



Your Journey. Our Focus.

April 23, 2017

A Pastor's Ponderings

A pastor was visiting one of the ladies in the nursing home. She had had a stroke some time before, and the entire left side of her body and face were paralyzed. Every time the pastor would try to share news from the congregation, she would start to cry. If he shared sad news, she would cry. If he shared good news, happy news, exciting news... she cried. Everything he shared with her brought about the same heartrending response. She couldn't help it.

Here was a woman who was in a nursing home. A woman crippled by a stroke. A woman whose only form of communication seemed to be crying. But she refused to let that destroy the joy of the Lord that lay within her.

I hope and pray that, as we gather together in this place today, it is joy that compels us to worship. I pray that our eyes are open to all He has done for us... all that He has forgiven us of. For once we do, the overwhelming joy of the Lord will well up in us and burst out with spontaneous and unending praise. Every time we get a taste of that joy in this life, it ought to compel us to praise the One who is the object of our worship and the source of our joy.

I want to plant in your mind the image of an Almond Joy candy bar. The next time you're in line at Wal-Mart or the Roadrunner, you're likely to see an Almond Joy on the shelf. When you do, I want you to consider the joy that Jesus has put before you. Consider how your faith in Him for that day affects the circumstances of your life. Let the meditation of your heart take you away to that future glory and strengthen you for the day. Get ready for joy. Let it be in you today.

Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.
Nehemiah 8 : 10

Weekly Schedule for April 23 to April 30

Today Sunday School10:00 am
 Morning Worship11:00 am
 Evening Worship6:00 pm
 Choir Practicefollowing evening worship

Tuesday Men's Breakfast9:00 am
 Ladies' Prayer Group9:30 am
 (at Betty Gillis' home)

Wednesday Fellowship Supper5:30-6:30 pm
 K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall
 The Experience*
 Junior High Small Group*
 (* meets at The Spot)
 Adult Prayer & Bible Study (Esther)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Floyd ClaypoleToday! Kathy FergusonThurs., Apr. 27 Bernice BaileyFri., Apr. 28	None this week...

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
AM - Jenifer Carter, Hunter Barker and Patrick Mitchell	AM - Mike Ferguson, Kim Holley and Janice Cunningham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

As of last Sunday, we have not reached our goal of **\$1000**. Our total is **\$732...** \$268 short of our goal. This annual offering supports Southern Baptist missionaries serving all across North America. Maybe you meant to contribute but let the time slip up, or perhaps you find you could add a bit more towards the goal. It's not too late to help support this mission. Easter Sunday was designated as the end of the collection time, but since our goal was not met, we will be accepting contributions through the end of April. Offering envelopes are available on the back table.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The **3rd Sunday** has been set aside each month for a special opportunity to contribute to this important ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Since Easter fell on the 3rd Sunday, this month's collection will be **today**. So far, some of the items we have purchased include *tablespoons, bowls, washcloths, soap, and toothbrushes*. But, many other things are still needed to fill those **100 boxes** which we have set as our goal. Thanks for making these purchases possible through your generous giving each month.



Come, join us **Saturday, May 13** for our monthly **breakfast and devotional time**. We'll be gathering in our fellowship hall at **9:00 a.m.** Mark your calendar. Don't miss this rewarding way to start your weekend!



Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)



Sickness & Hospital

Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Susan Belcher
Amy Bird
Donna Bishop
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Ronnie Bryant
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
T.J. Crawford
Matthew Cutshall
Sam D'Antonio
Mary Davidson
Charles Ellis
Daniel Gardner
Nancy Gillis
Kenneth Gray
Anita Hall
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Dorothy Holley
Elisabeth Holley
Ray Holtsinger
Phil Jackson
Glen Johnson
Lisa Justice
Bobby Kilgore
Roger Lester
Jacob Luttrell
Herman Marcum
Katrina Mausolf
Sanford McCarty
Tom McCurry
Jim McNamara
Lori Milliken
Matthew Millsaps
Randy Moore
Pastor Kevin Morris
Jim Mullins
Jenny Murray
Peggy Payne
Amos Penley
Atler Perryman
Glenda Purdue
Bart Rickman
Vickie Rust
Joel Shell
Jordan St. John
Dorsey Smith

Larry & Judy Smith
Brother Snapp
Mildred Snapp
Gary Stafford
Tom Swaim
Betty & Elmer Taylor
Al Vanderland
Judy Vanlandingham
Megan Vess
Linda Vogel
Cameron Whitaker
Gene Wilcox

Other Requests

American Military
Radio Ministry
The Spot
The families of our
community
Washington County
Jail Ministry
Issac Cutshall
Unspoken requests
FISH Ministry
The young couples of
our church
Gatlinburg communities
and churches
Pastor & Congregation
of Roaring Fork
Baptist Church
Grieving families
Our school teachers
Jason Jackson
Barry Myers
Adam Fillers (military)

Praise the Lord!

Salvation!
Phil Jackson's recovery

Shut-in & Nursing Home

Christine Harris
Rena Hensley
Martha Quinn
Lou Shelton
Eric Starner
Brownlow Yarbor
Millie Yarbor

Salvation

K. Adamson
Kevin Ayers
Michelle Ayers
Robin Booth
Charles Bowers
S. Branstractor
Kathy Brooks
Karen Burgin
Rick Burgin
Mary S. Carter
Heather Crumb
Jessica Curtis
John Dowdy
Jon Fazio
Ben Franklin
Karen Ingram
Patton Jervis
Donna Laws
Betty Lewis
Scott Lewis
Diane Miller
John Nichols
Jim Norris
Becky Norton
Harry Norton
Kenzie Nunley
Pam Nunley
Jennie Reasor
Larry Richardson
Amy Roberts
Dustin Roberts
Sue Roberts
Bill Shelton
Rita Shelton
Kelly Shoun
Tammy Waterhouse
Kevin Whistine

Note:
If a name needs
to remain on the
prayer list for
longer than one
month, just let
Pastor Craig or
Linda King know.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

This week's menu:

**Hot dog or Chili dog, potato salad, cole slaw,
chips, dessert, & drink**

(A **sign up sheet** is in the foyer.)

Meals are **\$4.00** for each adult.

Supper will be served from **5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**It's VERY important to let the cooks know how many
meals to prepare. Otherwise, food may be insufficient.**
So, **please remember to *sign up before Wednesday!***

Thank you for your help in making these fellowship suppers a
time of social and physical nourishment followed by spiritual
nourishment during group Bible studies.

**Can't join us for supper? Bible study is still on the
"menu" for everyone. Hope to see you there!**

*Need more information or need to **sign up or cancel!***

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