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CONTINUING A JOURNEY

I have often thought of the Christian life as a journey. There are many uses of that kind of metaphor in scripture. One that stands out is the use of “walk” to describe the Christian life that we talked about during our study of Ephesians in 2022. As we wrap up our Spiritual Living series this Sunday, I hope you will not think that we have arrived at the destination. Instead consider it as continuing a journey.

In his book, *Invitation to a Journey*, Robert Mulholland talks about the dynamic nature of the life of a follower of Jesus and the One who guides that journey.

I do not know what your perception of Christian discipleship might be, but much contemporary Christian spirituality tends to view the spiritual life as a static possession rather than a dynamic and ever-developing growth toward wholeness in the image of Christ. When spirituality is viewed as a static possession, the way to spiritual wholeness is seen as the acquisition of information and techniques that enable us to gain possession of the desired state of spirituality. Discipleship is perceived as “my” spiritual life and tends to be defined by actions that ensure its possession. Thus the endless quest for techniques, methods, programs by which we hope to “achieve” spiritual fulfillment. The hidden premise behind all of this is the unquestioned assumption that we alone are in control of our spirituality. In brief, we assume we are in control of our relationship with God. When spirituality is viewed as a journey, however, the way to spiritual wholeness is seen to lie in an increasingly faithful response to the One whose purpose shapes our path, whose grace redeems our detours, whose power liberates us from crippling bondages of the prior journey and whose transforming presence meets us at each turn in the road. In other words, holistic spirituality is a pilgrimage of deepening responsiveness to God’s control of our life and being.

The disciplines we talked about over the summer are not the destination. They are wonderful tools given by God to help us on our journey to grow closer to Him. When they are a regular part of our lives, they can help us to see His presence more clearly. Don’t leave them behind after today. Practice them regularly along the journey.

- Brian

September 1, 2024



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Jeff Butler

Greg Hatton

David Hendricks

Richard Howard

Brent Lowe

Butch Platt

Ministers

Brian Lewis

David Dirrim

Thorin Turner

Kyle Wilson

Secretary

Dana Chilcoat

Family Matters

Paula Sturdevant is home recovering and is doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.

Clint Sturdevant, husband of Paula Sturdevant, has had two bypasses done. Please keep him in your prayers.

Mary Lee, Carla Hasley's mother, has been diagnosed with lymphoma kidney cancer. Please keep her and Carla in your prayers.

Jerry and Wilma Miller's son, Reese, had a successful neck surgery on Wednesday. Please keep him in your prayers.

Thank You Note: Since my fall I have improved and am doing better and I just want to thank everyone for the concern, calls, and beautiful cards. Thank you for your sincere concern and caring. Sue Ogle

A special thank you to all of the outgoing teachers of our Bible classes and the incoming teachers also. You are greatly appreciated!



The **Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, **September 23rd**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Bill Young, Glenda Lillard, Kim Simpson, Donna Duncan, Tommy Myers, Jan Manuel, Chuck Love, and Mark Coleman. **The food for the Yellow House will be picked up and sacked on Wednesday morning, September 18th. If you are not able to help, please contact Chuck Love.**

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Paula Hatton, Lea Crain, Arles Wells, Mary Barrett, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Barbara Cannon, Ken & Wanda Roper, Leon Hughey, Myrtie Clarke, Nash Gilliam, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, Dona Phippen, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Sue Silkey, Shirley Love, Gerald Joliff, Katie Meaders, Johnnie Sing, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Perry, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson and Thayne Consequellos.

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

We are in need of a part-time janitor for the church and fellowship buildings. If you are interested in this, please see Butch Platt or Melissa Eck.

The church office will be closed Monday, **September 2nd**, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

There will be a breakfast for the widowers and single men on Tuesday, **September 3rd**, in the fellowship building. Coffee is at 7:30am and breakfast is at 8:00am.

Tuesday morning ladies' Bible class will begin on **September 3rd** at 10am in the fellowship building.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **September 8th**.

Meals On Wheels week will be **September 9th - 13th**. Those helping this time are: Tommy Myers, Bill Young, Don Kite, Dub Borders, & Chuck Love.



The Golden Doers lunch will be on Sunday, **September 8th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. If you are 60 years or older, please come join us.



