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April Memory Verse

Jesus told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2

From My Heart



to Yours....

When we read about the events of Jesus' last week it becomes clear that there are two pictures of what is taking place. There are the events that were outwardly, public seen and known—for example, Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem amidst a praising crowd, his driving out the sellers from the temple, and his teaching in the temple. At the same time we read that there was a behind-the-scenes, beneath the surface activities of evil taking place. The "chief priests and teachers of the law" were looking for opportunities and reasons to have Jesus removed, even killed (read Luke 19:27). Its kind of like looking from a beach out on an ocean where you see lovely waves, but beneath the surface of the water there is a dangerous undertow. Jesus was teaching and healing but all the while there was an undercurrent of evil trying to bring him down and even soliciting his own disciples to do so (Luke 22:1-6).

We might think that this espionage of evil was unique because Jesus was the Son of God except that later in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul writes that all the sons and daughters of God can expect regular attacks from the forces of evil and to be prepared for it. He writes, "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:11-12). In other words, in all our efforts to live a Christ-like life we can expect there to be struggles along the way because the "undertow" of evil is operating beneath the surface level of life to pull us down and away from Christ. It is no small sentence in the Lord's prayer that we pray, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." It's a prayer that should be often upon our lips. Child of God, you can be sure that the Devil is up to something to bring you down. Standing in the strength of Christ you can beat him every time.

He cares, I care,
Brother Ed



DOOR OF HOPE
COUNSELING

Partnered in ministry with FBC

LUNCH-N-LEARN Apr 15 @ Noon

Struggling to cope with life? Marriage need a tune up?

Feeling down, sad all the time? Angry all the time?

Lost a loved one? We are here to help.

Call to schedule an appointment (478-822-0033)

Most insurances accepted.

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EASTER

CELEBRATE OUR SAVIOUR

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

APRIL 14—PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 18—7PM MAUNDY THURSDAY & COMMUNION

@ FBC

APRIL 19—NOON GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE & LUNCH

@ FVUMC

APRIL 21—7AM SUNRISE SERVICE @ FVUMC



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought food and/or served for the Tynor family meal. Your willingness to help was greatly appreciated.

Thank you again,
Bereavement Committee

Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Celebrate Recovery

Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups & Habits

Fellowship Hall





Music Notes...

Adversity will buy you a ticket

"The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him." Luke 8:39

Did you watch the National Championship Basketball game? What a great game! I was excited that Virginia won for the ACC! But I was more excited when I heard Coach Tony Bennett speak after the game. As he talked about how Virginia, a number one seed got knocked out by the sixteenth seed last year he said that adversity had served them well. He said, "If you learn to use it right, the adversity, it will buy you a ticket to a place you couldn't have gone any other way."

Such was the case of a tormented man who lived as an outcast for many years, naked and alone in the tombs of Gadara, near Galilee. When he saw Jesus, he fell to his knees and shouted at the top of his voice, begging for mercy from God. Jesus commanded the demons to leave him and then cast them into a herd of pigs that rushed down the steep bank into a lake and drowned. The man was healed physically, but more importantly, spiritually. He was so overwhelmed with gratitude for what Jesus had done, he begged to travel with Jesus and stay by His side. But Jesus had other plans. Instead, Jesus told him to go and share his story. And he did.

What had once been a burden to bear became a powerful story of holy transformation. This man's past, and the healing he experienced, became the foundation of a purpose in life that he would have never imagined — living his life as proof of the life-changing power of Jesus.

The man's story became a testimony when he was willing to share it with others. How many people believed in Jesus and are now spending eternity with Him simply because this former demon-possessed man willingly allowed his terrible past to become a story of redemption and purpose?

People can deny Christ, dispute Scripture and ignore prophecy, but they cannot deny, dispute or ignore God's transformational power in someone's life. Our stories of pain, adversity and overcoming in Christ are meant to serve as a testimony of God's faithfulness and power, evidence that God really can take what the devil meant for evil and use it for good.

Let adversity punch your ticket to the place God wants you to go!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED

Want to lead a ministry to reach the children of our community and have an eternal impact on their lives? We need you! We need a director for our VBS this year. If interested please see Ed or Liz.

God's Promises

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FAITHFULNESS
PROMISES
HAPPINESS
BLESSINGS
JESUS
FATHER
HOLINESS
AGAPE LOVE
PHYSICAL

DESERT
PEACE
GODS WORD
PACTS
COVERING
HEALING
PROVISION
FINANCES

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

Meeting

April 14 @ 4:30 Church Library

Weekly Calendar

Sunday Apr 14

- 9:00 Traditional Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Contemporary Service
- 5:30 Youth Worship
- 6:00 Small Groups

Wednesday Apr 17

- 7:00am Bended Knee Society
- 8:15am Daniel Plan
- 6:00pm Youth/Children Activities
- 6:00pm Friendship Banquet
- 7:35pm Choir Rehearsal

Counting Committee

Melissa Hedgpeth
Angie Greer
Danny Greer

April Usher

Jeff Bennett

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Thirty-Niner's

SENIOR MINISTRY OF FBC

The Thirty-Niner's April meeting and luncheon will be Thursday, April 18, 2019 at noon. Kay Meyer will be presenting the program and Abba House will be catering the lunch at the cost of \$6/person. Please call the church office (825-5725) by Monday, April 15 to make your reservations. Please pay at the door when you sign in on the day of the meeting.

THE DANIEL PLAN
Glorifying God in the Way We Eat, Move, and Think!

Come and join us and learn to glorify God in the way we eat, move and think!

Wednesdays @ 8:15am

Exercise Days: Monday & Friday @ 8:15am

HAVE YOU JOINED ONE YET?

small groups

CONNECT GROW SERVE

Small Groups Sundays @ 6:00pm

Adult Study: "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way"

@ Lucille Parham's (1771 Hwy 49)

Women's Study: Jen Wilkin's The Sermon on the Mount @ FBC

Fellowship Hall upstairs

College/Career – McQueen's home

Daycare is available on Sunday nights from 5 to 8 at the church.

Bended Knee Society



Wednesdays
7am-8am
Church Library



Monday-Thursday

8:30-4:30

Closed for lunch

12:00-12:45

Friday

8:30-2:30