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Hello Church!

I hope that you've been enjoying our series on the Means of Grace. We grow when we know, and my hope is your ideas of each individual means continue to expand as you draw closer to the Lord. This week we delve into the timeless practice of prayer and draw inspiration from the wisdom found in Scripture and the teachings of John Wesley. Prayer is a fundamental aspect of our faith journey, a direct line of communication with our Creator, and a powerful means to experience God's presence and guidance in our lives.

This past week we dove into the words of the apostle John in 1 John 5:13-15. He writes, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."

John's words remind us that prayer is not only a means of seeking God's intervention but also a source of assurance in our relationship with Him. Through prayer, we can find confidence in our faith, knowing that we have eternal life through Jesus Christ. It is through this confidence that we approach God, knowing that He hears our prayers.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, emphasized the importance of prayer in the life of a believer. He recognized prayer as a means of aligning our will with God's will. Wesley believed that in prayer, we not only present our petitions and desires before God but also open ourselves to receiving His guidance and discerning His purposes for our lives.

Wesley encouraged a disciplined approach to prayer, urging believers to set aside regular times for communion with God. He believed that through consistent prayer, we cultivate a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father and develop a sensitivity to His voice. Wesley's devotion to prayer fueled his ministry and empowered him to impact countless lives.

As we consider the teachings of John Wesley and the words of John, we are reminded that prayer is not a mere ritual but an opportunity to connect with the Divine. It is a conversation where we pour out our hearts, express our gratitude, seek forgiveness, and surrender our desires to God's will. Through prayer, we invite God to work in and through us, transforming our lives and enabling us to align our desires with His purposes.

So, how can we cultivate a vibrant prayer life? Here are a few practical suggestions:

1. Set aside dedicated time: Carve out a specific time each day to devote to prayer. It may be in the morning, during a lunch break, or before bedtime. Consistency helps establish a rhythm of communication with God.
2. Create a sacred space: Designate a quiet and comfortable place where you can pray without distractions. This space can serve as a sanctuary, allowing you to focus and commune with God.
3. Use Scripture as a guide: Draw inspiration from the Bible, as it contains God's promises, wisdom, and guidance. Incorporate passages like 1 John 5:13-15 into your prayers, meditating on their meaning and allowing them to shape your petitions.
4. Listen attentively: Prayer is not solely about speaking to God but also about listening to His voice. We can know the heart of God through the Scriptures, but we will only know the voice of God through our time in prayer.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture & Sermon:
Luke 22:14-23
“Means of Grace:
Holy Communion”



- New Concerns
- Betty Byrd
 - Mel Smeltz
 - Jon & Elizabeth Love
 - Carla Johnson
 - Kimberly Cochran
 - Rebecca Grantham
 - Becky
 - Toye Phillips
 - Julie Nichols
 - Patricia Estes
 - Family of Carrie Dominy
 - Bennie Wyatt
 - Lt. Tonya Clausen
 - Jimmie Johnson

- Continue Prayers for:
- Laticia Coney
 - Will Cox
 - Carol Graham
 - Betty Wall
 - Lisa Lynd
 - Leon Hudson
 - Mary Prater
 - Jim & Mary Leary
 - Virginia Eadie
 - Hailey Holder Allen
 - Bill Reedy
 - Sarah Mayer
 - Cary Martin
 - Mac McNeal
 - James McNeal
 - Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for	
July 2	
Operating Budget.....	\$16,550
Technology.....	101
Local Mission.....	<u>326</u>
Total.....	\$16,977
Worship Attendance:	
108	
Sunday School	
60	
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July 9	
Operating Budget.....	\$8,993
Local Mission.....	<u>150</u>
Total.....	\$9,143
Worship Attendance:	
131	
Sunday School:	
58	

Member/Visitor Orientation

New Here? Curious about our ministries or maybe even where things are located around the facility? Join us on the 1st Sunday of each month for our visitor and new member orientation immediately following 10:30 worship. There will be a Q & A session with Pastor Tommy and tour of our facility. All are welcome and everyone is invited; just come to the front of the sanctuary following worship. See you at The Well!

