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Sunday, February 2, 2025

Turn Faith into Action – Trust That God is in Control

Preacher: [Dr. Harold J. Sala](#)

Series: [Guidelines For Living](#)

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" ([Philippians 1:6](#)).

Charles Spurgeon once wrote, "You may think that it's easy to define faith, and so it is, but it's easier still to confuse people with your definition." Martin Luther defined faith as "a lively, reckless confidence in God." The Quaker scholar J. Elton Trueblood said, "Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation." In her excellent book, *The Secret of a Happy Christian Life*, in a very practical vein, Hannah Smith wrote, "Faith is the simplest and plainest thing in the world ... it is simply believing God."

All of these that I have just quoted were simply paraphrasing the words of Hebrews 11 from the New Testament, where the writer of Scripture said, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." The Berkeley version puts it like this: "Faith forms a solid ground for what is hoped for, a conviction of unseen realities."

In analyzing what the Bible says about faith, I have come to the conclusion that real faith contains two elements: belief, which is intellectual and appeals to your mind, and trust, which is experiential and demands a response to what you believe. It's one thing to accept something as a fact intellectually; totally something else to be so convinced of what you believe that you act upon it, realizing your very life may depend on that commitment.

Years ago, George Blondin, the great acrobat and entertainer, walked across Niagara Falls on a tight wire pushing a wheelbarrow in front of him. Having completed the arduous journey above the churning white water of the rapids, Blondin was cheered as the crowd burst into a thunderous applause. Finally, Blondin spoke to a little boy who was in the front as he asked, "Son, do you think that I could push you across the falls in the wheelbarrow?" Without hesitation, the little boy replied, "Sure!" "Fine," drawled the acrobat, "Now you get in and I'll push you across," whereupon the nervous lad quickly pushed for the back of the crowd and the security of his mother's apron.

You know, when it comes to trusting God, many of us are like that boy. We believe that God can get us across the angry waters of life's Niagaras, but we're not sure we want to take the ride. Belief, we have that; but we are short on trust, and without trust your faith is incomplete. Many of the songs of the Faith talk about the importance of trust. Remember the words of that old song, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus than to trust and obey." George Beverly Shea sings it so well, "Come every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord, and He will surely give you rest by trusting in His Word. Only trust Him, only trust Him."

Trust is the relaxation of a little puppy before the embers of the fire; trust is the hand of a little child reaching towards his mother's arm; it is the unspoken look in the eyes of two lovers, the confidence that you have in someone; the assurance in your heart that God, who cannot lie, will never let you down. Trust is faith in action, it is rest from your anxious striving, it is freedom from worry, it is confidence that God is fully in control, therefore you may rest in His protection. "Being confident of this," wrote Paul as he described that life of trust, "that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ" ([Philippians 1:6](#)). If you really believe that, why can't you trust Him? Think about it, friend.

Resource reading: [Philippians 1:1-11](#).

Keep the Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

◇ In honor of Margaret Henley, a very special Happy Birthday from her family.

Scripture and Sermon:

Genesis 6:11-18

"Faith in Action –
You've Got to Move!"



New Concerns

Jim & Linda Blanton and Family
Ray Hubbard
Alice Roland
Kat Rigsby
Kitty Barfield
Tava Clark
Family of Brokk Cross
Continue Prayers for:
Irina and her son
Cheri' Cox
Kathy Blanchard
Sue Matherly
Linda Trammel
Kizzy Cole
Bill & Suzanne
Chelle Brennan

Lamar Outz
Paul Smith
Phil & Betty Bailey
Dianne Harrington
Mac McCullough
Kathy Blanchard
Betty Bowen
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Our Country, Leaders, Military and
First Responders

Finance Report for

01-26-25

Operating Budget..... \$5,327.67
Capital Expenditures..... 200.00
Food Pantry..... 200.00
Total..... \$5,727.67

Worship Attendance

130

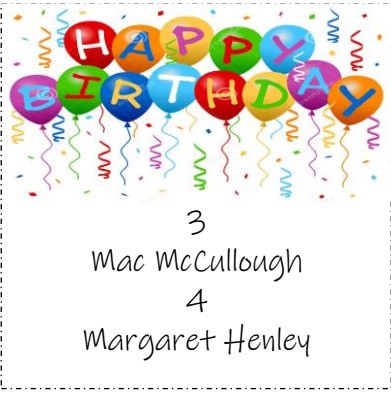
Sunday School

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- ✓ 02-02-25 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5p
- ✓ 02-10-25 **Called Administrative Meeting 630p**
- ✓ 02-17-25 Office Closed- President's Day
- ✓ 03-05-25 **Ash Wednesday 6p**
- ✓ 03-10-25 Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 03-10-25 Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 03-30-25 5th Sunday Lunch 1130p



Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry will be February 12, 10a-1p. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The next Clothes Closet is February 12(9a-1p) and second and fourth Tuesdays for processing(9a-1p) anyone that would like to volunteer, see Brenda. Donations can be dropped off in the white trailer beside the Yak Shack. The door may need a hard tug to open; it is unlocked.
- Finally, we are collecting donations for **our Indoor Yard Sale to be held January 31-February 1, 2025 beginning at 9am and ending 1pm on both days.** We need volunteers for setting up, working the Yard Sale and tearing down/cleaning up after the sale is over. We have a dinner the next day so the Fellowship Hall is needed. Donations for the yard sale can be left in the white trailer.
Thank you to all our Clothes Closet Volunteers. You are the Best! Brenda
- February 12- 8:45-11:00... Sherry Armour, Barbara Brushke, Barbara Hilliard
- February 12- 11:00-1:14... Marilyn Outz, Annette Cipra, Elaine HUBbard

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of February 2 nd :	
Sunday.....	Job 1
Monday.....	Job 2
Tuesday.....	Job 3
Wednesday.....	Job 4
Thursday.....	Job 5
Friday.....	Job 6
Saturday.....	Job 7



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is the Sunday, February 2 at 5p in the Fellowship Hall. If you have volunteered for any ministry in the church this dinner is for you! Please come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship as we show our appreciation to all those that volunteer.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart is meeting on the second Friday of the month in addition to the fourth Friday. On the second Friday we will play a variety of games, so bring your favorite game or puzzle, set it up and players can group around the games they want to play. We will continue with Bingo on the fourth Friday. We are excited to bring our Y@H attendees another afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. Everyone is invited, come join us!



Partner in Prayers/Visitation Team

Partners in Prayer will be forming teams to visit our shut-ins on a regular basis. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please see Pam Spence or call/email the office or come to Partners in Prayer, they meet every Tuesday at 10a in the Christian Fellowship SS Classroom.

Family Promise

If you are interested in helping out with Family Promise on our next rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

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!

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.

Church Website

Please contact Sabrina Williams at sabrinamwilliams2@cox.net for any requests to have something added or delted from our church website or Facebook. Also contact Sabrina if you have any pictures taken at any church function that you would like posted. And make sure you follow our Facebook page!



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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- February 2

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy Carter

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship

5p – 7p Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Greeters

10:30a Joy Fleming, Susan Glidewell, Susan Howdeshell

Communion Servers

Kelly & Kelly Evans
Lynn Mayfield, Cynthia Boutwell

Prayer Teams

Sherry Armour, Carrie Blackburn
Don & Sharron Schall

Finance Stewards

Nancy Hudson, Amber Gamble, Joy Fleming

Assisting with Children

Sunday- February 2

Nursery- Brittany, Sarah, Rosalyn
Children- Dawn Wilkins, Linda Blanton

Sunday- February 9

Nursery- Lauren Brittany, Sarah
Children- Sherry Armour, Lynn Miller

Monday- February 3

10:00a Quilters

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- February 4

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Partners in Prayer

10:00a Yoga

11:30a Life Group IV "J Walkers

6:30p Miss Terry's Circle

6:30p Bass Club

Wednesday- February 5

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:45a-1:15p Clothes Closet (2nd & 4th)

1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"

6:00p Youth

6:30p Choir Practice

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- February 6

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Yoga

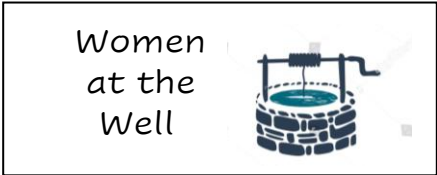
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Friday- February 7

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Saturday- February 8

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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

Studies

Women Who Trusted God

Luke

Questions Christians Ask

Matthew

Teacher

LaWanna Porter

Joy Fleming

Nancy Hudson

Don Schall/Luis Morales





Widow

Women Uplifting Each Other

Meet & Greet

February 8th


2PM

The Well at Centerville

600 N Houston Lake BLVD

Centerville, GA

Feel free to bring
another widow or your support person.



Heavy Hors d'oeuvres will be served

RSVP by February 5th

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Felicia Cheese

