~Tim~



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COURAGE

Day 1 - Joshua 1:9
Day 2 - Deuteronomy 31:6
Day 3 - 2 Timothy 1:7
Day 4 - 1 Corinthians 16:13
Day 5 - Psalm 27:14
Day 6 - John 14:27
Day 7 - Ephesians 6:10-11
Day 8 - Psalm 112:6-7
Day 9 - Isaiah 41:10
Day 10 - Psalm 16:8
Day 11 - Isaiah 12:2
Day 12 - Psalm 56:3
Day 13 - Psalm 27:1-3
Day 14 - 1 Corinthians 15:58
Day 15 - Psalm 31:24
Day 16 - Ephesians 3:12
Day 17 - 1 Chronicles 28:20
Day 18 - Hebrews 4:14-16

Day 19 - Hebrews 10:19-23
Day 20 - 1 John 5:14
Day 21 - Romans 8:15
Day 22 - 1 John 4:18
Day 23 - Luke 10:19
Day 24 - 2 Corinthians 12:9
Day 25 - Proverbs 3:5-6
Day 26 - Colossians 1:9-14
Day 27 - Ephesians 3:14-19
Day 28 - Isaiah 40:29-31
Day 29 - Psalm 23
Day 30 - Ephesians 3:20-21



Those to Serve –September 5, 2021

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Ken Lynch
Preside: Stan Gregory
Ann/Closing Prayer: Jeff Hagerman
Scripture Reading: Jerry Gibson
Pre-Class Greeter: Joan Wadsworth, Delores Warkins
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Pre-Worship Greeter: Simon-Peter Broughton, Julie Cavallaro
Usher #1: Marcus Cassady
Usher #2: Steve Adkins
A/V Booth: Tim Barton, Scott Weir

Those to Serve –September 12, 2021

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: Jeremy Schulz
Preside: Simon-Peter Broughton
Ann/Closing Prayer: Jeff Hagerman
Scripture Reading: Marcus Price
Pre-Class Greeter: Jennie Adams, Pat Williams
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Pre-Worship Greeter: Kim & Holly Bertram
Usher #1: Scott Seigrist
Usher #2: Jaye Lavern
A/V Booth: Justin Reese

Those to Serve –September 19, 2021

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa
Opening Prayer: Joe Nicosia
Preside: Jose Cervantes
Ann/Closing Prayer: Jeff Hagerman
Scripture Reading: Jeremy Schulz
Pre-Class Greeter: Jeanne Wadsworth, Brenda Mohler
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin
Pre-Worship Greeter: Vikki Hatcher, Joan Schmidt
Usher #1: Ron King
Usher #2: Scott Weir
A/V Booth: Ken Maupin

Those to Serve –September 26, 2021

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Stan Gregory
Preside: Scott Weir
Ann/Closing Prayer: Jeff Hagerman
Scripture Reading: Simon-Peter Broughton
Pre-Class Greeter: Nicosias
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Pre-Worship Greeter: Adkins
Usher #1: Ken Lynch
Usher #2: Jerry Gibson
A/V Booth: Zomoks

Worship Usher #1 (inside auditorium main doors)

- greet latecomers and encourage sanitizing and help with finding seats (if there are none, ask elders to give up seat)
- may lock/unlock outer doors during worship
- take attendance on sheet provided and give to Ken/leave in Tim's office after worship
- put attendance up on attendance board

Worship Usher #2 - floating in the middle of the auditorium to help people find seats or add remove seats

Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
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Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