Picture of the Original Church

Some folks have about the framed prints of the church that were presented to the founding members on Sunday and if they could order/purchase one... yes, you can... if you'd like one just call or email the office, they are \$20 for the picture only and \$40 framed.

Shhhhhhh... it's a Secret

Saturday, July 29, in the Fellowship Hall from 4p-6p, there will be a surprise birthday reception honoring Leon's seventy-sixth birthday... no gifts, please, just hugs and kisses... hope you can come. ( I know, you may ask how it's going to be a surprise with the announcement in the newsletter, I asked the same thing, "he doesn't read the newsletter" was the answer... watch, this will be a time he reads the newsletter... 😊 )

5th Sunday Lunch

For our 5th Sunday lunch July 30, The Men will be providing the meat and doing it in honor of Leon, who has done so much for the men even before he joined the church. They're providing pulled pork, so bring your delicious sides, salads or desserts and let's share some food, fun and fellowship!


Mark Your Calendars...

- ◆ Our next rotation for Family Promise is August 6, 7, 8... contact J.O. or Lynn if you would like to help out... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

**New Time Capsule...** alright, yall! Get your pictures and items together for the new time capsule as The Well at Centerville. Sunday School classes, Life Groups, Partners in Prayer, Movin' n Groovin', Yoga, Quilters, church historian, Library... anyone and everyone that would like to put something in the time capsule get it together and we'll do it at our October 5th Sunday lunch after worship. It's going to be fun and exciting!

Community Missions

- June totals for the Food Pantry are: families served- 727; people served- 3639; portions distributed- 1008; weight of food distributed- 17,083... that's the hands and feet of Jesus, right there, yall!
- The next Food Pantry July 26, 11a... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Clothes Closet Volunteers for July 18- Lynn Mayfield, Sara Morgan, Jeannette Farnham
- The Clothes Closet served 232 people for the month of June. That's awesome!
- Our Open Door Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday 9a-noon. **We really need Size 1 (newborn) diapers; travel size- shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste/mouthwash, sanitizer, sanitary pads/liners and plastic totes/lids.**



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Jim Blanton  
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Mark Summers  
Taylor Warren

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of July 16 th :	
Sunday.....	Psalm 62
Monday.....	Psalm 37
Tuesday.....	Hosea 11
Wednesday.....	Joel 2
Thursday.....	Amos 5
Friday.....	Amos 7
Saturday.....	Jonah 3





Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- July 16

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier  
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter  
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen  
W.C. Hester, Michael Walston  
9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship

Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Gary & Kathy Rutke  
Tony & Hilda Rozier

Finance Stewards

J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke, Mel Smeltz

Assisting with Children

Sunday- July 16

Nursery- Brooke McKeever, Laura McKenzie  
Children- Marie Davis, Amble Gamble, Dawn Wilkins

Sunday- July 23

Nursery- Sherrie Shell, Need Volunteer  
Children- Kelly Evans, Brenda Crow

Monday- July 17

10:00a Quilters  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- July 18

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet  
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Partners in Prayer  
10:00a Yoga  
7:30 p Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday- July 19

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
11:30a Friendship Circle  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- July 20

9:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"  
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Yoga  
5:30p Dulcimers  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- July 21

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- July 22

7:30p . Narcotics Anonymous



United Women in Faith



Sunday School

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

Seekers  
Issues & Answers  
New Beginnings  
Christian Fellowship  
Youth  
Pilgrims

Studies

The Jesus You May Not Know  
Matthew  
Psalm 91  
Romans  
Creation Days 2-6  
Angels

Teacher

Kathy Rutke  
Katie Odum  
Nancy Hudson  
Don Schall  
Eric & Gloria Nelson  
Kathy Blanchard



**Kettle Sunday** – Every 3rd Sunday of the month is Kettle Sunday. The money you place in the kettles will go towards our local missions/food pantry.

