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“Answering Critics”

Please Read 26 and 27:

For the past several weeks we have journeyed with Paul in the latter half of the book of Acts. Along the way, we have seen Paul deal with the matter of trust. We have the great fortune of colorful maps showing the pathway Paul took in his three recorded missionary journeys. The maps show that Paul traveled by both land and sea and he traveled thousands of miles all the while trusting Jesus every step of the way.

Paul also had to trust relationships. Along the way, he trusted Barnabas, John Mark, Silas, Timothy, Apollos, Aquilla, Priscilla, Luke and many others on his journey.

Paul had to trust the kindness and hospitality of strangers as he was traveling to places he had never been before. There was not a point system developed with Hyatt or Hilton; he had to rely on the generosity of local people opening up their homes, providing food, and even encouraging him emotionally and spiritually.

Now we know Paul was not a “freeloader,” he was able to make some money as a “tentmaker” which he did as he traveled along, sometimes staying in the same location for upwards to 2 years. Nevertheless, Paul’s entire life was a Matter of Trust.

- His Walk with Jesus.....a Matter of Trust.
- His Relationships with Others...a Matter of Trust
- His Tent Making Business...a Matter of Trust
- His Financial Situation....a Matter of Trust

From the moment that Paul was blinded by the light on the road to Damascus, he developed a lifestyle that was based on a matter of Trust.

Today as we look at perhaps the most adventurous part of his journey in Acts 27 we see once again that Paul is living his life as a Matter of Trust.

In the midst of the storms of life that are violent and raging there is hope. When it doesn’t make sense, there is still hope. When circumstances are out of control, there is still hope. When you have started the abandon ship process by throwing things out, there is still hope.

We have to heed the Godly advice Paul is giving to these on the ship...in the midst of the storm, “take courage.”...And remember the story isn’t over yet.

The dictionary defines Courage as:

1. Ability to do something that frightens one.
2. Strength in the face of pain or grief.

Both definitions are appropriate in this scenario because it is frightening and painful to be overwhelmed by circumstances or feel like finances are out of control.

Take courage because there is hope; it’s a Matter of Trust.

And remember the story isn’t over yet.

Coming Up:

- ◆ Feb 17-Non-member Memorial Service-Sanctuary
- ◆ Feb 18-All Things New Bible Study
- ◆ Feb 24-Member use of Fellowship Hall



2017 Thank Offering For Windows

We need to raise enough money to replace over 80 windows in the church building. Each one is \$275, installed, so it will take a while to raise all the money necessary to replace them all. For that reason, we have extended our 2017 Thank Offering into 2018.

We appreciate your generosity in helping to maintain our church building, which is nearing 100 years in age. We could not do such things without you!



Pastor's Message

In a large church there is a minority of members who tithe, pay the bills, and serve in numerous positions of leadership. The same is true in smaller churches like Eastland. Sensitive, dedicated Christians may see many needs that exist, and they desire to meet those needs. That desire sometimes manifest itself as a demand. In the face of that demand, may be too few hours and resources.

Sometimes dedicated Christians need to learn to say no before they burn out and have to quit serving. It is better to do a few things well than to tackle a multitude of needs you cannot meet. If you burn out, you will be unable to do anything.

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." So ask him for strength to serve and wisdom when to say no.

Bro. Fred

Sunday February 18
2:00pm
Session 7



This bible study has been amazing. One thing that stuck out to me is that Paul asks God to remove the suffering from his life but God refuses and He responds to Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."

Paul embraced his suffering because God had a purpose for it. Just like God has a purpose for any sufferings we have. He gives us strength to get through them and it allows us to share in our comforts and be good comforters to others in Christ's love. 2 Corinthians is full of really great things but that was just one that stuck out to me and a verse I have memorized to remind myself when I'm suffering, it's for God's power to be made perfect through me. — Megan Waller



Happy Valentine's Day!



Remember God's love for us everyday.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 New International Version (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails...

OPERATING BUDGET

Feb 11, 2018

Worship Attendance 37
Sunday School 24

BUDGET OFFERING: \$ 3,599.00

DESIGNATED:

2017 Thank/Windows 275.00
Audio/Video 100.00
Benevolence 144.96
Offering Envelopes 10.00
Room in the Inn 15.00
TOTAL: \$ 4,143.96

Needed weekly for Operating Budget: \$ 3,975.00

Needed to date for Operating Budget: 19,875.00

Rec'd to date for Operating Budget: 9,737.95

Rec'd to date for 2017 Thank/Windows 4,180.00

2/18 TELLERS: Paula Niemi & Mayter Scott

The Finance Committee and our candidate were not able to reach agreement on a compensation package. While this is disappointing and discouraging, we know that God is sovereign and in control.



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Please continue to pray fervently for our Committee and Eastland.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” 1 John 5:14

Daniel, Paula Boyd, Joe, Patrick and David

CURRENTLY SEEKING:

We are currently seeking someone who might be interested in learning how to do the overhead projector slides and sound on Sunday mornings. James Isbell and Joe Hutto are the only two we have who know how to do it. Now, they do a mighty fine job of this every week, but we would like to have someone else trained how to do this, in the event James or Joe are not here some Sundays.

If you have a talent for using a computer and would like to learn how to do this, please contact the church office at 615-262-9424 or via email at: church@eastlandbaptistchurch.org, and we will get you set up to train with James and learn how to be a backup. Don't be shy!

Continuing prayers for:

Gary Anderson-Faye Crane-
Thomas Crowell-Rob & Caye
Darnell-Lorene Givens-Cindy
Gothard-Ann Stone



In our prayers this week:

Juanita Cutrell
Sharon Hardaway (Marsha's sister)
Patsy Huddleston
Ray Hudson & Mamie Padgett
Patsy Johnson
Sheila Kiley
Beth Niemi (breast cancer, Charlie's sister-in-law)
Wes Padgett (Mamie's brother in law)
Pastor Search Team and Transition Team
Steve Phillips (brain tumor, friend of Vicki Watts)
Ray Scherer (The Waters of Cheatham Nursing Home)
Katie Taylor (NHC Hendersonville)
Youth Department/Youth Leader

If you have a prayer request or an update to the prayer list, please let us know.

2/18 Deacon Prayer: David Watts

2/18 Nursery Worker: Kay Blackard

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

These are funny, embarrassing, hilarious, and...oh, just read them yourself. Enjoy, and share them with someone who needs a good laugh!

1. Due to the Pastor's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
2. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
3. The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
4. On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.
5. Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.
6. The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
7. If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a check, and drip in the collection basket.
8. Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
9. Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.
10. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.

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FEBRUARY

8-Wayne Allen; 12-Trudie Verble;
15-Marsha Anderson; 17-Don Currell;
18-Tom Sturdivant; 18-Jim Boyd;
20-Betty Holland; 23-Martha Howland;
23-Mamie Padgett; 24-James Isbell



Sunday

9:00-Welcome Center opens

9:30-Sunday School

10:50-Worship Service

Check out our Sunday sermons on our website!

WELCOME

Monday

6:30-Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

6:30-Bible Studies for all ages