Prayer List

Jason Willis **Anneka Broughton** **Sue Ann Diaz**
Bruce Rooks **Larry Borrison** **Kevin Gillis** **Donna Fincher**
Lea Schorer – no visitors at this time please **Dar Hinrichs** **Myrtle Williams**
Gerald Harbach **Jacob Gaskins** **Wendy Williams**
Brandi Ostergard – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer
Michelle Hutchison – Tammy Weir's sister in law, undergoing cancer treatment
Cherokee Thompson – Dean Aske's great granddaughter/Bill and Ida Thompson's granddaughter, suffering from cancerous spot on her brain causing seizures
Ken Lynch – recovering from shoulder surgery
Mike Trank – Melanie Lavern's dad, being treated for cancer
Carol McGowan – recovering after heart procedure
Mathew Ronan – Doug Soter's nephew
Kevin Sircloumb – tumor on his brain stem, still in hospital
Gregory Willis – Ron Willis's brother, diagnosed with Myeloma
Earline Nipps – chemo treatments have been postponed while she continues to build up her strength
Mary Altendorf – now at Fair Haven
Pat Eichmann – is now at home recovering from her heart surgery
Linda Ward – is out of rehab and will be staying with family while she continues recovery
People of Haiti – please continue to keep Haiti in your prayers as the political strife in the country continues
Dennis Floyd – recovering after his recent medical procedures
Leda Phillips – surgery on September 13th
Judi Rogers – has been moved to Van Matre, room 104
Carol McGowan's daughter in law Kris – is having stomach issues
Becky Zomok – echocardiogram this week
Freda Izzard – Simon-Peter Broughton's Aunt who recently had a mild heart attack
Jason Willis – in the hospital being treated for covid pneumonia
Voraritskul family – mourning the recent passing of Rebecca
Santos family – Belle Santos, the Castrees great-niece, has recently been diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study to am Jason & Dulane Wills' ann.	2 Jeff & Kathy Hagerman's ann.	3	4 NO PANTRY Doyle McKinney's bday
5 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @10:30 am	6 Christian Amavisca's bday	7 Russ Hagerman's bday	8 Bible Study to am HHP Food Delivery Wednesday evening service at 7 pm Frankie Hughes' bday	9 Toni Hagerman's bday 6-7:30 pm Pantry	10 Fannie Nicolas's bday	11
						
12 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @10:30 am LIFE Groups Dolores Watkins' bday	13 Yousif's ann.	14 John Anderson, Jeremy Schulz and Jose Cervantes' bday	15 Bible Study to am Wednesday evening service at 7 pm	16	17 Stan Gregory's bday	18 Pantry to noon Cora Whitmire & Julia Berglund's bday
19 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @10:30 am Kerisha Price's bday	20	21	22 Bible Study to am HHP Food Delivery Wednesday evening service at 7 pm Tonda Borison & Jarrod Erdman's bday	23 6-7:30 pm Pantry	24 Brock Soker's bday Peck's ann.	25
26 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @10:30 am LIFE Groups Gibson's ann.	27	28	29 Bible Study to am Wednesday evening service at 7 pm	30		

NEWS & EVENTS

- If you would like to provide a meal for the Rogers family, please go to this web-site : <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yem2rm> or if you aren't an internet user, talk to Ashley Gregory and she will arrange it for you
- **Our items for this year's Shults Lewis commodity drive are tea bags (regular tea only) and snacks. We will be collecting those things through October 3rd. If you would like to donate money for milk/meat/fresh fruits and vegetables, you can give that to Ashley Gregory with all checks made out to Shults Lewis**
- If anyone is interested to going to the ladies day at South Beloit Church of Christ on Saturday, September 11th, please talk to Melleisia Price
- If you would like make a donation to RCC to help with raising funds for the cabin siding, you can write a check made to RCC or you can go to this web-site <https://rockfordchristiancamp.org/cabin-keepers/>
- There is a weekly Wednesday morning Bible study at the building from 10 - 11 am
- We will start having Children's Church during Sunday morning worship services starting September 12th
- There will be an evangelism seminar "Bring/Teach/Keep" on October 15, 16, & 17
- We will be starting LIFE Groups up again on Sunday, September 12th so please plan on attending! Sign up sheets are in the hallway
- On September 8th we will start having a Wednesday night gathering at 7 pm that will start with a short devotional and then we will be learning new (or new to some) songs.
- The card ministry is starting to slowly be replenished – they will be in the card rack in the coat room and can be purchased for 25 cents

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