The Wednesday Night for the Master meal will be on **September 11th** at 5:45pm in the fellowship building.

18 UPCOMING EVENTS

September at a Glance

- 01 Promotion Sunday
- 02 Office Closed (Labor Day)
- 03 Widower's Breakfast,
Tuesday Ladies Class Starts
- 06-08 Move Youth Conference
- 08 Golder Doers, Ladies Pr. Group
- 09-13 Meals on Wheels Week
- 11 WNFM Meal
- 12 Col. Meal/Devo (Jan M/Sue H)
- 15 Youth Boys Preach-AM (Farris),
AWTG (Blanchard)
- 18 Pick Up/Sack Food (Yel. House)
- 19 College Meal/Devo (Provence)
- 22 Ladies Prayer Group
- 23 Yellow House
- 26 College Meal/Devo (Lowe)



TEENS AND YOUTH

September 5th

Youth Group Home
Bible Study

September 6th - 8th

Move Youth Conference
Oklahoma City



September 12th

College Meal & Devo
(Manuel & Hamilton)

September 12th

College Meal & Devo
at SBC (Provence)

Birthdays of the Month

- 09/01 Corey Pickle,
Nelda Yoss
- 09/02 Bailey Reynolds
- 09/03 Diana Hatton,
Kelli Simpson,
Teresa Strong
- 09/06 James Garberick,
Aaron Lane



who's your ONE?

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

- Heaven Allen Hunter Wilson
- Michale Perry Clay Wilson Jr.
- Josh Higginbottom
- Frank Holsapple Jr.

Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adults

Jet McCoy
Auditorium

Jeff Butler
1 Timothy
Room 100

David Dirrim
Adult Bible Class
Fellowship Building

Drew Adams & Brad Trezell
God Didn't Say That
Room 111

College Group

Kyle Wilson
Room 107

Youth Group

Thorin Turner
Room 101

Elementary

5th - 6th grades: Room 104
2nd - 4th Grades: Room 102
K - 1st Grade: Room 105

Preschool

3's & 4's: Room 112
Toddlers: Room 114
Babies: Room 113

For the Record: 08/25/2024

Bible Study	189
AM Assembly	285
PM Assembly	101
Wednesday PM	195
Contributions	\$15,442
Budget	\$13,777

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Richard Howard
Opening Prayer: Trever Manuel
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn
Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Ried Duncan
Communion: Taker Dennis, Ried Duncan,
John Eck, Jag Frye, Drew Graham,
Stefan Iorga, Justin Lane, Todd Martin
Alternate Communion: Quaid Clark & Dusty Dennis
Balcony Communion: Tim Hensley & Trenton Hensley
Nursing Home Communion: Mark Clark
Attendance Counter: Garrett Hatton
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Keith Nail
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Hunter Nickell
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Trevin Vass
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Casey Farrar & Jared Hudson
Welcome Desk (September): Tanner & Dalee Weston
Greeters (September): K. Hughey & C. Love & Tommy & Joni V.

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead
Opening Prayer: Drew Adams
Closing Prayer: Mark Coleman
Attendance Counter: Brad Butler
Communion: Steve Black & Tyler Jones

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Brad Trezell
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Greg Hatton
Closing Prayer: Joe Dirrim
8 Minute Devotional: David Lewis
Attendance Counting: Matt Bryant
Safety Team Walk: KerVon James
Safety Team Camera: Josh Nail

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Presence of God
Scripture Reading – Psalm 139:7-10
Song – “We’re Marching to Zion
Song – “Come Thou Almighty King
Song – “Great Are You, Lord
Song – “Behold Our God
Our Dependence on God
Song – “Surround Us Lord
Song – “Take My Life and Let It Be
Song – “On Bended Knee
Prayer
The Faithfulness and Love of God
Song – “To God Be the Glory
Song - “Cornerstone
Thoughts From the Cross
Song - “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us
Lord’s Supper
Song - “Thank You, Lord”
Contribution
Our Response to God
Invitation Song – “Trust and Obey”
Announcements
Song – “Thank You, Lord”
Closing Prayer

Shepherd for September: Richard Howard
Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Butch & Denise Platt

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ONLINE GIVING



Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

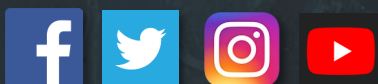
Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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