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Wednesday's Word: A Weekly Devotional

From Paul Tripp

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:23–24)

We live in the middle of the world's most important incomplete process — sanctification.

The battle with sin and temptation still goes on. The war for what will effectively and functionally rule our hearts still rages. We are not yet even near being blameless in and of ourselves.

No, the reality is that between the "already" and the "not yet" of God's transforming process, we are all a bit of a mess. We still fall into temptation. We still give way to wrong thoughts and desires. We still say things that we should never say. We still behave in ways that expose the sin that is still in our hearts.

None of us is yet what grace makes possible for us to be.

Sometimes I love you

filled with thanks
remembering rescue
mercies undeserved
resting in your love
submitting to your will.

Sometimes I forget you

focused on my plan for me
envying what others have
demanding, entitled

finding your will burdensome
wrestling in discontent.

Sometimes I am your instrument

giving the grace you gave
sharing your faithful love
serving and giving
willing to confess
committed to forgive.

Sometimes people tire me

wishing they were out of my way
irritated by their weakness
quickly judging their sin
more impatient than forgiving
wanting to be left alone.

Sometimes your truth fills my heart

never too full of your Word
captured in vertical meditation
walking the halls of your
revelation
with a thankful heart
wanting to know and grow.

Sometimes your Word seems heavy

distant from where I am
reading a duty more than a
blessing
prayer a burden
eyes closed, mind wandering
heart cold, unsettled.

Sometimes Sunday is a celebration

love to gather with your people
worship gripping the heart
fellowship warming my soul
instruction giving life
thankful to be included.

Sometimes Sunday is a dread
wondering why I'm here
not ready to open my heart
in my regular seat
hoping to be avoided
waiting for it all to end.

This is my unfaithful journey
not always moving toward your
light

my righteousness falling short
my unholy holiness
hot, cold, lukewarm
struggling to always follow.

Thus my only hope

not what I offer you
but what you have generously
given me
the consistency of your grace
faithful in tender mercy
I have nothing but you.

You don't look on me with disgust

you don't see me with regret
you cover me with righteousness
your patience is infinite
you will not abandon what you've
begun
I am safe with you.

Please hold me near

illumine the eyes of my soul
pour life into my heart
empower the Spirit within.
Carried in your faithful arms
guide me to my eternal home.

There is simply no way our
personal security can be found in
ourselves. Peace is not found in the
degree of our faithfulness to God,

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Heaven on Earth

The following is a devotional written by Dr. David Jeremiah.

***For the things which are seen are temporary,
but the things which are not seen are eternal.*** 2 Corinthians 4:18

Do a survey of today's local newspaper, or pay close attention to the evening news broadcast on television. Here's what you'll likely find: stories on the U. S. economy, ongoing military efforts against terrorism, medical and technological advances, and other such stories. Here's what you will not likely find: news reports about heaven.

Let's face it: the world we live in is not focused on heaven. Atheists, agnostics, and pagans aren't concerned with heaven at all, and we can understand their inattention. The surprising reality is that many Christians hardly give heaven a second thought either. We live as if this world is the real thing, that which defines who and what we are.

In fact, just the opposite is true. This world is a very temporary parentheses in the eternal plan of God. Christians' citizenship is heavenly, not earthly. While on earth, the way we keep our eyes focused on heaven is to live in the presence of God through continual worship and communion with Him.

Though the media is full of news, don't let it distract you from the good news of the gospel.

Joyfully yours,
Pastor David



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**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!
GOD BLESS AMERICA!**



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but in the utterly unshakable nature of his faithfulness to the commitment of grace he has made to us.

Sanctification is not a burden to bear but a good gift to celebrate. Yes, we experience difficulties and sacrifices along the way, but in the process, unwholesome and dangerous things die, and good and wonderful things live. Along the way, love for the world weakens and love for our Lord grows.

With each step of growth, idols tumble and true worship of God gains control. With every turn of the road, the allegiance of our hearts shifts a little more toward our Redeemer and his kingdom.

And as we travel, we stop looking back at where we came from, and we fix our eyes longingly on our eternal home.

A Prayer for Today:

God, help me to eliminate the desire to find personal security in myself. Help me to find peace not in my strength of commitment to you, but in your perfect and unshakable commitment to me. By your grace, I have been welcomed into a relationship with you, now help me to understand that it's by grace that I walk in you. Would you help me grow by the power of your Spirit, and fix my eyes as I take step after step toward intimacy with you? In Jesus' name, amen.

