



The Planter

"The seed is the word of God", Luke 8:11



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My Third-Grade Mistake Tyler King

As a young student, I had a knack for not trusting my teachers. I remember one time when I was in third grade and I really learned my lesson. The elementary school I attended would cycle through electives such as art, computer science, PE, and music. We were in the art phase and our project was to make clay pots. Little did my teacher know, I was practically a Michelangelo prodigy (or so I thought). At the end of the class period, she instructed us to take our unfinished clay pots, spritz them with water, and seal them in a plastic bag in order to preserve them for the next class period. I rejected her reality and substituted with my own. It's clay; it doesn't need water to survive. I would be wasting time and energy with her method.

A weekend had passed, and it was time to return to my work. I watched in arrogance as all my classmates pulled their projects out of the wet plastic bags. They immediately picked up where they left off and proceeded to mold their pots. I looked down in disgust at my hardened and dried out clay blob. I tried to shape it, but the results were destructive. Eventually it just became a pile of clay dust. All the work I had spent was all in vain. I could've avoided the heartbreak had I listened to my teacher.

When we isolate ourselves from God, we forfeit true prosperity. It is easier for God to mold something beautiful when it is first malleable. Isaiah made a call for repentance in Isaiah 64:8. In this call, he stated, "we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hands." Each of us have the potential to be something incredible if we remain open to God's will.

Obviously, my third-grade mentality was not a good example. I thought I knew better than my teacher, regardless of my non-existent experience working with clay. Not only that, but I figured her method was a waste of time and energy. These two ideologies can be found in the Christian faith. God tells us to live by faith, yet we get impatient and demand expediency. God tells us how to have faith and we turn right around and begin our own methods; regardless of the limited life experience we have.

At the conclusion of the art class, we all stood around my teacher as she put the finishing touches on her clay pot. She had been working quietly in the background while we were preoccupied with our own work. Her art was stunning and out of the realm of capability to us as third graders. It was at that point, that I wanted to learn from her as much as possible. Look around and observe what God can do. Knowing the capability of the Creator can fuel us to surrender our "ways" and ask for His instead.

September 27, 2026

Sunday Morning

Opening Prayer Carter Logan

Closing Prayer Dylan Gary

Scripture Reading Payton Payne

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer Dallas York

Closing Prayer Jeff Duncan

Remember in prayer:

Correction: Tim Hester's surgery is scheduled for November 10th.

Rick Davison, Amanda Fletcher, Don Duncan, Chris Travis, Joan and Steve Henry, Ayla Alexander, Kenleigh Bailey, Jill Spears, Wally Booker, Norene O'Kelly, Joe Chambers, Bill and Billie Nolen, Stefan Hoglund.

Oak View Nursing Home: Betty Floyd.

Brothers Keepers Group Three will meet tonight.

Our monthly **Fellowship Meal** will be next Sunday after our morning services, then our 1:00 pm Kids Sing and Singing and Devotional.

Worship Service Assignments for October

Announcements: Adam Cordell

Lord's Supper:

Dallas York WK 1&2

Carter Logan WK 3&4

Joseph Tucker, Bo Eubanks, Blake Tucker

Record for the week of September 20, 2026:

10 am	11 am	5 pm	Wed	Contribution
92	87	69	65	\$3825.29

Just Win Today

Bret Petrillo

In 1933, Bill Knox bowled a perfect 300 game. And he did it without ever seeing the pins. Knox had a screen placed just above the foul line. He could bowl under it, but he couldn't see past it. So how did he do it? By looking at the marks on the lanes and at the individual boards. He knew that if he bowled the ball over a particular mark, by the time the ball made it to the pins, it would strike. His perfect game proved his method.

Obviously, the Knox approach works for bowling, but it expands beyond that as well. Many parts of life are much more manageable if we focus on each small victory at a time. This is especially true spiritually. We all want to get to heaven. To help us get there, let's focus on the smaller, daily victories. Scripture supports such a mindset.

Luke 9:23 - "And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

Hebrews 3:13 - "But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called 'Today,' so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

Matthew 6:34 - "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Sometimes the end goal of heaven feels far off. So then just focus on winning today. Focus on encouraging others and keeping them faithful today. Focus on following God today. And if God brings tomorrow, then win that day.

Keep pressing on, one day at a time.

Elders:

Steve Fletcher, Hugh Glaze, Dan Logan, Tim York

Deacons: Justin Glaze: Technology and Emergency Response

Carter Logan: Fellowship Room/Youth Activities

Adam Morgan: Song Leading/Safety and Security

Jerry Reaves: Worship Assignments/Building Maintenance

Minister: Hugh Glaze

Song Leader: Adam Morgan