

VICTORY IN JESUS

Challenges and struggles affect all Christians during this journey we are on. Once a person becomes “in Christ” through baptism (Romans 6:1-4) the journey and walk with Jesus is just starting. If we are going to have “victory in Jesus,” we must be in Jesus and continue to live faithfully to Him by living according to God’s will.

Yes, there will be those temptations and cares of the world that challenges us and keep us away from Bible study and increasing our faith. We become weak and a target for Satan. So, we must be studious and grow stronger in our faith and be ready to handle those attacks from Satan (Hebrews 5:14; Hebrews 12:1-2).

Ultimate victory will come to the steadfast (1 Cor. 15:58). There is a reward. There is the crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:7-8). So, we must “keep on, keeping on.”

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”



“MUCH OBLIGED, LORD, FOR MY VITTLES”

“Thankfulness leaves no room for discouragement.” I once read a legend of a man who found the barn where Satan kept his seeds ready to be sown in the human heart, and on finding the seeds of discouragement more numerous than others, he learned that those seeds could be grown almost anywhere. When Satan was questioned, he reluctantly admitted that there was one place in which he could never get them to thrive, ‘In the heart of a grateful man.’ (V. Norskov Olsen, President, Loma Linda University).

Fulton Oursler tells of his old nurse, who was born a slave on the eastern shore of Maryland and who attended the birth of his mother and his own birth. She taught him the greatest lesson in giving thanks and finding contentment. “I remember her as she sat at the kitchen table in our house; the hard, old brown hands folded across her starched apron, the glistening eyes, and the husky old whispering voice, saying, ‘Much obliged, Lord, for my vittles.’ ‘Anna,’ I asked, ‘what’s a vittle?’ ‘It’s what I’ve got to eat and drink, that’s vittles.’ But you’d get your vittles whether you thanked the Lord or not.” “Sure, but it makes everything taste better to be thankful.”

-copied from Tomlinson Run church of Christ website articles-

PSALM 100

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

“BRING HIM TO ME”

In Mark 9:19 Jesus said to a father seeking help for a son tormented by an evil spirit, “Bring him to me.” The disciples had been approached first by the man, but they had been unable to cast out the “dumb spirit” (v. 17), which had tormented the boy from childhood (v. 21). Jesus healed his son (v. 27), much to the dismay of His disciples (v. 28). The father, no doubt, rejoiced and was forever grateful as surely was the son. It is always a mark of wisdom to seek the help of the Lord.

Bring your child to the Lord. “Lo, children are an heritage (inheritance) of the Lord” (Psalm 127:3). Fathers, “bring them (your children), up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4; cf. Col. 3:21). Have them in “subjection” (1 Tim. 3:4, 12), that they might be “faithful children” (Titus 1:6). And, fathers, love your children’s mother, too (Eph. 5:25)! Mothers, love your children and their father (Titus 2:4). Like Hannah, bring your child to Shiloh and present him/her to the Lord (1 Samuel 1), and that child will most likely bring you joy and not tears.

Bring your cares to the Lord. Jesus warns, “Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and **cares of this life...**” (Luke 21:34) If you have no “cares” (especially in 2020), you are an exceptional exception! The Greek is *merimna*, meaning division or distraction. Be forewarned. The word of Christ can be, and often is, choked out by such “cares” (See Luke 8:14; cf. Matt. 13:22; Mark 4:19). What can we do? What are we to do? “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, **casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you**” (1 Peter 5:6-7).

Bring your commitment to the Lord. A wise adage needs to be applied to the Christian’s life: “Anything worth doing is worth doing right.” There is no more noble life than that lived in service to “the King of kings and the Lord of lords” (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 16:19). Commitment is evidenced by one’s loyalty to a cause. It is demonstrated by faithfulness, devotion, and steadfastness. Slothfulness and slackness are never complimented or condoned, but often condemned (See Prov, 22:13; 26:13; Eccl. 10:18; Matt. 25:26).

Hebrews 6:12 reminds us not to be “slothful” (KJV), or “sluggish” (NKJV), in our service to the Lord.

Jesus lovingly says, “Bring Me your sins and I will forgive you; bring Me your cares and I will carry them for you; bring Me your life and I will bless, keep, and crown you.”

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

WELCOME VISITORS: A warm welcome is extended to all our visitors. We are honored to have you and your family. Please come again!

