



God is love and love lives here!

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The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi

Mary Frances Logue brought a book to me a few weeks ago before our vacation. She only asked that I read it and consider it a gift. When we returned, I went into their Sunday School class, head down, to let her know I had not read anything the entire time I was on vacation. However, I started reading the book the next week and really enjoyed the stories and information from Kathie Lee Gifford's book *The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi*. Throughout the book, Kathie shares her experiences of going to Israel and walking through the steps of Jesus and his disciples. Along with her is a Rabbi named Jason Sobel who brings Biblical stories to life by sharing history or his own perspectives that we may neglect in Biblical interpretation. I've found the book to be a joy to read and thought I would share key thoughts with you over the next couple of weeks that I hope encourage you in your faith.

Chapter 5: Caesarea and Herodium

Through Chapter 5, Kathie explores the infamous Herod the Great and the territory which he lorded over during the time of Jesus. Herod was an interesting character known for his brutality and murderous spirit. His most famous Biblical story was that of ordering all the infants murdered around Jesus' birth. (Mathew 2:16) Kathie records Ray's reaction to Herod and the site of his burial;

Herod! His voice echoed. Herod! Herod! Was it worth it? Would you do it all again? The words of Mark 8:36 came to mind: "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" Herod had everything - a kingdom, a family, a thriving business, and a brilliant, creative mind. Yet he used all these things selfishly, narcissistically, and cruelly to build a monument to himself at the expense of everything and everyone else. He eventually died at his palace in Jericho, roaming the palace and murmuring, "Mariamne, Mariamme." (his wife who he had murdered) He had lost his brilliant mind and his body wasted away. Josephus (Historian) tells us that he stank so badly, even his servants hated to come near him."

Life is a gift to each and every one of us. How we use the time is between us and the Lord. However, along the way, we have the opportunity to have a significant impact on those who we have influence over; both good and bad. The great lie we often tell ourselves is that other people hurt us but we never hurt others. If this were true we would have no need for salvation. God's call to his disciples is to love our neighbors as ourselves which indicates we also have the ability to do the opposite; hate and despise others as Herod did. Would we be so different? I hope so! The hope of the world lives in you but is perceived by our actions towards others. Love God and love people; these are the rules of the road on this journey called life.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

Matthew 16:13-20

"Simon to Peter:
Name Change"



New Concerns

Gloria Nelson
Terry Barfield
Paula Cunningham

Continue Prayers for:

J.O. Miller
Don
Dennis & Kathy Davis
Debra Tanuchowshi
Linda Farris
Mary Lee Carter

Phil & Betty Bailey
Dianne Harrington
Mac McCullough
Kathy Blanchard
Tom Gamble
Betty Bowen
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for

08-04-24

Operating Budget.....	\$8,783.00
A/C Replacement.....	1,035.00
Apportionments.....	100.00
Youth.....	100.00
Food Pantry.....	225.75
Total.....	\$10,243.75

Worship Attendance

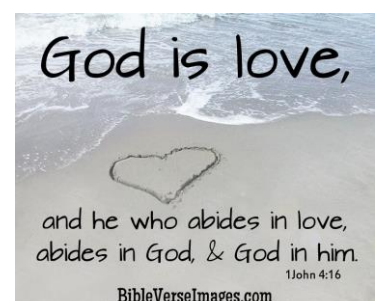
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Sunday School

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- ✓ 08-11-24 Staff Meeting 8:30a
- ✓ 08-12-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-02-24 Office Closed
- ✓ 09-09-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-09-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 09-29-24 5th Sunday Lunch 11:30a- **cancelled**



Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- 💧 In memory of G. L. Crocker by Betty Byrd
- 💧 In memory of Sonny Watson by Betty Byrd
- 💧 In memory of Jennifer Spence by Betty Byrd



12
Betty Bowen
Vicky Moore
14
Thomas Fleming

Community Missions

- The Food Pantry is open August 14, 10a-1p, and **volunteers are still needed**, even with the change of operation. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Beginning August 14, the Clothes Closet will follow the same schedule as the Food Pantry. We will open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for shoppers and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday for processing donations. Our new hours will be 8:45am until 1:15pm.
- Due to air conditioning problems in the church, services will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall until the system is fixed. As of today, that date is undetermined; therefore, our Yard Sale has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 31st-Saturday, February 1, 2025. We are currently using the Yak Shack for donated items for the sale. We will continue to collect small miscellaneous household goods for the sale. We will not have a Souper Saturday in 2025.
- August 14: 845a-11a- Vicky Moore, Elaine Hubbard, Nancy Brechin
August 14: 11a-115p- Marilyn Outz, Barbara Hilliard, Joyce Wyatt

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of August 11 th :	
Sunday.....	Luke 20
Monday.....	Luke 21
Tuesday.....	Luke 22
Wednesday.....	Luke 23
Thursday.....	Luke 24
Friday.....	Acts 1
Saturday.....	Acts 2

