

The Messenger

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Celebrate with us!

GRADUATION

Sunday

May 19 at 9am & 11am

May Memory Verse

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 16:8

From My Heart



to Yours....

I am delighted to pastor at a church where we support mission endeavors in the US and around the world. It is a great thing as long as we do not forget that as Christians we are on mission. What a disservice Christian teaching has done for us if we are only taught that salvation is God's free gift and not taught that once Christ has come into our life we are on mission to be his witness and representative in a lost world. Clearly from Scripture, Jesus instructed and intended his followers to be on mission for him. This is not a Christian option. It is a who we are in Christ.

I have always wanted my children to go on a church mission trip to a country that had far less than we have in the US so that they could get a better perspective on how much they have (and take for granted) as well as realize how blessed they are. Of course, there are many benefits that come to us when we participate in a mission trip. I hope in the year ahead we can organize one with our church. At the same time, what is often missed is that we do not have to travel to a distant land to be "on mission." Understood correctly, we are already on mission right where we are, wherever God has placed us. When we "own" Jesus' teaching that as Christians we are "the sent ones" then we begin to think of ourselves as EM's—everyday missionaries. We move through our days activities listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, looking for opportunities to represent Jesus, and enjoying being a conduit of God's love with each person we encounter. We do not have to travel great distance to be used by God. His desire is to use each one of us in some way each day to make a difference for Him. It is a different mindset and view of ourselves. How do you think of your faith in relationship to your life? Are you still in a consumer mindset, always thinking about how does this benefit me? Or have you turned the corner in growing up in Christ where now your main concern is how to contribute and how to bless others?

Part of my hope and prayer in us doing the "Who's Your One?" emphasis was that it might begin a new work of God in our hearts, turning us outward in caring for those who are lost without Christ. It is good if we invite and can bring people into Church, yet what Jesus said was GO. Instead of waiting for guests to show up to our services to be introduced to Jesus and his love for them, we are to seek them through the everyday traffic patterns of our lives. Imagine what a spiritual fire and fervor would happen among us if everyone of us thought of ourselves as EMs.

He cares, I care,
Brother Ed



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COUNSELING

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LUNCH-N-LEARN May 20 @ 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.

*The prayer of a righteous man
is powerful and effective.*



Advisory Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 19 @ 12.30

(lunch included)

Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Celebrate Recovery

Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups & Habits



Fellowship Hall

BIBLE TRIVIA

Who was the first murderer in the Bible?

Who was the first hunter in the Bible?

Where did Jesus work his first miracle?

What was the first of the 10 plagues of Egypt?

(Answers on next page)



In Luke 18:1–8, Jesus told a parable about a persistent widow who went before an unjust judge. The woman so pestered the judge that he finally agreed to her request just to get her to go away. Jesus ended the parable by saying, “Will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?”.

What are you to make of this parable? Is God a reluctant judge? Are you the marginalized widow? Is prayer a matter of pestering God until he breaks down and gives you what you want? No, this is a parable of contrast, not comparison. God is not like the judge in the story. He is not reluctant in answering the prayers of his people. As a child of the King, you can turn to him at any moment. He never places you on hold or tells you to call again later. God loves the sound of your voice. Always. He doesn't hide when you call. He hears your prayers.

Prayer is simply a conversation with your heavenly Father. You place your anxieties in his hands and remind him—and yourself—of the promises he has made in his Word. You find a promise that fits your problem and build your prayer around it. These prayers of faith touch the heart of God and activate the angels of heaven. Miracles are set into motion. You experience less stress and more reliance on God. Fewer anxious thoughts, more prayer-filled thoughts. Prayer is meant to be our constant connection to God and His promises.

Let's remember that this week.