SICK: Gary White, Allen’s grandfather, is suffering with pneumonia complicated by COPD (Covid test pending). Donna Shoulders Adcock (native of Riddleton), suffered lumbar fractures in an auto accident in Jacksonville, FL. Laura Russell Bourgeois (Ruston, Louisiana), sister to Sherry Lester, has been diagnosed with cancer, Prayers are requested. Patricia Brooks is waiting to see an oncologist. Little Lincoln Richmond has been very ill but is improving. W. A. Gibbs is now in Quality Healthcare (Lebanon) for rehab and he tested positive for COVID. Johnny Law; Molly Jones, and Loucille Fisher Partlow (Ruby’s daughter), have also tested positive. Mike Ruis was taken to Vanderbilt last week. Lola King is awaiting final results from her surgeon after a CT scan. Faye Maberry is feeling much better. Ruby Anderson has concluded her radiation treatments. Darrell Vincent, R. W.’s brother, is now at home following a hospital stay. Phyllis Davis, Chris Klamm’s mother, is recovering from knee surgery. Erlene White has not been feeling well due to a UTI. Barry and Linda Cook are now back with us and doing well. Hale Wright has been dealing with eye issues due to a battery explosion. Barbara Anderson has 20/20 vision in both eyes after cataract surgery. Steve Harper continues to make progress. Cobie Sadler received a good report from his lung biopsy. Hal and Anne Kirby are improving. Joe Massey is undergoing another series of treatments. Gary Lawrence continues to recuperate at home. Dennis Hackett’s aunt, Joyce Kilgore, is in Vanderbilt in Lebanon. Jaden Anderson had oral surgery last week. Jan Anderson is now at home following rehab. Jimmy and Carolyn Rigsby, Melinda Spivey’s parents, are now at home. Prayers are requested for Barbara Dixon (Tenille Allison’s mother), who is recovering from kidney surgery. (Please call 615-735-0114 with updates and news items.)
NURSINGHOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter’s grand-daughter (Army); Randy Carter’s sons and Lacey Crockett’s brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss’ grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC); Cameron Huff (USMC).

CARDS FOR SHUTINS: Bundles of 25 cards to be signed and bags in which to place the signed cards, are now available in the foyer. Please return signed cards by Sunday, December 13.

“Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:26-28)

THANK YOU: The church has received recent “Thank You” notes from Andy, Hannah, and Maisy Rutherford; Barbara Jenkins; Dale Woodard; Ruby Anderson; Linda and Barry Cook; Brian Hall (missionary to Guyana). Dennis and Darlene Hackett family.

PRAYER LIST: Joe Hensley; Conner Hackett; Chuck Jordan; Gary White; A. J. Purkey; Tammy Crockett; Josh Dillard; Lavern Hardee; Mike Ruis; Alan Fitts; Joe Massey; Steve Higginbotham; Wayne Lankford; Sandy Waggoner; Nancy Hicks Bane; Barbara Williams; Michael Parsons; Laurie Adcock; Wendy Williams; Roslyn Fox Stout; Judy Fox Jones (hospice); Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Patsy Link; Emily Moss and children; Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Roy Hicks; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn; Emily Allen; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debby Flatt; Ken Miller; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Pattie Birdwell; Mary Ellen Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Mary Phillips (1); Mary Pat Grim; Debbie Felure, Steve Bray (5); Katie Bennett (18); Jeffrey Maberry (19); Kyle Azbell (21); Andy Rutherford, Lovell Chaffin, Elaine Wright (23); Brittany Birchett (28); Amy Apple, (29); Madison Spivey (31). Jerry & Cheryl Hicks (12/11/1981); Eddie & Kaylan Linder (12/15/2001); Nick & Pam Morris (12/16/2000); Brian & Peggy Denton (12/21/1991); Mike & Laura Piper (12/27/1988).

WEDDING BELLS! A gift card basket will be placed in the foyer next Sunday in honor of Makenzi Apple, bride-elect of Will Galey. They will be married in December.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy is expressed to the family of Dot Holliman who passed away last Friday (13), and was buried in the Holliman Family Cemetery Sunday afternoon; to family of E. C. and Edna Meadows (Willette), in the sudden passing of their son-in-law Mike Bowman of Murfreesboro.

VIRTUAL GOSPEL MEETING: We trust many are viewing the Virtual Gospel Meeting with Matthew Jones (Prophecy), Teddy Spivey (Scientific Foreknowledge), and Seth Hackett (Archaeology), are presenting reasons for believing the Bible. The final lesson will be delivered tomorrow evening at 7:00. All lessons may be viewed on U-Tube and Facebook.

EVENTS CALENDAR: ***Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:*** First Sundays of February, May, August, November (To be resumed when permitted); ***Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional***(To be resumed when permitted); ***Men’s Breakfast:*** January 16. 2021; ***Fish Fry,*** April 10; ***Gospel Meeting:*** Clarence Deloach, April 11-14.