

## More Than Ordinary

The past two lessons that we have studied in the Gospel of Luke have dealt with Jesus' relationship with the Pharisees. As a reminder, the Pharisees were a group of Jewish leaders and self-proclaimed experts in the law. Their primary aim was to strictly follow both the oral and written law. Time and time again the Pharisees approach Jesus with their questions and concerns. What was their point? What were they trying to accomplish? What would be their complaint? It is quite simple. Jesus was not ordinary. He did not hold to the Jewish traditions. He did not teach as the Rabbis in the synagogue. He did not heal those who were perfect. He did not withhold his love from sinners. He was more than ordinary.

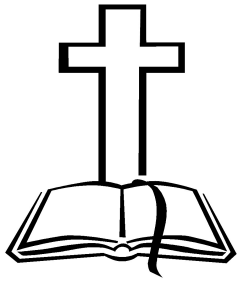
What is an ordinary Christian like? They go to church. They are faithful in their relationships. Their life is free from immorality and that which is inappropriate. It sounds basic and doable when thought of in this way. However, we as Christians, as followers of Christ, just like Christ, must be more than ordinary. Our lives must be more than ordinary! It is a life that is exemplified in love for neighbors (Matt. 22:34-40), hospitality (Matt. 11:19), care for the vulnerable (James 1:27), prayers for our enemies (Matt. 5:44), denial of ourselves (Mark 8:34), and so much more. The bottom line is this: There is no ordinary Christian. There is no normal. There is only extraordinary. There are only those that go above what is expected by society. *Thrive*, a song written by John Mark Hall and Matthew West, includes these appropriate lyrics:

*"Just to know You and  
To make You known  
We lift Your name on High  
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide  
We know we were made for so much more  
Than ordinary lives  
It's time for us to more than just survive  
We were made to thrive"*

Be more than ordinary. Thrive in your life of service to our God and King!

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## Sunday, March 26, 2017

<p><b>Prayer List Updates</b></p> <p>Joy Brooks – home recovering</p> <p>Linda Young – shingles</p> <p>Buddy Drury – Jacky Drury’s father; had surgery to remove benign tumor</p> <p>Wayne Sills – carotid artery surgery March 29</p>	<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>Tuesdays Ladies’ Bible study; 10 am kids welcome</p> <p>Weds. Fwednesday for teens 6-8 grades 6-12</p>	<p><b>Correspondence Course Ministry</b></p> <p>week of March 20-25: 15 lessons graded</p>
<p><b>Birthdays</b></p> <p>Cindy Crawford      March 26 Ava Greer              March 27 Hunter Drury          March 29</p> 	<p><b>April Service Assignments</b></p> <p>Announcements: Ken Beach Scripture Reading: Matthew Sills</p> <p><b>Memory Verse</b></p> <p>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.</p> <p>Galatians 5:22-23</p>	<p><b>March Haiti Needs</b></p> <p>powdered milk deodorant</p> <p><b>Attendance Last Week</b></p> <p>Sunday morning: 38 Sunday evening: 28 Wednesday evening: 20</p>

## Weekly Service Assignments

<p><b>Sunday Morning</b></p>	<p>Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am</p>	<p><b>Sunday Evening</b>      6:00 pm</p>
<p>First Prayer              Raymond Lasley</p> <p>Announcements      Rudi Cagle</p> <p>Scripture Reading      Jerry Bolar</p>	<p>Lord’s Supper      1. Ed Young              3. Larry Towell                                  2. Matthew Sills      4. Justin Beach</p> <p>Second Prayer              Josh Vires</p> <p>Closing Prayer              Larry Brooks</p>	<p>First Prayer              Larry Towell</p> <p>Closing Prayer          Rudi Cagle</p> <p>Lord’s Supper              Josh Vires                                  Rudi Cagle</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Evening</b>      7:00 pm</p>		<p>First Prayer              Ken Beach</p> <p>Closing Prayer          Matthew Sills</p>