

SERVING IN WORSHIP

February 10, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Psalms 1: 1-6

Nathan Graves

Song Leader

Larry Miller

First Prayer

Barry Phillips

Presentation

Mark Claypool

Lord's Table

Dwight Mullett * Doug Driver

Brandon Graves * Steve Tomlinson

Speaker

Johnny Felker

Prayer & Announcements

Michael Pittman

Usher: Dennis Blanton

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Sunday Evening Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 139:1-6

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Remember in Prayer The Sick

Amy Hall, Heather Blanton's sister, is currently at home undergoing cancer treatments. Her health continues to slowly decline each day. Cards can be sent to 550 E. 7th Street Salem OH 44460.

Frankie Patterson is currently at the Vanco Manor Nursing Home and Rehab facility (813 S. Dickerson Rd. Goodlettsville, TN 37072) following a hip **fracture**. She unfortunately had a fall Wednesday.

Louise Blanton continues to feel under the weather.

Brian Mitchell, Eva's husband, went home this past Friday. He was able to go out for a meal, which really lifted his spirits. Brian will continue with in-home therapy for some time yet. Cards may be sent to Brian Mitchell, 320 N. Shawnee Blvd, Jackson, MO 63755.

Ralph and Alda Brown continue to feel weak due to upper respiratory infections..

Derrick Pittman, cousin of Barry Phillips, has a tumor on his kidney. He is 28 years old and lives in South Carolina.

Johnny Felker's **aunt Shelby** had a serious fall over a week ago. She is in Vanderbilt ICU undergoing treatment for a skull fracture. She is the sister of his mother.

Erin Mathias, 10 year old niece of Karen Miller, has been experiencing repeated epileptic seizures following a change in medication. She is getting switched back to a non-generic drug today in the hopes her seizures will greatly subside.

Let us continue to remember our ailing church & family members, and our shut-ins, with fervent daily prayers.

Shirley Miller (Larry's mother), Dennis Stepp (Dennis Blanton's brother-in-law) Ernestine Reed, Janett King, Clara Burkett, David Smith, Chelsea Gilliam(a friend of Betty Copley), Susie Kaiser, Susie Martell, (friend of Shirley Ford), Paige Toxey, Elbert Jacks (Brandon Graves' grandfather), Dottie Reed (Anita Carmen's mother), Jason Cummings (Amy Pittman's brother), Judy Cannizzaro, Keith Barclay (a friend of Betty Copley's), and Vernice Sharpe (Shirley Ford's sister).

News & Notes

Group 2 will meet today in the Library after the morning service.

—BIRTHDAYS—

No Birthdays this week

ELDERS: Doug Driver, Johnny Felker

DEACONS: Ralph Brown, Mark Claypool

Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

“...let us consider how we may encourage one another”
Heb. 10:24

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Service Times:

Sunday Bible Study at 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. &
6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 P.M.

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Lord, Increase Our Faith

Hudson Taylor was a 19th-century British missionary who spent 51 years in China. On one voyage as they neared the channel between the southern Malay Peninsula and the island of Sumatra, Taylor heard an urgent knock on his stateroom door. He opened it, and there stood the captain of the ship. Mr. Taylor,” he said, “we have no wind. We are drifting toward an island where the people are heathen, and I fear they are cannibals.” What can I do?” asked Taylor.

“I understand that you believe in God. I want you to pray for wind.”

“All right, Captain, I will, but you must set the sail.”

“Why that’s ridiculous! There’s not even the slightest breeze. Besides, the sailors will think I’m crazy.”

But finally, because of Taylor’s insistence, he agreed. Forty- five minutes later the captain returned and said, “You can stop praying now. “We’ve got more wind than we know what to do with!”

Hudson Taylor made a great point about faith. It issues itself in action. Faith works. Faith is evidenced in practical ways that demonstrate belief in God and His Word.

Sometimes faith is hard.

In Luke 17:5 “The disciples said to the Lord, Increase our faith.” What caused them to make that request? In the previous verses, Jesus issued a very difficult command: “It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

MEMORY VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 17

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Preacher's Pen points

The Benefits of Daily Meditation

“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.” (Psalm 1:1–2)

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Daily meditation keeps us in touch with the s_____ world.

Meditate on the p_____ of God (Ps. 63:6; 104:34).

Meditate on the w_____ of God (Ps. 119:148, 97).

Meditate on the w_____ of God (Ps. 77:11-12; 145:5).

Daily meditation warms our hearts to p_____ and w_____ God (Ps. 63:5-6).

Daily meditation gives us respite from the a_____ and s_____ of everyday life (Phil. 4:8).

Daily meditation gives us u_____ and w_____ for life's decisions (Ps. 119:97-98, 99, 27).

Daily meditation will give us s_____ in life's trials (Ps. 16:8).

Daily meditation will empower us to be s_____ and f_____ (Josh. 1:8; Ps. 119:11; 55; 1 Sam. 12:24).

Let us embrace with great enthusiasm the opportunity to spend time in meditation each day. Disconnect from the noise of the world and turn your attention to things spiritual. And in so doing, let us pray as David, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.” (Psalm 19:14)



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When temptation assaults our souls, our faith is challenged. The word translated “offense” originally referred to the bait-stick in a trap. It has to do with someone being ensnared in the trap of temptation. The devil will attempt to weaken our resolve. Attack our minds and hearts. And ambush our faith. In such times we need to say, “Lord, increase our faith.”

When we see little children hurt and harmed by the sins of others, it easy to cry, “Why, God?” And to impugn His character. When something bad happens to innocence children, someone will say, “Where was God?” (Of course, He’s the same place He was when His son was being belittled, beaten and crucified by unbelievers.) However, when we’re hurting for the little ones let us say, “Lord, increase our faith?”

It takes faith and courage to rebuke someone when they have sinned. When I must seek the restoration of a brother who has wronged me, it is good to pray, “Lord, increase my faith.” Give me the strength I need to do this with meekness and humility.

Faith is required when the offender says, “I’m sorry. Forgive me.” In fact, Jesus offers a scenario that we find incredibly challenging. What if a brother sins against you 7 times in the same day? And each of the times he returned to ask your forgiveness? Jesus says, “forgive him.” To deal with a seemingly impossible situation I must plead, “Lord, increase my faith.”

Living the Christian life is one that calls for faith in the face of trying situations. When we face opposition, either from friends or foes. When we are suffering from ill health. When a loved dies in a tragic accident. When we must admit our own mortality and face the specter of death. In such trying times, we must pray, “Lord, increase our faith.”

Faith can be increased through the Word of God (Rom 10:17). Get into the Word. Read it. Study it. Reflect on it. Drink deeply from its wellspring of wisdom. Through it your faith will be strengthened. Coupled with God’s Word, faith can be increased through prayer, fellowship with other Christians, and weekly worship on the Lord’s day.

“Lord, increase our faith.”

–Ken Weliever, *The Preacherman*