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STORMS OF LIFE

At some point in life most of us face many types of health, financial, family or other serious problems. Recently, it seems that “storm clouds” have encircled many due to lost jobs, poor health and the economic situation in our country. It would be quite easy to begin counting our problems instead of our blessings.

Life is precious. It was given each of us by God. He understands that we face difficulties in this short sojourn on earth. Yet, trials and sufferings are a part of life itself, brought on by the sin in the world since Adam and Eve.

Tragedies may come, jobs may be lost, diseases may rack our bodies, or business losses may cause financial disasters. There may be times when we feel we are all alone and overcome by life’s difficulties. God did not promise to take away our troubles. But, He did promise that the Lord would never leave nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

When trials surround us, He offers comfort and hope through His Word (Romans 15:4). He gives us peace through Christ (John 16:4; Philippians 4:7). If we are in Christ then nothing can separate us from God’s love (Romans 8:35-39).

When the storms of life comes our way, let us call to mind the words of the apostle Peter, “casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

by John K. Wills

Mark Your Calendar

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 A.M. Bible Study

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

6:00 P.M. Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28 SSSS

Sew N Sew

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Ladies Bible Study

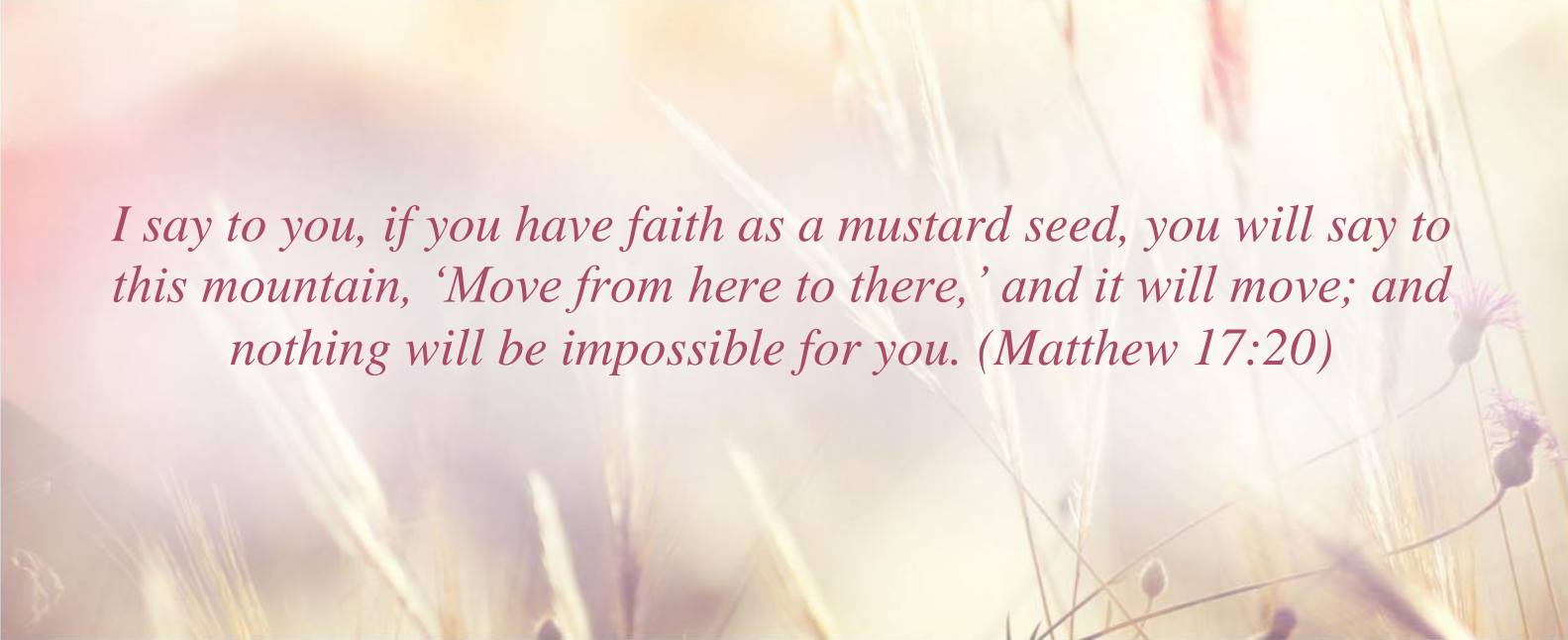
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

ANNIVERSARY

May 30: Larry and Rita
Smith

WE NEED EACH OTHER

There is an indelible and universal truth as it pertains to the church. We need each other. In fact, the Bible is adamantly clear that without the contribution of each member, the church does not properly function. Thus is the substance of Paul's discussion in 1 Corinthians 12. The church in Corinth struggled with supremacy. There were those who possessed the most coveted and thereby most respected spiritual gifts, and to those they bestowed greater honor. Within the church, they were considered the most important. To dispel such a divisive notion and to promote unity, Paul makes some assertions. Notice what he says in 1 Corinthians 12:19-22, "And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary."



