

From the Pastor's Pen...

March 13, 2019

I sometimes wonder if we take our Christian faith as seriously as we should. What I mean is this. Do we treat our Christian faith like it's just one aspect of our lives? I have my work life. I have my family life. I have my social life. And I have my faith life. This isn't how it should be. Our Christian faith is to be the sum total of our lives. It is the rule by which we govern every single aspect of our lives. Every other thing we do finds its reason in connection to Christ.

When we treat our faith like it's just one aspect of our lives, some not so good things happen. We don't pursue holiness with the energy and effort that we ought to. We should give greater effort to growing in Christlikeness than we do anything else in our lives. But often we don't. We have three opportunities each week to sit under the preaching of God's Word, one of the primary ways we learn and grow in the faith. But most don't feel it important to take every opportunity afforded to them. Many feel good if they manage to attend once.

We have the opportunity to be a part of a small group, where we can have meaningful discussion around the Word of God. This is a chance to interact with brothers and sisters in Christ, to encourage one another, to pray for one another. But, again, many don't find this important.

I'm not trying to make anyone feel guilty. I am certainly not trying to shame anyone. But, I want us to pursue Christ with all of our hearts. I'll be talking to you more about this in the days ahead. Until then. . .

For the Gospel and the Glory of God!

Bro. Paul

Caleb's Connections...

Acts 2:42

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer."

When the early church just exploded and grew, they had to figure out how to stay unified. This verse offers the outline for church unity. To be a unified body of believers, we absolutely must devote ourselves to the bible (the apostles' teaching), to fellowship (to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread), and to prayer. Without these three things, we cannot be a unified church. Let's be sure to pursue church unity!

Prayer Requests

- Pray that God will give you a heart that seeks after Him above all else and a heart that desires unity within our congregation

- Pray that our students will use their schools as the mission field that God has given them

From what's on my heart,

Caleb

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🎵 Cory's Column...

The 85th Psalm (v.1-3)

¹ O LORD, You showed favor to Your land; You restored the captivity of Jacob.

² You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. Selah.

³ You withdrew all Your fury; You turned away from Your burning anger.

Psalm 85 begins with praise to God for His forgiveness and restoration.

God had rescued His people from their captivity in Babylon and had brought them back to their homeland – the Promised Land. He answered their repentance with forgiveness and thus, removed His judgment and wrath from them.

Just as God forgave Israel, turned away His fury, and rescued and restored Israel, He now offers this same grace and mercy to us through the Son, Jesus Christ.

It is through Christ that God has shown favor, literally "poured out His many blessings" on us. It is through Christ that He has rescued and restored us from the slavery of sin. It is through Christ's sacrifice on the cross that God has covered all our sin and forgiven all our iniquity. It is through Christ's suffering the Father's full wrath poured out on Him that God's fury and anger have been turned away from us.

Praise God that through Jesus we have been given mercy, grace, rescue, restoration, forgiveness, and peace.

Always Singing His Praises!

Bro. Cory

Katey's Korner...

Family Bible Challenge

52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

March 3-9 Psalm 145:9
 March 10-16 1 Timothy 4:12
 March 17-23 Proverbs 14:5
 March 24-30 Psalm 136:1
 Mar. 31-Apr. 6 Romans 10:13

OCC March Donations:

Bar Soap & Washcloths

(A donation container is in the glass hallway.)

Rummage Sale

April 5 & 6

You may begin bringing donated items in good condition to the room off of the gym. (No TVs or broken/worn out items please. Clothes must be on hangers.) Call the church office to make sure someone is there to let you in or to set up a time for items to be picked up.

All proceeds go toward Youth & Children camps.

Phone# 842-7843 Monday-Thursday

Love in Christ,
 Katey

The Record Speaks

March 10, 2019

Sunday School Attendance	88
Guests	9
February Sunday School Avg. Attendance	100
February Income	\$34,365.95
February Expense	\$26,383.28

The Lord's Additions

September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

By Letter	7
By Baptism	2
By Statement	
Total	9

March Food Pantry Needs

Pop-top soups (no Chicken Noodle),

Hand Soap, Bars of Soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Garbage Bags

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3rd Sunday Ushers

David Moore, Norman Bowen, Billy Lowry, David Cox, Bobby Wages, Greg Smith

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Man Food Feast

Saturday, March 23 from 3:00 until

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