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Known by God

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You may have heard phrases such as “you don’t understand me” or “you just don’t know” uttered by individuals who feel misunderstood or unnoticed. However, there is one who fully knows us. We are known by God — not merely our good or bad aspects, or the aspects that we let everyone else see — God knows everything about us.

This may seem a bit intimidating at first; however, it can also be comforting to know that we are known by God and that He still sent Jesus Christ out of love to die for our sins and to establish a relationship with Him.

Embracing Being Known by God and His Unconditional Love

Although being known by God is, in itself, very awe-inspiring, what makes it even more so is the fact that He also chooses to love us. In Jeremiah 31:3, God says to His people, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.” Even with our mistakes, flaws, secrets, and pain that God knows everything about, He still adores us.

He does not see us and thinks that we are no longer worthy, or that we are too weird, too broken, too crazy, too shy, etc. He still accepts us, knowing who we are. This means we do not need to bombard ourselves with shame and stress over the idea that God knows our “inmost being” (Psalm 139:13). Rather, we can embrace the fact that God knows us and still loves us.

Nothing we could do in the past, present or future could make God decide not to love us or to give up on us. *Romans 8:38–39* says, “*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” His love for us is unconditional.

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Prayer is the Way

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Bob Ogle
David Lupo
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Brian Wilson
Tim Chaloupek
Jeremy Walker
Duane Barker
Roy Maybe
Julie Marks
Blakely McKammey
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Sheila Nuzum
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Gayle Roberts
Regina Ray
Josh Blevins
Becky Garfriott
Carolyn Nelson
Zollie Broomfield
Zachary Trace Ramay
Amy Hood
Terri Walters

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Family of Pam Rau Cash Brown
Family of Cheryl Flynn
Family of Zandar Boucher
Family of Aubrey Chaney
Family of Joshua Guidroz*

Note: To call out a prayer need during the week, contact Laberta at 580-886-5225.

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Loving and Knowing God

Although we may not know everything, we, as Christians, can grow to love and know God more. The Bible is the ideal place to go to learn more about God. In a relationship with a friend or significant other, spending time together is a way to learn about the other person. The same is true of God. Knowing God and growing closer to Him means taking the time to read the Bible, talking to Him through prayer or going to church and Bible studies.

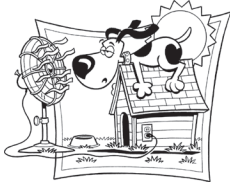
Matthew 22:37 says, "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" Our response to being known and treasured by God should be to love Him with our entire heart, soul, and mind. Spending time in God's Word and getting to know Him is just one of the many ways to do this.



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

The church has partnered with the school for a back to school drive for local kids. If you have any gently used clothes, back packs, shoes, school supplies, or accessories, donations can be brought to the church. A store will be set up for families to come shop at no charge.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Charity Blood Cole & Joanie Koos	3 Tricia Littleton Brenda Reichert	4 Travis Jenkins	5	6 Cody Moody Charlotte Masonhall	7	8 Johnnie Jones Kylie Doyle Maynard Rooker Kayce Thompson Curt & Shelly Shepherd
9 Carolyn Nelson	10 Darlene Robinson	11 Monica Boettler Kyler Koos	12 Joanie Koos	13 Billy Murray Justin Hoskins Faith Parker Bobbie Westfahl	14	15
16	17 Clint Barney Ronda Kuhn	18	19 Jim & Debbie Chaloupek	20	21 Jacob Embry Seth Edwards Jim & Karen Stokes	22 Kaden Thompson
23 Gary Doak	24 Margo Marks Kason Doak	25	26 Terry Farris	27	28 David Howard	29 Steve Driskill
30	31 Charlotte Williams Virgil & Renee Murray		<i>Becky Garriott - August</i> <i>Erin Smartwood - September</i> <i>Debbie Chaloupek - October</i> 		NOTE: Please notify us if a name needs to be removed or added. Contact Toni Goforth at: tonigo4th@hotmail.com or you may text or call 580-822-5109.	

Women's Event ~ Save the Date!

Save the date for a women's event to be hosted here at the church. The date is **Saturday, September 12th**. There will be a potluck style lunch followed by the guest speaker, Whitney Allen.

Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with the speaker at 1:00 p.m. Whitney will share how God helps you carry your baggage and how to set proper boundaries for women.

WORD SEARCH ANSWERS (On page 6)

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**God loves the
way you work.**

*Whatever you do, work at
it with all your heart, as
working for the Lord. . . .
It is the Lord Christ you
are serving.*

—COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

Feeding the hungry. Clothing the poor. Saving the lost in a faraway land. Now that's *serving the Lord!* you think. And it is. But most days aren't nearly that glamorous. Yet even on the most unglamorous, ordinary, mundane sort of day, you can glorify God in everything you do.

Everything? Yep, everything. *Vacuuming the floors?* Mmm-hmm. *Tackling that endless Everest of laundry?* Absolutely. *Even scrubbing the toilets?* Without a doubt.

Whether you're front and center in a starring role or behind the scenes and under the radar, when you work with a heart that loves the Lord, you glorify Him in everything you do.