

Influencing Lives for Christ

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We influence the lives of more people than we realize we do. Just stop and think for a moment all of the people we've known in our lifetime. Think of all of the clerks who've rung up and bagged our groceries at the supermarket; the mechanics who have serviced our automobiles; the strangers with whom we've struck up a casual conversation while watching a football game, or waiting for a flight at the airport, or standing in line at the bank. Could we even reasonably estimate how many people would be on that list of contacts?

As Christians, we make an indelible mark on the lives of numerous people every day, often without even realizing that we've done so. We may not even recall interacting with some of the folks we come in contact with, but they will well remember us — whether favorably or unfavorably — depending upon the nature of that interaction.

Most importantly, what do these interactions tell the world about Jesus Christ? What kind of portrait do we paint of our Lord and Savior with our words, our behavior, and our attitudes — even in those situations where we don't know the people around us and may not ever expect to see them again?

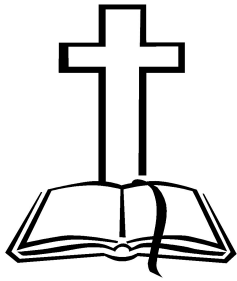
Jesus often used casual contacts as stepping stones to more meaningful conversations, for example, with the woman at Jacob's well (John 4), the man born blind (John 9), and Zacchaeus (Luke 19). Then there is the apostle Paul and his interaction with the Philippian jailer in Acts 16.

How many seemingly insignificant connections do we make in the world around us that might turn into opportunities for the gospel — if we conduct ourselves in a Christ-like manner?

Brethren, let us indeed "Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time" (Colossians 4:5), for we never know who we are influencing for the cause of Christ. Wherever we go, whomever we meet, and in whatever circumstance we find ourselves, always remember that we are the "light of the world" — our lives giving glory to God (Matthew 5:14-16).

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Sunday, February 11, 2018

<p>What Christ Is to Us</p> <p>The Shield from every dart; The Balm for every smart; The Sharer of each load; Companion on the road.</p> <p>The Door into the fold; The Anchor that will hold; The Shepherd of the sheep; The Guardian of my sleep.</p> <p>The Friend with Whom I talk; The Way by which I walk; The Light to show the way; The Strength for every day.</p> <p>The Source of my delight; The Song to cheer the night; The Thought that fills my mind; The Best of All to find—is Jesus! —Anonymous</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesdays 10 am ladies' Bible study resumes; children welcome</p> <p>Wednesdays 3:30 After School Special in activity building</p> <p>today youth and parent meeting for ages 8+ +and above</p> <p>February 24 9-2:30 Bible class teacher workshop</p>	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of February 5-10: 4 lessons graded</p>
		<p>February Haiti Needs</p> <p>oatmeal vitamins allergy medicine</p>
	<p>Memory Verse</p> <p>If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:3</p>	<p>Last Week's Attendance</p> <p>Sunday morning: 65 Sunday evening: 33 Wednesday evening: 30</p>

Weekly Service Assignments

Sunday Morning	Bible class: 9:45 am	Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
	worship: 10:45 am	First Prayer	Rudi Cagle
First Prayer	Raymond Lasley	Closing Prayer	Ken Beach
Announcements	Larry Towell	Lord's Supper	Josh Vires Rudi Cagle
Second Prayer	Josh Vires		
Scripture Reading	Rudi Cagle	Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm
Lord's Supper	1. Braden Drury 2. Jerry Bolar	First Prayer	Ken Beach
	3. Matthew Sills 4. Rudi Cagle	Closing Prayer	Rudi Cagle
Closing Prayer	Larry Towell		