



# Lifeline

CHURCH of CHRIST  
at Galena



## Broken Hearted

Steve Higginbotham recently introduced me to a new term, a new art, and a new perspective on a great truth.

He asks: Have you ever heard of “Kintsugi”? Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with a “glue” made of gold. Rather than throwing away a vase, bowl, or cup that had been dropped and broken, these items can be repaired by gluing the pieces back together with gold. The repair can actually make the piece of pottery more beautiful and more valuable than it was before it was broken.

Instead of broken pottery, consider broken hearts.

Here’s a beautiful truth: God specializes in mending broken hearts.

Steve Higginbotham informs us that he knows the blessing of this truth personally: On a personal level, I have learned the value of brokenness. For the majority of my life, everything was easy. The biggest challenges I faced throughout my youth seem trifling to me today. My life, along with my wife, had a fairy-tale beginning, but eventually we began to experience “breaks” (e.g. the miscarriage of a child; the death of my father-in-law, mother-in-law, and my dad; and most shattering, the choices of one of our children).

These breaks, and countless others, could cause one to retreat, give up, and become bitter. They hurt (present tense), but my wife and I refuse to allow our

life together to be little more than useless, broken shards of pottery littering the floor. No, instead, we’ve given the broken pieces to the Lord who has put us back together, I believe, even more valuable in His service than before. The breaks haven’t been desired, but they have been profitable in the hands of “The Potter” (Romans 9:20-23).

As Steve indicates, there are many different things—situations, trials—that can break our hearts. One thing that should break our hearts, however, is sin.

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,  
A broken and a contrite heart—  
These, O God, You will not despise.”  
— Psalm 51:17

These words were written by David in a penitential psalm that he wrote after Nathan the prophet confronted him about his sin with Bathsheba (see 2 Samuel 12). David acknowledges his sin and his heart is broken. He desperately seeks the cleansing of his sin by God (see Psalm 51:1-4). God, observing David’s repentance and confession, forgave him (see 2 Samuel 12:13-14; Psalm 32:1-5).

A broken and contrite heart, God will not despise. The brokenness is evidence of true godly sorrow which leads to repentance. God “honors” the heart that is broken by sin by healing it with His forgiveness and love.

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# Sunday Starters

**Dress appropriately.**

**Leave early.**

**Greet cordially.**

**Smile broadly.**

**Speak kindly.**

**Respond thoughtfully.**

**Study diligently.**

**Worship soberly.**

**Behave politely.**

**Think carefully.**

**Live faithfully.**

**-Dee Bowman**

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"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

-Psalm 147:3

Even though we are sinners, God loves us so much that He gave His One and only Son to die on the cross for our sin (John 3:16). Through Jesus, we can have our sins washed away by His blood (Ephesians 1:7).

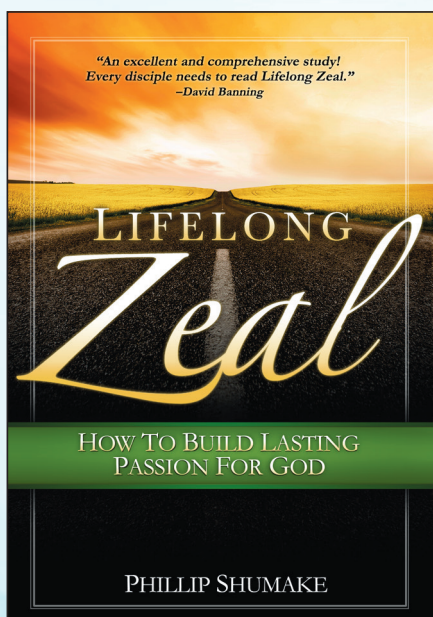
God will forgive and give the gift of eternal life to those who will place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for

the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Steve Higginbotham encourages the broken-hearted: "If your life has been shattered by loss, disappointment, and sin, don't give up (Galatians 6:9). God can do amazing things with the pieces of your life. In fact, He can make you more useful and beautiful than you were before you were broken."

And He will, if only you will submit your heart and your life to Him. Won't YOU?

**-- David A. Sargent**



## MARK'S QUESTION

Mark said, "I was baptized just a few years ago, but I already feel less on fire. What can I do to get my zeal back?" At the time, I told Mark I wasn't sure. I knew spending more time in prayer and Bible study would help him, but like many Christians, he was already doing those things. He deserved a more specific answer.

Maybe you've felt like Mark before. If so, take courage because God is eager to ignite lifelong zeal in every Christian. The Bible includes all the examples and instructions you need to live with a greater passion for God.

