

## From the Pastor's Pen...

It must have been hard for Rachel. She watched as her sister Leah gave Jacob six sons. But she could give Jacob none. She remained barren. But then something wonderful happens. We see it in *Genesis 30:22*. "Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb."

Apparently, Rachel had never stopped praying for God to give her a son. And God, in his great love and mercy, responded by giving her what her heart desired. I think there is a good lesson here for us. When you are praying for something good, don't give up. We would all understand if Rachel had given up all hope of having a child. After all, her sister had already had six sons, plus a daughter. But she kept praying. And in his perfect time, God answered.

What good thing are you praying for? What good thing should you be praying for? Has it been a long time? Are you frustrated and tempted to quit praying? Don't! We often don't understand God's ways or his timing. But we know our heavenly Father loves us. We know that he is kind and compassionate. We cast our cares on him because he cares for us. So, don't stop praying for that good thing.

For the Gospel and the Glory of God!

Bro. Paul

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## Caleb's Connections...

### Genesis 3:1-4

"Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden?'' The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, 'You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.'"

In this passage we have an account of the worst day in human history. That is the day that Adam and Eve fell to the temptations of the enemy. I always found it interesting that the serpent doesn't just come out and ask Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. Instead, he was much more cunning. He asks "did God really say you can't eat from any tree in the garden?" He warps Eve's understanding of what God said.

We, as Christians, are constantly fighting battles with Satan. He will never be satisfied as long as we bow to the will of God. One of the best weapons that the enemy has in his arsenal is temptation. And on paper it would seem easy to fight these temptations. All we would have to do is ignore anything but what the bible says! But so often, the enemy doesn't tempt us out right. He warps our understanding of right and wrong. He makes us ask "is it really that bad if I do this?" I pray that we can be wise enough to resist the temptations and rely on what scripture teaches as right and wrong.

### 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...

Important Music Ministry Dates:

### \*\*\*FULL Rehearsals for the Christmas Musical\*\*\*

#### Worship Choir, Kid's Choir, Media, & Helpers

Wednesdays@6:45pm -- November 20,  
December 4 and 11

AND

Saturday@10:00am -- December 14

#### Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00p.m.

--Unpacking Christmas--

#### Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

--Christmas Celebration 2019--

featuring music from *Joy! He Shall Reign*  
and *The Song of Bethlehem*

Come and join our worship choir and kid's choir as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with songs and carols.

Singing His Praises,

Bro. Cory

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**Katey's Korner...**

**Family Bible Challenge**

52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

Nov. 3-9	Deuteronomy 6:5
Nov. 10-16	1 Corinthians 10:31
Nov. 17-23	Matthew 5:16
Nov. 24-30	Philippians 2:14

**Operation Christmas Child Atlanta Trips**

Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 5-6

Spots are still available for both trips.

**Parent Discipleship Ideas:**

1. (Found on Pinterest)

Starting on Dec. 1, read one chapter of Luke each day/night as a family. By Christmas Eve, you will have read about the life of Jesus and have a greater understanding of who we celebrate at Christmas.

2. Family Service

As a family, decide one way you will serve this Thanksgiving/Christmas season. A few ideas may be: clean out clothes and toys and donate them, make goodie bags for one of the greenhouses at Traceway (usually 12 residents), make treats to give out to your neighbors. There are so many possibilities. Ask God to open your eyes to what He would have your family do this season.

Love in Christ,

Katey

**The Record Speaks**

November 17, 2019

Sunday School Attendance	88
Guests	4
Oct Sunday School Avg. Attendance	88
Oct Income	\$27,564.24
Oct Expense	\$26,228.38

The Lord's Additions

September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

By Letter
By Baptism
By Statement
Total

Thanksgiving Service  
Sunday night at 6:00p.m.  
in the fellowship hall.  
Bring soup or chili.

We will have a short devotion and a time of testimony.

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November Food Pantry Needs

Individual Applesauce or Fruit Cups, Granola or Cereal Bars, Soup, Microwave Meals (for example: Dinty Moore), Individual Fruit Juices, Individual (Pocket Size) Hand Sanitizer

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Church Office Closed

Nov. 27 & 28

No Wednesday service or activities

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A few spots are still available for the Dec. 5 & 6 OCC Atlanta trip.  
If you are interested in going, please see Katey.

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4th Sunday Ushers

Chris Witt, Andy Soper, Stephen Buzzell,  
Jeff Mansell, Jerry Thompson, Andrew Soper

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