Youth News

Sundays- 9:15a-9:30a- breakfast and socialize; 9:30-10:15a- Sunday School lesson

Quilters Ministry

Friends at the Well – for the 3rd year, the quilters will staff a booth at the Georgia National Fair where we are able to sell raffle tickets for our Outreach Quilt. We need to have someone on each shift demonstrating something about quilting, but our small group of quilters will be spread thin. So, I’m asking for volunteers to join us as support staff to sell raffle tickets and talk about our church. It’s a great opportunity to meet people and have the name of our wonderful church in front of the public. Please contact me if you can work October 8, 9 or 10 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) from 9am to 1:30pm, 1:30pm to 5:30pm, or 5:30 to 9pm. Each day you work you will be given a ticket to get into the fair for free, and parking passes for the Miller Murphy Howard parking lot will be available. Please call me at 478-335-6677 or just talk to me at the church. In His Service, Jan Morales-Hill

Family Promise

If you are interested in volunteering during our rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn for more information, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>



Singers & Ringers Needed! Our **Handbell Choir** and **Adult Choir** will begin practicing again at the end of July on the 31st. These groups are open to all.

Our **Adult Choir** practices on Wednesday’s at 6:30. We will begin working on our Christmas Cantata “Love is Born” beginning this August. Our Adult Choir sings each Sunday for the Call to Worship and leads the traditional worship hymns.

Our **Handbell Choir** practices on Wednesday at 7:30. The ability to read music is helpful. Handbell playing opportunities may include worship during Christmas and Easter, Christmas Festivals, & 5th Sunday Luncheons, & community playing opportunities.

Hymnals and Bibles

As we worship in Fellowship Hall, we have borrowed some hymnals (with the black cloth covers) from our Sanctuary for use during our services. Please return them to the tables after service.

The library has also provided Bibles for us to use and you are welcome to take these home if you would like. Thank you.

Men at the Well

The Men meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. All men are welcome and are encouraged to attend any meeting. The men also meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30am at Steak n Shake for Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. All men are welcome.

Women at the Well

Ladies, circle meetings are coming up... so, don’t forget to attend. If you have never been to a meeting, you are welcome to attend any of the circles. We’d be so happy to have you visit! Miss Terry’s Circle meets the first Monday at 6:30p and the Friendship Circle meets the third Wednesday at 11:30a.

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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- August 11

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy Carter
8:30a Staff Meeting
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship

Greeters

10:30a Sherrie Shell, TBD

Communion Servers

Don & Joyce Hall
Lynn Mayfield, Vicky Moore

Prayer Teams

Don & Sharron Schall
Jim & Linda Blanton

Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans

Assisting with Children

Sunday- August 11

Nursery- Kelly Evans, Cinderella, Laura
Children- Sherry Armour

Sunday- August 18

Nursery- Joy Fleming, Laura McKenzie
Children- Nancy Hudson

Monday- August 12

6:00p Finance Meeting
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- August 13

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
6:00p Life Group III "LG3"

Wednesday- August 14

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
8:45a-1:15p Clothes Closet
10a-1p Food Pantry
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Handbells
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- August 15

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- August 16

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- August 17

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday School at 9:15a

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

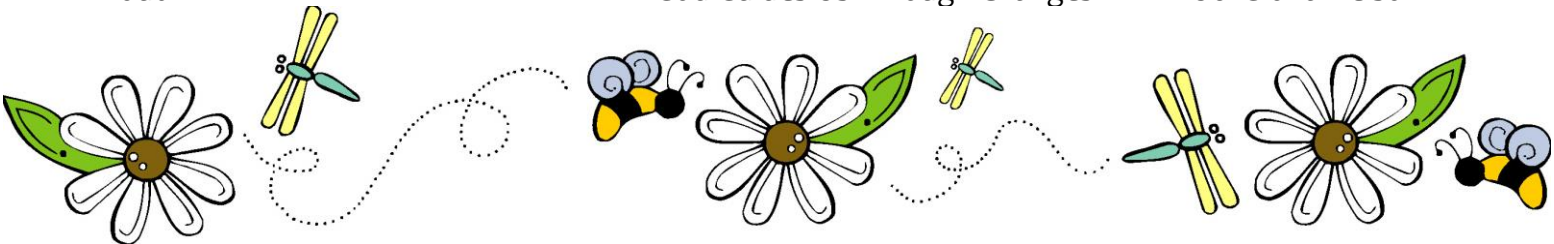
Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth

Studies

Malachi
Mark
Be Alert
1 John, 2 John, 3 John
God Guides Us Through Changes

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Joy Fleming
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson



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For your Labor Day

Men at the Well

\$40

Pick up Saturday, August 31

between 8a-1p at the Bus Barn

