



The Planter

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



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In One Second.....or Less Adam Faughn

For the last few days, the world of sports has been up in arms over one second. Or, according to some sources, more like 0.04 seconds. But this post is not meant to argue about whether or not that football game ended in a proper fashion.

Instead, it's about something we all know, but that we do not like thinking about. It's how everything can change in such a remarkably short amount of time.

For those two teams, one had a dream season crushed and another kept larger dreams alive, all because of what happened in, basically, the blink of an eye.

How often have you and I seen (or even experienced) a complete change of plans, or even of life, in what feels like the snap of a finger?

That one text that devastates your life. The moment she said "yes." The movement of one drunk driver. Opening a letter with a college acceptance note. The doctor saying the word you have most feared.

Life is often lived in blinks that seem to change everything. And, if you re-read the previous paragraph, not all of them are bad.

Those are the ones we typically think of—and even dwell on—but so many positive

things in life also happen in seemingly no time.

And here's the thing: it is only by being filled with the Word of God that we will ever know how to handle those "blinks" that change everything.

When it is something devastating and, suddenly, it feels like a gut punch, one whose mind is filled with the truth of God's Word will still struggle, but there will be a peace and a stability that the world will never truly understand.

And when it is one of those wonderful moments in which something wonderful happens in the blink of an eye, the one who has a mind filled with Scripture will find joy but will not start praising themselves. They will remember to give God the thanks and the glory.

The good news is, that while life is lived in seconds, those life-altering seconds only come so often, so you and I have a great amount of time in our lives to so fill our minds with the Word of God that, when those seconds come, we rely on Him for the aftermath.

September 13, 2026

Bible Heroes

Sunday Morning

Opening Prayer Tim York

Closing Prayer Joseph Tucker

Scripture Reading Eldon Alexander

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer Visitor?

Closing Prayer Visitor?

Remember in prayer:

Tim Hester, 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.

Our **Gospel Meeting** with Aaron Gallagher begins today. Please plan to be here for every service and continue to pray for souls to hear the gospel and obey it.

Brothers Keepers Group One will meet tonight. **Group Two** will meet next Sunday night.

Our **Fellowship Meal** will be today after our morning services. There will be no 1:00 pm singing; we will meet this evening at 5:00 pm

Record for the week of August 30, 2026:

10 am	11 am	5 pm	Wed	Contribution
89	79	71	70	\$2527.00

When you think about the heroes in the Bible, who comes to your mind? Maybe you think of people like Moses or Joshua leading God's people out of Egypt and into the promised land. Perhaps Daniel or his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego come to the forefront of your mind because of their bravery in a foreign land. Maybe Esther or Ruth. Maybe you just turn to Hebrews 11 and read through that great "Hall of Faith."

Sometime in the past, I made a note on my phone referencing 2 Corinthians 4 with this thought: God is the hero of every story, even ours if we keep our eyes on Him. All of those heroes of faith I mentioned before - along with many others I could have mentioned - come to our minds because they kept their eyes on God. How far would Moses and Joshua have gotten if they hadn't followed the true Commander of the Lord's army (Joshua 5:14-15)? Daniel's friends were so fixed on God that they said even if He did not save them, they would not turn away from Him (Daniel 3:18) and Daniel himself was willing to go to the lions' den if that's what it took for turning toward God and talking to Him.

Read with me the following section of 2 Corinthians 4, Verses 7-9: "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed ...".

What does that have to do with God being the Hero of our story? It really is simple if we will just accept what it says: the power is in Him, not me. I like to fix things and be seen as capable, but there are times and situations I can't fix. I am sad. I despair over worries. I am confused over why something is happening the way it is. But, no matter what, I am not crushed, forsaken, destroyed ... all because of God. He is my Hero if I will just let Him be.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith ..." Hebrews 12:1-2 (emphasis mine)

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