I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. (Matthew 17:20)

Why? Because truthfully, if we all possessed the same talents, the same abilities, the same strengths and even weaknesses; where would the body be? The answer is simple. It would be lacking what you can contribute whether great or small. You see brethren, the truth of the matter remains indelible. We need each other. Therefore, let us conclude that although you may not be able to do what others can; there is no gift given by God that is not both useful and beneficial to the growth and vitality of this congregation. So, by all means, contribute!

by Jeremy Tucker

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27 NIV

ENCOURAGING WORDS!

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the unfortunate frogs they would never get out. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead.

Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and simply gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and suffering and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out.

When he got out, the other frogs asked him, "Why did you continue jumping? Didn't you hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time!

This story teaches us two very powerful lessons:

1) There is power of life and death in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21) – An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day.

2) A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them (Proverbs 12:6) – Let's be careful of what we say! Speak life to those who cross our path! The power of words ... it is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue in difficult times.

Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another. We desperately need this kind of individual in the church of our Lord today. We need more Christians like Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement" – Acts 4:36) to help build up and encourage others in the work of the Lord's church.

Brethren, may we always be an encouragement to others! May our lips speak words of encouragement instead of disparaging words. My prayer is that you will send this story to someone you would like to encourage today!

by Mike Riley

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ATTENDANCE

May 21, 2017

Bible Study - 17

Morning Worship - 62

Evening Worship - 14

Please Remember in Prayer

Ed Young, Perry Lunsford, Evelyn Pullin, Joyce Collins, Carol Batton, JoAnn Houston, Kay Curtis, Johnny & Janie Vinton, Jean Griffith, David & Mark Smith, Janice Browning, Myrtle Baker, Pat & Sheila Morrison, Donald Dickerson, John & Susan Duncan, Richard Butler, Ann Clark, Vennis Vogt, Donna Caughron, Lupe Alvarado, Teresa Bosco, Judy Haertner, Eddie Vaughn, Shara Tietz, Patrick Krueger, Brian Stine, and Serena Stine.

Announcements

Our brother in Christ, Steve Griffith, has gone to be with our Lord this past Thursday. Please remember Jean and her family in prayer at this time.

Please continue to pray for Kathy Dennison and her family.

Al Denner is in the Seguin Hospital room 277. Please place him on your prayer list.

Bud Haggerty has been having a hard time. He still needs a ride to services. Please let us know if you can help.

Ann Clark is in Remarkable Healthcare Room #104B. She is recovering from her surgery and loves visitors!

Please continue to pray for Mara, she is Lanell Jones' granddaughter..

Ines Rodriguez will have surgery in the next few weeks. Mike has asked for prayers for her and son Eddie who was in a bad accident in Florida. He had a follow up procedure on his leg this past week. Keep all in prayer.

Mack Woodward has been doing well recently. Please continue to pray for him.

Serena Stine can have no visitors but wants prayers.

Penny Neal fell and bruised her face. She thanks you

for your prayers.

Linda Gayle asked for prayers for her three friends: two who are in critical condition and her other sister in Christ who went to be with our Lord recently.

We were so glad to see JoAnn Houston, Bob & Janis Browning, Ed Young, Alice Williams & Bud Haggerty recently!! Praise the Lord for giving them all the strength to join us in worship!!!

This congregation will be sponsoring a historical Christian Evidences class at the Library in June. The class will focus on the historical nature of the bible and at least three thousand will be invited. Your help with this outreach to the community will build your ability to "go and make disciples." We need this family to help!!!!

If you were not able to have your picture taken for our new church directory recently, we are trying to get an alternate time set up. We will let you know soon. We think there is a possibility in June.

Due to rising costs, we will publish this newsletter only once a month beginning in June. We have other avenues for current events and inspirational news and we ask for your understanding and support.