Reflection Questions

1. On a day-to-day basis at street level, where would you say you find your personal security? In what ways has God worked in your life to turn your hope toward him instead of the God-substitutes we all have a tendency to run to?
2. How often would you say that you are driven by what has happened in your past? How has that been hard

for you? In what ways has the past specifically influenced the way you relate to God and engage in your relationship with him?

3. In what ways have you fallen victim to the belief that your hope must be in what you have to offer God? Why will this always be shaky ground to stand on?
4. Why does your personal sanctification depend on God's gener-

ous grace? In what ways have you treated your sanctification as if it all depends on you? What do you think it practically looks like to depend on God for your personal sanctification?

5. How do you think God sees you? What is his opinion of you? What has shaped your perspective on this?

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Submitted by Leo Richardson

Sledding Hill Drainage Problem Repaired

Plugged drainage tiles were the culprit for the wet conditions on the sledding hill behind the church.

The newly dug trench was replaced with new drainage rubber tile which runs over to the wooded area and then drains toward the stream that runs behind the BBQ firepit and park structures.

LEPC received a donation from the York-Leicester Kiwanis Club that is being used toward the cost of the drainage repair expense. Thank you to the Kiwanis Club!

Work was done by Ol' Smokey Trucking & Excavating, LLC.



Photo by Sharon Richardson



Photo by
Gene Gregg

Monthly Celebrations

July Birthdays

12 Vivienne Radley

Anniversaries: (none listed)

August Birthdays

17 Bill Todd

22 Shari Stringham

28 Cindy Briggs

Anniversaries

4 M/M Michael Mallaber

12 M/M Paul Griffen

20 M/M Sam Maggio, Jr.

**There will be no Steeple
for the month of August.**

Any submissions received will be
placed in the September issue.

**Deadline for the September
issue is August 17.**

LEPC Session Highlights of 6/12/2025

Sharing Life, Spiritual Focus and Prayers for the Church and others we meet: Prayers were offered around the table in thanksgiving to God for all He has done and intercessory prayers for spiritual, emotional and physical needs.

Treasurer's Report: LEPC received a donation from the York-Leicester Kiwanis Club requesting it be used towards the drainage repair expense on the sledding hill. A thank you/acknowledgment was sent to the club.

Pastor's Report: 2 Shut-in Communion services were celebrated since the last Session Meeting. A thank you note was received from The Christian Motorcyclist Association of Hornell, for a donation received.

Witness Report: Food Pantry: One person needed food in May 2025.

Missions: A donation was approved for Camp Cherith.

Christian Ed: The Berean Class is on recess until September.

Property: Steps repair and sledding hill drainage are being addressed.

Miscellaneous: If the way be clear, a summer Christmas Dinner Celebration will take place in recognition of Vivienne Radley's remembrance of Christmas celebrations in her home country of South Africa during their hot summer season there. Regular Session Meetings are not scheduled for July and August. Any pending business will be resolved at Special Session Meetings during those months.

Next Regular Session Meeting Date was scheduled for 9/11/2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Women of Encouragement

The Women of Encouragement supported the Genesee Valley Young Life Basket and Silent Auction event once again. The event was held earlier this spring. Our women donated many kinds of chocolates and nuts for the basket raffle. We received feedback that it was a popular basket. Who does not like chocolate?!

Darlene Hull made and donated a bright beautiful quilt for the silent auction.

Our group meets every Wednesday afternoon in Fellowship Hall at LEPC. We share life, the enjoyment of quilting and our faith. Sometimes it includes chocolate! :)

Submitted by Cathy Mlyniec



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May 08, 2025 | Benin

Young Christian Rejects Voodoo Ritual

When Michelle, a college student, refused to participate in a voodoo ritual, her family abused and rejected her. On March 18, 2025, Michelle was at church when her mother and sister came in and urged her to come home. Not knowing what they wanted, Michelle left with them and went home to find her father performing an occultic ritual with a voodoo leader. The leader held a blade, covered with an allegedly magic powder to drive away a spirit of death, that he wanted to cut her with. The rest of the family had already performed the ritual, but Michelle refused and ran to her pastor's wife for counsel. When Michelle returned home, her father told her she was no longer his daughter and he would no longer pay her living expenses. He also beat her and forbade her from attending church. Church leaders request prayer that her family will turn to Christ and that Michelle and the Christians supporting her will have peace and wisdom.

