#### From the Pastor's Pen...

Indoor plumbing, houses with electricity, automobiles, airplanes, computers, telephones, these are just a few of the things that didn't exist 150 years ago. More has changed during those years than at any other time in history. In many ways the changes we've seen are good. Advancements in medicine and technology have improved quality of life.

But not all changes are good. Society is in the process of redefining right and wrong. What was evil has become good. What was good has become evil. In leaving the old days behind, we are also leaving the old ways behind. The problem with that is, *sometimes the old path is the right path*. God doesn't change. The old path set before us in the Bible is still the right path for us to walk in this life.

"Thus says the Lord: 'Stand by the roads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.' But they said, 'We will not walk in it'" (Jeremiah 6:16). God is speaking to His people Israel through the prophet Jeremiah. He's telling to look back and rediscover the old path, the way of living He had set before them centuries before. The old path was the good path. If they would only walk in that path they would find rest for their souls. Sadly, the context of this verse is an announcement of judgment upon Israel. God was judging them because, as the verse says, the people refused to walk in the old paths.

For you and I the old path is the way of living set before us by the Lord Jesus. This is the good path, the path that leads to rest for our souls. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Biblical morals and values may be outdated by the world's standards. Biblical priorities may be outdated by the world's standards. Many in society would label the Christian way of life as archaic. Maybe they're right. Maybe the Christian path is the old path. But may we never forget. *Sometimes the old path is the right path.* 

For the Gospel and the Glory of God!

Bro. Paul

# Katey's Korner...

## **Family Bible Challenge** 52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

Oct. 6-12	Psalm 119:105
Oct. 13-19	Proverbs 30:5
Oct. 20-26	Hebrews 11:1
Oct. 27-Nov. 2	Colossians 3:2

## **Operation Christmas Child October Donations:**

Hard Plastic Cups, Sewing Kits, Small Tools (A donation container is in the glass hallway.)

#### Operation Christmas Child Atlanta Trip Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Trip Dates are: Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 5-7

#### Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 31 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. at Joyner We need: trunks, candy, and donations for bicycles. Please see the flyer in your Sunday school room for more info.

Love in Christ,

Katey

# Caleb's Connections...

#### Joshua 24:14-15

"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:15b is one of the most well-known verses in scripture. Many people have it hung in their kitchen or living room, but many people do not know the context. This verse lands in the last chapter of Joshua. After the people of Israel were given the land by God, He renews the covenant with them. They are to give up their old gods and the gods of the people around them and follow the one true God. I hope that as we go through life, we can get rid of the idols all around us and cling to the promises of God! Get rid of anything that hinders your commitment with God and follow Him fully.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray that we would be a people unashamed of the Gospel, who keep it the center and focus of our lives

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

From what's on my heart,

Caleb

# **♫♪** Cory's Column...

#### Jude 24-25

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

This doxology from the ending of Jude has three sections – "God is able, "God is", and "to God be". Let's look at it in outline form.

#### 1. God is able

- to keep you from stumbling

- to make you stand blameless and joyful before His glorious presence

#### 2. God is

- the only God

- our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord

#### 3. To God be

- all glory
- all majesty
- all dominion
- all authority

- God's glory, majesty, dominion and authority are eternal, just as he is.

Praise God for His greatness! Praise God that through the Son we can stand blameless before Him! Praise God who was, and is, and is to come!

#### Amen.

Bro. Cory

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# The Record Speaks

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Sunday School Attendance	84
Guests	1
Sept Sunday School Avg. Atten	dance 100
Aug Income	\$32,850.40
Aug Expense	\$29,625.95

The Lord's Additions <u>September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020</u> By Letter By Baptism By Statement Total

October Food Pantry Needs Kleenex, Canned Vegetables, Oatmeal Packets, Microwave Meals (ex. Dinty Moore, Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc.), Individual Fruit Juices, Individual Cereals

Family Day in the Park Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m. Joyner Park

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Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. Bring: Paper Tubes (TP/PT), small fishing tackle, hooks, weights, bobbers (must fit in pill bottles), clean empty pill bottles

Trunk or Treat Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30-7:30p.m. Joyner Parking Lot

Work will begin soon on the new church sign. If you can give to help offset the cost, your contribution will be appreciated.

> 2nd Sunday Ushers Chuck Bunn, Jeff Seal, Pat Cappleman, Danny Trotter, Bill Lowry, Jr., Kevin Tillotson

Parkway Baptist Church

October 9, 2019