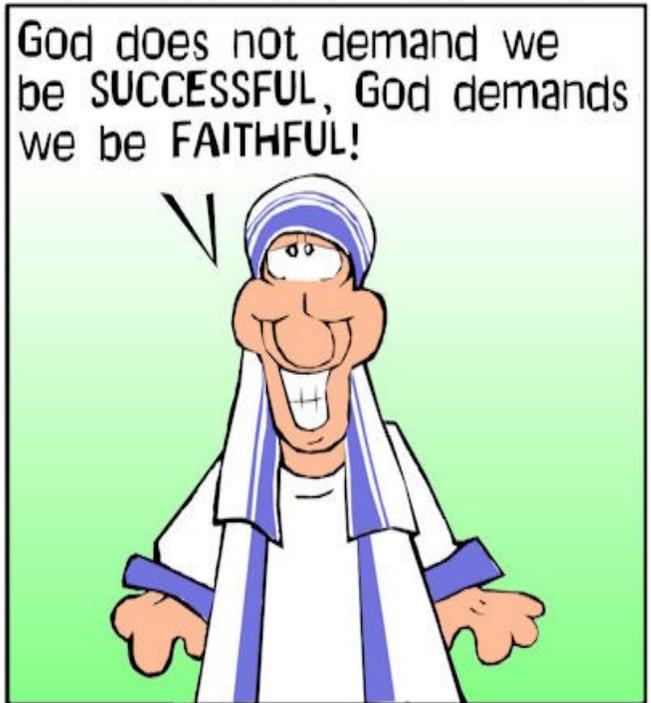


Bible Trivia answers:

1. Cain 2. Nimrod 3. Cana 4. River turns blood



The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Mother Theresa speaking a great truth of perspective for life.

From Sportin' A'tude by Patsy Clairmont:

What is the romance that America, the land of plenty, has with stuff anyway? Does it make us smarter? (Duh, I don't think so.) Does it save us time? (are you kidding? It takes up our time to maintain it.) Does it make us more popular? (Sure, to freeloaders, salespeople, and tax collectors.) Does it improve our looks? (It adds worry lines as we work to protect our stuff from "stuff" thieves; they're everywhere, you know.) There must be some reason many of us have a fetish for belongings. Do you think it fills a need? (Evidently not for long, as we scurry to the nearest stuff store to repair and replace—what else?—our stuff.)

Weekly Calendar

Sunday May 19

- 9:00 Traditional Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Contemporary Service
- 5:30 Youth Services

Wednesday May 22

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

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****YOU MUST BE A MEMBER (& ATTENDING**

SERVICES) OF FBC TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.**

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

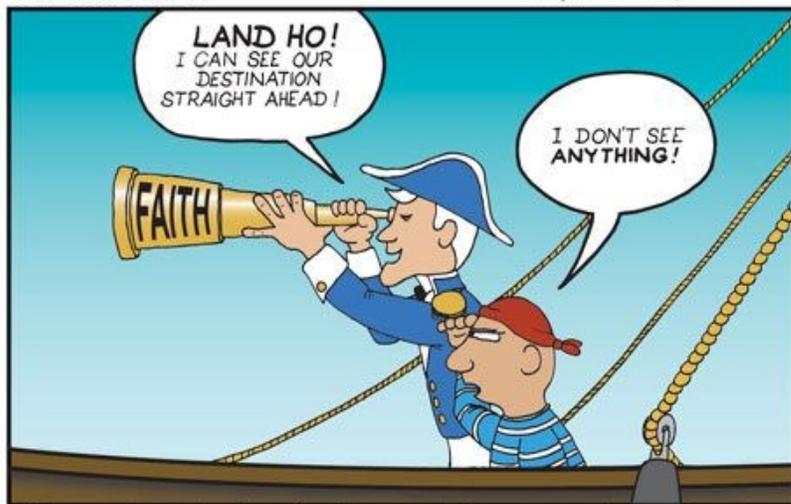
Bended Knee Society



Wednesdays
7am-8am
Church Library

TELESCOPE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. - II CORINTHIANS 4:18 NKJV



Monday-Thursday

8:30-4:30

Closed for lunch

12:00-12:45

Friday

8:30-2:30

Office Closed May 27 for
Memorial Day.