May 15, 2025 | Kenya

Rejected Convert Encouraged by Christian Fellowship

Hussein finds strength in community with other Christians after familial rejection for his faith. Hussein came to faith in Christ 20 years ago after experiencing him in a dream and was soon baptized. Since then, Hussein has faced opposition for his Christian faith. He was kicked out of his village, his property was taken from him and his wife left him.

He has also been ridiculed by his family and isolated from his children, all of which negatively impacted Hussein's wellbeing. "The rejection and discrimination Hussein went through resulted in some level of trauma and depression in his life," his pastor said. However, Hussein has remained strong in faith. He regularly visits churches throughout Kenya to share his testimony, and fellowship with other Christians helps when he experiences loneliness. Still, the pastor requested prayer for Hussein, who desires to have a permanent, stable home with his family.

May 22, 2025 | Tajikistan

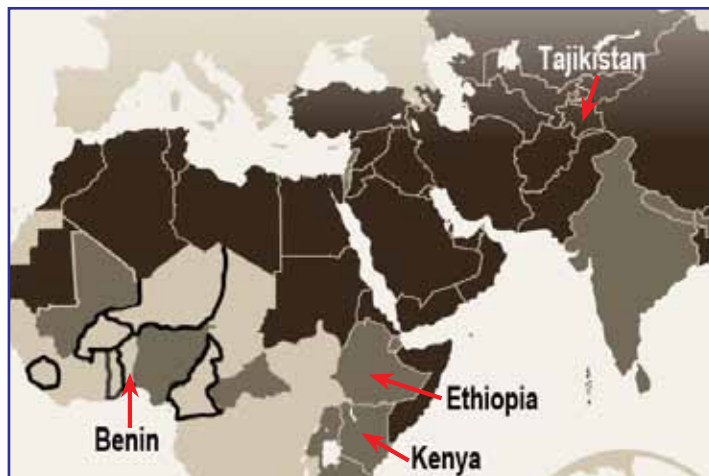
Persecuted for Discipling Children in Christ

A Tajik Christian has been penalized for sharing the gospel with children. In Tajikistan, teaching children about Christ is illegal, but Christian parents and pastors continue discipling children. One church leader was caught trying to bring Christian children's books into the country and now faces expensive fines and multiple court appearances. "This restriction is a hard one, especially on parents," said a front-line worker. "Their kids cannot go to church on Sundays, but they are taught Islam on the streets. It's really hard to go against the flow without a church family supporting and encouraging children." Christians in Tajikistan request prayer for increased opportunities to discuss Christian faith with their children without interference, and for the Lord to help them be good role models. They also request prayer for the church leader facing penalties for importing Christian materials.

May 29, 2025 | Ethiopia

Evangelist Martyred by Islamists

A Christian convert from Islam was killed for sharing his faith with other Muslims. Ibrahim Mohammed became a follower of Christ in 2021 and immediately began sharing the Good News with others in his predominantly Muslim community in the Oromia region of Ethiopia. In one year, he led 80 Muslims to Christ, and he devoted himself to discipling the new believers. Because of his bold witness, Ibrahim began receiving death threats from local Islamists; still, he remained determined to share about Christ. On May 15, 2025, he was witnessing in a rural area when someone wearing Islamic dress approached him, told him it would be his last time to evangelize and shot him. He was rushed to the hospital, where he died from his injuries three days later. Front-line workers request prayer for Ibrahim's wife and two young children, for their church, and for God's kingdom to continue to advance in this area.





Diligence and Multiplication

Inspiration comes from:

You Are Called

by John Bevere

The one who faithfully manages the little he has been given will be promoted and trusted with greater responsibilities. — Luke 16:10 TPT

According to the words of Jesus, if we are steadfast, dependable, trustworthy, honest, and diligent, and if we live by integrity and multiply what we currently manage, we'll be given greater responsibilities.

Simply put, when we multiply with integrity, God entrusts us with more responsibility.

He promotes us. It's a law of His Kingdom.

Do a personal checkup. Do you have a multiplying outlook? Or have you carried more of a maintenance mentality? Have you coasted when you hit the level of success you viewed as higher than most — better than your parents, or enough to live on comfortably?

Be honest in your assessment. If you've been more of a maintainer than a multiplier, the great news is this: You still live on the earth and have time to change, multiply, and ultimately be given more responsibility.

