



# The Planter

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



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## I'm All In

Dick Brant

I feel sure from time to time, you have heard the expression, "I am all in." Of course, this expression often has to do with playing cards, but it could apply to other areas of life. The idea is, you are giving it everything you have. And you don't mind going ALL IN because guess what, you think you are going to win.

Other times you might find yourself giving everything to your job. Or it could be you give everything to be sure your kids are on the sports team and spend as much time as possible to be sure they stay on the team. You are ALL IN for them.

It could be your own sports activity. You are on the team, and you want to stay on the team. Also, it could be family or close friends. You do it all with them and for them.

We truly do understand the concept of being all in and giving the best we have to whatever we have made a commitment to, and rightly so. We do want others to be able to count on us.

Now, my question is, what about our commitment to the Lord? Are we ALL IN with the Lord?

Several scriptures make this point very clear. Notice just these three with me. I am sure you will be able to think of others.

Matthew 10:37, 38 - "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me."

Mark 8:34, 35 - "And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it"

Your choice -Your Priority

Luke 9:23-25 - "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. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?"

Your choice -Your Priority

I think we can all agree we must be ALL IN with the Lord or we are not in at all. With the Lord, there is no halfway plan. Let me note this too; it is also a lifetime commitment. As stated in Revelation 2:10---, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Let us all be able to say, all the time, Paul as stated in II Timothy 2:7-8, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing."

I said it a few times already; we know what it means to be ALL IN.

So, what about you are you? Are you ALL IN with the Lord?

**December 7, 2025**

Sunday Morning	
Opening Prayer	Dan Logan
Closing Prayer	Joey Jones
Scripture Reading	Payton Payne
Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Jerry Reaves
Closing Prayer	Rhyan Dishroom

**Remember in prayer:**

Freda Anderson fell on Friday night and suffered a concussion and fractured foot. She is recovering at home and will be contacting an orthopedist this week.

Amanda Fletcher (radiation treatments).  
Luke Keller, Jill Spears, Wally Booker, Joan Henry, Norene and Ronnie O'Kelly, Heidi Street, Don Duncan, Randall Glaze, Joe Chambers, Bill and Billie Nolen, Stefan Hoglund, Sammy Wyers.

**Oak View Nursing Home:** Betty Floyd.  
**Home:** Rachel Taylor.

**Adam Cordell** will preach tonight.

**The Kid's Holiday Party** will be today after the morning services. Pizza at the building, then Bowling in Rome. Parents need to attend.

**Our Congregational Holiday Meal** will be next Sunday, December 14th following our morning services, followed by our singing and devotional at 1:00 pm.

**Worship Assignments for December**

Announcements: Steve Fletcher  
Lord's Table: Justin Glaze (weeks 1 & 2); Tim Hester (weeks 3 & 4)  
Assisting: Joseph Tucker, Dallas York, Jeff Duncan

Record for the week of November 30, 2025

10 am	11 am	5 pm	Wed	Contribution
108	92	77	82	\$4839.25

**An Old Piece of Furniture**

Jay Launius

A popular hobby among crafters and do-it-yourselfers is furniture restoration; with current social media platforms, "furniture flipping" has drawn even more interest. There is something intriguing about taking an old, worn-out chair or table, which would be considered useless junk, and bringing it back to life, thus making it useful, attractive, and functional again.

In much the same way, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is like furniture restoration. First, the old furniture has become worn, damaged, or stained from years of use or abuse. After years of living separated from God, people become spiritually corrupt, and their life stained with sin.

After the old furniture is rescued by the restorer, work begins to strip off the old, damaged finish, preparing it for the new. When the repentant sinner comes to God through Christ, the old is stripped away and the new spiritual person emerges. The Bible says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

In most cases, the restored furnishing is placed back into service and becomes a useful piece of furniture again. The person who has confessed Jesus (Romans 10:9-10) and has been baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27), now finds themselves reconciled to God and in His service. However, for the restored furniture to remain useful, it must be cared for and maintained. In the same way, the Christian must take care of their spiritual self by consistent worship, contact with God's word, fellowship, and good works in service to the Master Restorer.

**Elders:**

Steve Fletcher, Hugh Glaze, Dan Logan, Tim York

**Deacons:** Justin Glaze, Carter Logan, Adam Morgan, Jerry Reaves

**Minister:** Hugh Glaze

**Song Leader:** Adam Morgan