



Women's Fellowship

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class
10:00 -11:30 am.
Study is in Acts.

Ladies Hand & Foot Card Fellowship: 1st & 3rd Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Play begins at 1:00pm. Card Fellowship will begin on the first Tuesday this month.

OutReach

Christ's Closet

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon.

The pantry is located in the room left of the library. There are sacks in the pantry room if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items. Feel free to take what you need. If you have a donation for the pantry please put it on the table in the pantry room.

Food Pantry

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to bring supplies for the children's home box. Bring Non-Perishable Items.

Peru Ministry

Support Oscar, Anna Maria, Queca and Tony Woods in their outreach in Peru.

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Meeting times:

Sunday :
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday:
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

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Get into the Ways of Jesus

Paul wanted only to be identified with Jesus. He only wanted to know the Lord better and better. As he came to understand Jesus better, his life changed and he began to think more like Jesus. He began to act more like Jesus. He even says he had not achieved all of this, but he pressed on to take hold of the prize that awaited him and all those who have trusted in Jesus for salvation. Paul may never have been perfect at this, but as time went on he walked closer and closer to the ways of Jesus.

So, here is a man, consumed with keeping the rules of the Law of Moses, abandoning those rules and all other human efforts so he can cling to Jesus and the salvation He promises. Paul is now looking ahead to more service in the cause of Christ. He is pressing on, striving to win the prize. As he says in Ephesians 2:10, we can now do the good works God had always wanted us to do.

This day by day change to be more like Jesus may not create a smooth path, Paul admits he may have to join in the fellowship for the sufferings of Jesus. That is, when we think, act and look like Jesus, we may get the same treatment He got. People (especially religious people) hated the Lord. They hated him enough to crucify Him. If we do what Paul says and become more like the Lord, then we too will face the bitterness and hatred of the world around us. After all, Paul also said, "Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Tim. 3:12). Being like Christ is our goal, but it may not make us popular.

"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." (Phil. 3:10-11). This was Paul's ultimate goal. If he had to die in the service of the Lord Jesus, he would gladly do so, and so, attain to the resurrection from the dead. If he wore himself out in serving the Lord, that was okay. As long as he attained the resurrection from the dead, Paul would gladly die in the Lord's service. Paul looked beyond the everyday frustrations and irritations of this life to see the glorious future promised to all of God's children.

Again, Paul says he had not reached a perfect level of performance in the work of the Lord. But, he pressed on. He kept trying and working to grow and grow as a believer. This is our task as well. We understand we are not good enough to be saved. But, when we surrender to the Lord in faith and baptism, Jesus forgives us through His grace. That grace motivates us to become more like Jesus every day, which leads us to our hope in the resurrection from the dead. –David Thurman

Attendance 2/04 A.M. Worship: 66 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 2/04: \$2940.80

Keep these Dates in Minds:

- 2/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 2/15 Soup Night 6:00p before Wed Bible Study
- 2/24 Game Night 6:00p
- 2/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 3/5 First Sunday Potluck
- 3/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 3/12 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 3/15 Soup Night 6:00p before Wed Bible Study
- 3/24 Game Night 6:00p
- 3/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Bible Studies:

- Adult Class (S) – Hebrews; (W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall
- Young Adults (S, W) – Acts - Spanish Room
- Youth Classes – Classroom Wing

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

- Gari Koci 2/1
- Nadine Mohr 2/1
- Frank Shaw 2/1
- Leland & Marilyn Davis 2/8
- Ron Stephens 2/14
- Joe Botts 2/15
- Allen Lindsay 2/16
- Jim Preston 2/22

A few women are needed on an as-needed basis to wash clothing brought into the clothing room, see Pansy or Debbie.



If you would like a copy of last week's bulletin, see [Lynette Jones](#)

(1) Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer. (8) I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:1, 8)

The Weight of the Glass

A psychology professor walked around on a stage while teaching stress management principles to an auditorium filled with students. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the typical "glass half empty or glass half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, the professor asked, "How heavy is this glass of water I'm holding?"

Students shouted out answers ranging from eight ounces to a couple pounds.

She replied, "From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass doesn't matter. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it's fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralyzed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me."

As the class shook their heads in agreement, she continued, "Your stresses and worries in life are very much like this glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to ache a little. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralyzed – incapable of doing anything else until you drop them."

It's important to remember to let go of your stresses and worries. No matter what happens during the day, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the night and into the next day with you. If you still feel the weight of yesterday's stress, it's a strong sign that it's time to put the glass down.

–Marc Chernoff



Health Issues: Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli , Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Logan Johnson (Amanda McCrickard's friend's son), Bob Childers, Eddie Petros, Gayle Caldwell, Darlena Moon, Jackson Hickman

In the Military: Levi Toombs

This Week: Bill Henniger is home from the hospital and doing better.

How to Take Heart When You Are Discouraged

(A Short Series)

Think about the good things in life.

Come before the Lord in praise. Philippians 4:8 tells us, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."

Let us not make a list of all the reasons why we are in trouble or to stay discouraged. Don't think about the negative. Scripture says to think about things that are lovely and wholesome and of good report. Think on these things.

One of the reasons why people become cold and cynical is because they forget the place from where the Lord has brought them. They forget His goodness toward them in times past. They forget that He is faithful.

That is why throughout the Old Testament, God seemed to continually remind His people saying, "Don't forget. Celebrate the Passover year after year. This will remind you of Egypt and how I brought you out to freedom" (paraphrase, see Exodus 13:6–8). "Collect a jar of manna and save it to remember how I fed you in the wilderness" (paraphrase, see Exodus 16:32–33). "Take twelve stones out of the Jordan and make a place of remembrance. Then someday you can explain to others what I did for you" (paraphrase, see Joshua 4:5–7).

Likewise, we must keep ourselves in remembrance.

I encourage you to take some time now to write out a list of all the good things God has brought into your life. There are so many reasons to thank Him, and there is power and victory when we praise Him.

–K.P Yohannan

When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a moment longer.



Never give up then. For that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

–Harriet Beecher Stowe