This study guide will help you:

- Build a spiritual fire that doesn't fizzle out.
- Discover seven steps Jesus used to enhance Peter's zeal (and yours!)
- Gain a mature understanding of zeal from over four hundred Scriptures.
- Share the good news in an even more compelling manner.
- Experience the satisfaction found in imitating Jesus' zeal.

In 1 Peter 3:12-14, God promises you have nothing to fear in this journey, so open your Bible and get started.

**CLASS BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>!**





# Continue to Pray for...

## Shut In Members:

Marjorie Dodge  
Grace Singleton

## Friends & Family:

Beatrice Buchanan  
Stewart Dodge  
Eric Foushee  
Kay Gegenheimer  
Ray Gilbert  
Wilma Hudson  
Jan King  
Anne Loughmiller  
Joyce Manning  
Jerry Maudlin  
Stacie Rothrock  
Allison Unruh

## Philippine Evangelists:

Leonido  
Balballoza  
Vicente Cay  
Edwin de Pedro  
David N. Varona

## Evangelism Efforts:

Keep praying for Scott Mitchell and others who are planting God's word. Pray that the seed will fall on honest and good hearts.

**Please tell Shannon of Additions or Changes for this List**



**Meets Today!**

## THIS WEEK

<b>Barker</b> July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Dowling</b> July 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Loughmiller</b> July 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mitchell</b> July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Scott</b> July 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stout</b> August 6 <sup>th</sup>
Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol	Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don	Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan	Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank	Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny Culver	Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D.

## JULY SERVANTS

**Building Cleaning & Communion:**  
Farmer & Mitchell

**Benevolence Organizers:**  
Mitchell & Schoenbaechler



## WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS...

Tim Madlin will teach the class on **July 12 & 19** on the subject of **"Rebounding From Adversity."**

Thanks so much to Tim for teaching. Come participate in these classes for the benefit of all.

## OUT OF TOWN...

**Shannon & Dana** and **Dylan & Emily** will be gone **July 14-19<sup>th</sup>** for a marriage seminar in Alabama and Shannon is teaching at Charlestown Road on the 19<sup>th</sup> for their summer series.



## JULY

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 - Doris Woolbright            | 14 - Jeff & Christina Farmer ANN. |
| 2 - Nick Loughmiller            | 14 - Ryan Woolbright              |
| 8 - Carla Loughmiller           | 25 - Lina Woolbright              |
| 9 - Daryn Barker                | 25 - Luke & Sarah Dooley ANN.     |
| 9 - Ashlyn Barker               | 28 - Shannon & Dana Shaffer ANN.  |
| 13 - Keith & Ann Keehn ANN.     | 31 - Dale & Denise Woolbright     |
| 13 - Scott & Tina Mitchell ANN. |                                   |

## BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

### NEXT WEEK

#### Sunday Morning (07/09)

**Announcements:** Dale Woolbright

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Daryn Barker

**Song Leader:** Ryan Woolbright

**Lord's Table:** Mike Loughmiller (Lead)

B. Buchanan, Donny Sieg, M. Stout

**Sermon:** Shannon Shaffer

**Closing Prayer:** Jim Hudson

#### Sunday PM (07/09)

**Announcements:** Dale Woolbright

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Kyle Dowling

**Song Leader:** Jeff Farmer

**Lord's Table:** Mike Loughmiller (Lead)

B. Buchanan

**Sermon:** Shannon Shaffer

**Closing Prayer:** Gus Schoenbaechler

#### Wednesday (07/12)

**Announcements:** Michael Stout

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Randol Woolbright

**Song Leader:** Don Sieg

**Invitation:** Tim Maudlin

**Closing Prayer:** Evan Mitchell

### NEXT WEEK

#### Sunday Morning (07/16)

**Announcements:** Bill Buchanan

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Luke Dooley

**Song Leader:** Ryan Woolbright

**Lord's Table:** Keith Keehn (Lead)

TBA, M. Stout, J. Maudlin

**Sermon:** TBA

**Closing Prayer:** Don Sieg

#### Sunday PM (07/16)

**Announcements:** Bill Buchanan

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Daryn Barker

**Song Leader:** TBA

**Lord's Table:** Keith Keehn (Lead)

TBA

**Sermon:** TBA

**Closing Prayer:** Randol Woolbright

#### Wednesday (07/19)

**Announcements:** Randy Scott

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Shanon Miller

**Song Leader:** Donny Sieg

**Invitation:** Jeff Farmer

**Closing Prayer:** TBA

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#### Sunday

Worship: 9:00 AM

Bible Classes: 10:00 AM

Worship: 3:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7:30 PM

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