

I have a friend who's a missionary in Africa. She recently spent some time with her elderly grandmother who is physically deteriorating and has dementia. My friend described folding laundry while her grandma read the Bible aloud to her. Her grandma has spent most of her lifetime in a relationship with Jesus. She raised two sons, both of whom became pastors. Over the years she has prayed diligently for her friends, our country, her children, their spouses, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has led Bible studies and served her community. And in her old age, she is still reading and studying Scripture.

I believe she is a beautiful picture of the balance between intimacy and responsibility that Dan talked about. Intimacy is being in the presence of God. It means loving Him, having awe and reverence for Him, and spending time with Him through Bible study and quiet time. Responsibility is being the presence of God. It is how we serve in response to loving Him. It's how we act in our relationships. It's how we respond when we see a need. We should be both intimate and responsible, not one or the other.

This grandma makes me wonder what I will be doing in my old age. Will I have a desire to get to know Jesus even more? Will I continue serving until I physically cannot do it any longer? I hope so! Dan asked what our community would look like if we all loved God with both intimacy and responsibility. As we move toward having this balance, it will be exciting to see how God uses us to love and bless others!

### **Questions to Consider:**

The Greatest Commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39) How much time do I spend with God each day showing Him that I love Him?

Do I tend to be more on the intimate- or responsibility-side? What do I need to do to become more balanced?

How would Lenawee County look different if believers truly loved being in the presence of God, as well as being the presence of God?

What if the world thought we were crazy for Jesus?

**This month's memory verse:** *"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."* - Hebrews 4:13

**Additional verses:** James 1:17, Ephesians 1:17, Psalm 68:5, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Ephesians 4:6, Colossians 1:15-19, Hebrews 1:1-3, John 14:9, 1 John 2:1, Hebrews 7:25, Colossians 1:21-23, Ephesians 3:8-12, John 14:5-7

**REMINDERS:**

7.3 – The Gathering at the 5/6 BUILDING at 6pm! Intimacy w/ the Father and the Son. Dan kicks off July talking about our relationship with our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus.

7.10 – The Gathering at the 5/6 BUILDING at 6pm!!! Intimacy w/ the Spirit. What is this whole ‘Holy Spirit’ thing? Well, it’s pretty important, and the biggest gift Jesus says He will leave with us. How then do we know Him?

7.17 – 3rd:culture Night! 1MOSAIC’s ‘For The City’ Summer Carnival . ,Church is NOT a building! So let’s turn our new parking lot at the 5/6 building into a rockin’ carnival for our city from 6-8pm. Be sure to watch the web & listen at the gatherings for details & sign up to host a station!

7.24 – The Gathering at the 5/6 BUILDING at 6pm - OUTSIDE!!! Dan will talk about the importance and meaning of baptism.

7.31 – BAPTISM BASH from 6:30-8:30 @ Bohn Pool!!! Want to get baptized!? There is no better way to wrap up a Family Fun Night than with people publically professing their faith through baptism! Don’t miss it!!!