Two Different Outcomes

Even when I was a young boy, it wasn't hard for me to recognize these two opposite motivations of maintainer versus multiplier, because my two grandfathers exemplified the differences right before my eyes.

One retired at the age of sixty-five and entered a docile lifestyle. He'd visit our home two weeks a year, and I would observe him, day by day, doing practically nothing. He would sit under our big maple tree in the backyard and smoke his pipe. It wasn't much different when we visited at his home. Sadly, in his later years, he seemed to have settled for existing rather than living.

My other grandfather retired at the age of sixty-two and started what seemed like his second life. In his sixties, he attended Rutgers University and studied agriculture. Over the next couple of decades, he wrote two books, built and maintained a large garden, raised animals, helped bring condominiums to the Florida beaches to create nice places for older people, and was active in many corporate and community projects. He always reached out to help anyone who was in need.

When he visited us or we visited him, it was a much-anticipated event. He planned fishing trips, days at amusement parks, and trips to New York City. He played games with us, took us to meet neighbors, helped local businessmen with tasks in their shops, and cooked us a delicious meal every night. My other grandfather didn't even help around the kitchen.

One grandfather died at age seventy-five, the other at age ninety-one. Can you guess who lived longer? Yes, the one who had a vision, the one who multiplied.

When we multiply with integrity, God entrusts us with more responsibility.

And here's an interesting fact: Not until he was eighty-nine did he receive salvation. Even so, beforehand, he still lived according to God's principles — the laws of the Kingdom — and was abundantly blessed.

Before I had the privilege of leading him to Jesus, my grandfather persecuted me a lot about my beliefs. He mocked my faith almost every time we were together. After numerous attempts to share the gospel with him, I almost fell over when he finally said, "I want to receive Jesus as my Lord." It was a great day!

One month after his conversion, I again visited him. At the time, he lived only an hour away from our house. He'd just moved from his condominium on Daytona Beach to an adult community living center in Ormond Beach, where several hundred elderly people were living. On that visit, he said, "John, would you like to know my assignment? What I'm on this earth to do?"

I was amazed that a newly saved man at his age thought this way. But I simply responded, "Yes, Grandpa, what's your assignment?"

He said with a smile, "The Holy Spirit told me I'm here to tell all these people about Jesus Christ."

Two years later, my mom and her brother moved my grandfather to Oklahoma to be close to his only son. The first week there, he stayed up all night telling his newly assigned nurse his life story. In the wee hours of the morning, just before sunrise, he said to her, "It's time to go home. Tell my son to have a party on me." With that, he left his body and joined his heavenly family.

My mom was troubled and concerned that they'd put too much stress on him with the move from

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Florida to Oklahoma. I quickly assured her that they'd done no such thing: "Mom, when Grandpa was eighty-nine, he told me God showed him that he had two more years on earth to fulfill his assignment in Ormond Beach. This was his first week in Oklahoma; his assignment was complete." My mother was both comforted and amazed.

Although my grandfather was an unsaved man for much of his time on earth, God's principles of diligent faithfulness manifested in his life. In witnessing the different choices of my two grandfathers, even before I was a believer, I had determined that my life would follow the course of my grandfather who multiplied and lived with purpose until his last breath.

But let me be frank. Numerous times the temptation to veer the other way — to a life of ease — has arisen. It takes intentional redirecting of our thoughts to not succumb to a "maintainer" lifestyle — because merely maintaining is so much easier.

Multiplication will not result from a slothful, hesitant, careless, or apathetic motivation. We're told by the apostle Paul,

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. — Romans 12:11

Notice that this is a command, not a suggestion. Look at his words: "work hard." In order to multiply, this is one of the first traits you must exhibit. And not only are we to work hard, but we're also to be enthusiastic in our labor.

Don't get me wrong; faith, vision, and perseverance are three important factors of multiplying. But they're of no use without good old-fashioned hard work.

What are some strategies you

can follow to fight the common temptation to seek a life of ease and to be only a "maintainer" of your gifts from God? In what ways could you be more intentional about working harder and enthusiastically in what God has called you to do — by His power and with His giftings?

To identify good strategies for this, think back to a time when you slacked off or coasted unnecessarily, rather than working hard and enthusiastically at a task God had placed before you. What influences or conditions made it easier to do this? How can you successfully resist such factors in the future?

Lisa and I have worked diligently almost from the day we became believers. It's hardwired within us — and the same is true for every believer. Our enthusiasm has been driven not by external circumstances, but by a deep passion stemming from two things: our unfaltering love for Jesus and our love for His people. This passion is based on a firm heart decision, not feelings, and it fuels a burning desire to build His kingdom. This is so important because excited emotions will not always be present. In fact, seasons may come in which those feelings aren't present at all.

One of the root words for enthusiasm is the Greek word *éntheos*, which means "possessed by a god, inspired."¹ Our diligence must be drawn from His indwelling presence, not from emotions or external circumstances.

1. Merriam-Webster Dictionary, "enthusiasm," accessed October 20, 2024, <https://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/enthusiasm>.

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Submitted by Carole Missel

The God Who Sees You

Inspiration comes from:

Hope in 60 Seconds

by Cristina Baker

One of God's names in Scripture is *El Roi*, which in Hebrew means "The God who sees me."

How comforting to know that the Lord sees us.

He sees your every move; He sees where you have been; He knows the deep valleys you have walked through, the tears you've cried; and He knows the desires of your heart. Nothing can stop God's sovereign hand from moving in your life today. It may sometimes seem that the enemy is winning the war, but I want to remind you of a God who reigns high above the heavens and the earth and sees you. The Bible tells us that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will leave the ninety-nine other sheep for one that is lost. Out of a multitude of people, He sees you. When He hung on Calvary's cross, He saw you.

One of the most powerful truths in life is this: knowing that Jesus would've gone to the cross even if you were the only person in the entire world who would ever choose Him. That's how much He loves you. That's how magnificent His love is for you. God doesn't love us in a general sense; His love is intimately personal. He doesn't see the crowds of people; He sees you. He made you in His image, and He loves you. You are a part of Him, and nothing can change that. The Lord extends His hand to you today and wants to reveal Himself in a way you've never seen before. He gives power to the weak, and He wants to fill you with His strength.

God also intervenes in our lives through His favor. God positioned

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a woman at the university where I worked to open a door for a job I didn't qualify for. Deuteronomy 6:11 tells us,

The houses will be richly stocked with goods you did not produce. You will draw water from cisterns you did not dig, and you will eat from vineyards and olive trees you did not plant. — NLT

God's favor provides for us in such extraordinary ways that we can't logically explain. But the eye of the Lord is on your life, and His favor has already gone before you.

Even when you have no idea how things will work out, God does.

God who reigns high above the heavens and the earth and sees you.

You will look back on your life and see the evidence of His goodness and favor even when you didn't recognize it. Since giving my life to Jesus, it overwhelms me to remember how He provided for, protected, and favored me when I least deserved it. He opened doors for me, and I didn't even acknowledge Him as God. How about you? Have you ever just sat back and reflected on your history with the Lord? Whether you've walked with Him for a day or for many decades, your history with Him extends further than you may realize.

Trust in God's protection and favor as a spiritual well you can draw from during the tough times. Remind yourself that He has done it before, and He will do it again and again. When times are going well, remember how good He's been to you. He *"sends rain on the just and on the unjust"* (Matthew 5:45). His favor is like a shield around us in this life.

Call on the Lord today and ask Him to surround you with His mighty favor. Thank Him for every

moment He has shown you His goodness. When we remember the goodness of God, gratitude unlocks joy in our lives.

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Grace for the Mess

Inspiration comes from:
God is With You Every Day
by Max Lucado

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and His gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one Man, Jesus Christ. — Romans 5:17 NLT

The meaning of life. The wasted years of life. The poor choices of life. God answers the mess of life with one word: grace.

We talk as though we understand the term. The bank gives us a grace period. The seedy politician falls from grace. Musicians speak of a grace note. At church grace graces the songs we sing and the Bible verses we read. Grace shares the church parsonage with its cousins: forgiveness, faith, and fellowship. Preachers explain it. Hymns proclaim it. Seminaries teach it.

But do we really understand it?

Here's my hunch: we've settled for wimpy grace. It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn, fits nicely on a church sign. Never causes trouble or demands a response. When asked, "Do you believe in grace?" who could say no?

Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Softened by grace? God's grace has a drenching about it. A wildness about it. A white-water, riptide, turn-you-upside-downness about it. Grace comes after you. It rewires you. From insecure to God secure. From regret-riddled to better-because-of-it. From afraid-to-die to ready-to-fly. Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off.¹

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The Final Word

"The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins." — Mark 2:10

If you are in Christ, your sin is gone. It was last seen on the back of your Sin Bearer as He headed out to Death Valley. When Jesus cried on the cross, *My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?* — Matthew 27:46 NIV

He entered the wilderness on your behalf. He carried your sin away.

He has the final word on your life. And His word is grace. Jesus did His part. Now do yours. Give God your guilt. Tell Jesus what you did. Hold nothing back.

Be abundant in your confession, and... Be concrete in your confession. Go into as much detail as you can.

- Healing happens when the wound is exposed to the atmosphere of grace.

Exactly what is it that you need forgiveness for? For being a bad person? That is too general. For losing your patience and calling your coworker a creep? There, you can

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*In Essentials: Unity.
In Non-Essentials: Liberty.
In All Things: Charity.*

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For those who would like a printed version of the church newsletters, we keep the last 2 months' issues in the brochure rack, on the wall to your right, as you exit the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall.

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confess that. Confession, you see, is not a punishment for sin; it is an isolation of sin so it can be exposed and extracted.

Be firm in this prayer. Satan traffics in guilt. So tell his guilt where to get off. Speak to it in the name of Jesus. "I left you at the foot of the Cross, you evil spirit. Stay there!"

And, for Heaven's sake, stop tormenting yourself. Jesus is strong enough to carry your sin. Did He

not say He would do so? Believe Him! He has the final word. Amen

1. My late friend Tim Hansel said something similar in his book *You Gotta Keep Dancin'* (Elgin, IL: David C. Cook Publishing Co., 1985),

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Fatu Thoronka

Please continue to pray for Fatu Thoronka, our EduNations Sponsored Student, and the rest of the students and teachers at Sierra Leon, as they finish up the 2025 school year and go on summer break.



Prayer Shawl and Lap Robe Ministry

If you know of someone who has serious health problems and would find some encouragement, warmth and comfort from receiving a handmade shawl or lap robe, please contact Carole Missel.

Please Pray for Israel

– Pray for Israelis to look to God — and to find Him! Please read and pray Ezekiel 36 over their nation.

"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26)

– Pray for broken hearts to be comforted and healed — both Jewish and Arab.

– Pray for unity to grow and strengthen between Jewish and Arab believers.

– Pray for protection, deliverance, and salvation.

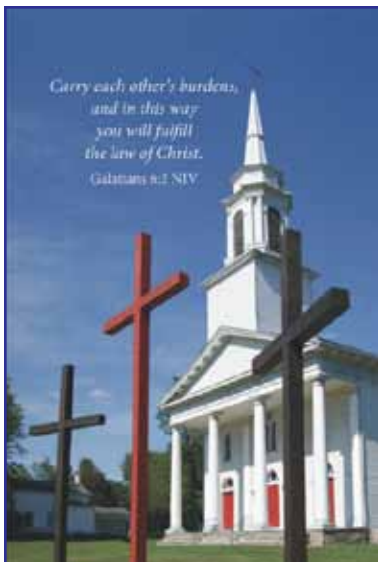
– Pray that they would not be overcome with evil, but that they would overcome evil with good, that God may be glorified.

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Liturgists Signup for July and August

For those who want to read scripture during Sunday worship, please remember to sign the "Volunteer" list on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

May God Bless!



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Sunday morning Worship

10:10 - 10:20 Prayer and Share
Berean Sunday School on summer recess until September
10:30 - Traditional worship (Hymnals/piano)
Communion First Sunday of the month
Dish-to-Pass Luncheon 2nd Sunday of the month after church



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**HAPPY
4TH OF JULY!**

Let's draw near to God in gratitude and prayer as we celebrate our Nation's independence.

God, thank you for hearing us when we lift our voices to you. You know every joy and sorrow we carry, and you are faithful to offer your peace and presence before we even know to ask.

As we begin a new month, we ask for your Spirit to transform our hearts and minds. Let everything we put our hands to reflect what is true, good, and beautiful about you, your Kingdom, and the new life Jesus gives.

God, thank you for another month of experiencing your provision and being sustained by your loving kindness. Thank you for meeting our needs.

Dear God, we seek discernment and wisdom as we dream and develop new ways to serve others. Help us be good stewards of what you've entrusted to us. Help us to be a people who are shaped by your wisdom and guided by your Spirit. May everything we do overflow from experiencing your love and generosity. Amen.