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“ALWAYS ON MISSION” Acts 28:17-28

We pick up the story this week with Paul on his way to Rome. Paul was handed over to a centurion named Julius of the Imperial Regiment who treated Paul kindly and allowed Paul's friends to minister to him. He put Paul on an Alexandrian ship headed for Italy. The journey from the outset was fraught with difficulty, and after some time had passed Paul warned them that he saw that this voyage was headed toward damage and heavy loss of cargo and lives. But the centurion listened to the captain and owner instead of Paul and continued the voyage (27:1-11).

They were momentarily fooled by a gentle south wind and set sail along the shore of Crete. Not long after setting sail, a northeaster drove the ship along helplessly before it. The ship was so severely battered that the crew began to jettison the cargo and the ship's gear. The storm raged on for many days and they had nearly lost all hope that anyone could be saved. Paul encouraged the crew and passengers to take courage since there would be no loss of life. He related that an angel had told him that he need not fear because it was necessary for him to stand before Caesar (27:12-26).

After fourteen days they were drifting in the Adriatic Sea and approaching land during the night. Paul told them to eat, since many had been going without food for days. He took some bread, gave thanks to God, and began to eat. This encouraged the crew, and they took food themselves. Once they had eaten they threw the remainder of the grain overboard to lighten the ship (27:27-38).

When daylight came, they sighted land and planned to run the ship aground. They struck a sand bar; the bow was immovable and the strong waves broke apart the stern. The soldiers were ready to kill the prisoners and remember the story isn't over yet. To keep them from escaping, but the centurion intervened because he wanted to save Paul. They landed in Malta and were shown extraordinary hospitality. Paul was gathering wood for a fire when a viper fastened itself to his hand. The people assumed he was being punished for a crime until they noticed he suffered no harm. They then changed their minds and said he was a god. Publius, who owned an estate, took them in for three days, and Paul healed his father and others on the island (27:39-28:10).

After three months they continued their journey to Rome on another Alexandrian ship that had wintered in Malta. The ship landed at Puteoli [pyoo TEE oh ligh], where they found believers who invited them to stay with them for seven days. Thus Paul came to Rome. Believers from Rome came to meet Paul and greatly encouraged him. Roman officials put Paul under house arrest with the soldier who guarded him. What is most fascinating about this tumultuous journey to a Roman prison is that Paul saw it as an opportunity to be on mission for Christ.

Missionary effort rests upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ.

Clearly, Paul was one of the greatest missionaries of all time, yet many people failed to believe his message. Like Paul, our task is to be faithful witnesses to all people, regardless of their responses.

Coming Up:

- ◆ Feb 24-Member use of Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Mar 4-Women's Bible Study, "All Things New" 2p
- ◆ Mar 10-Daylight Saving Time Begins: SPRING FORWARD before you go to bed!
- ◆ Mar 11-Deacon's Meeting-NEW TIME-following worship service

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

Bro. Fred thought it would be a good idea to refresh our minds with the Beatitudes. Please enjoy:

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5:1-12 NIV

All Things New "Session Six: Our Ministry Assignments" Kelly Minter

Greetings Church! We had a engaging bible study this past Sunday. Following our Lord Jesus Christ into reading God's Word. We are leaning into the concept of discipline leads to desire. Our discipline to meet twice a month to study The Bible together, bond, and form a TRUE relationship with Christ is such a blessing. If we put God first all of our relationships will line up. Try it...it works!

Our reading this session comes from 2 Corinthians chapters 9 & 10:1-18.

Paul is continuing his ministry with the Church of Corinth. He is carefully encouraging them with a good bit of oversight to make sure they complete the task at hand. How many of you have good intentions to do ministry, but the demands of life get in the way? That is exactly what Paul is trying to convey in his message. To nudge the Corinthians to make the donation that they so zealously wanted to make. It's great to have enthusiasm, but more importantly to finish the job. We all want to hear at the end of the journey, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Fear not about where you fit into the ministry of service. Do not compare yourself to others around you. God has apportioned us each our own ministry assignments. There is space for you. Ask God during your personal quiet time with him to reveal that ministry to you. Steer away from comparison.

God gives us authority to be his "Hands & Feet." But always remember what authority you have is from The Lord and is meant for others. Seek not the measuring stick of the world, it is faulty and fluctuating. Boast only in The Lord Jesus Christ.

In all frankness, Christians are called to serve—and to be servants. If you are not serving you need to take a better look at your discipline. Serving The Lord is a great privilege. Don't miss out on the Blessings he has for you. I'll leave you with this in Acts 20:24:

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Blessings,

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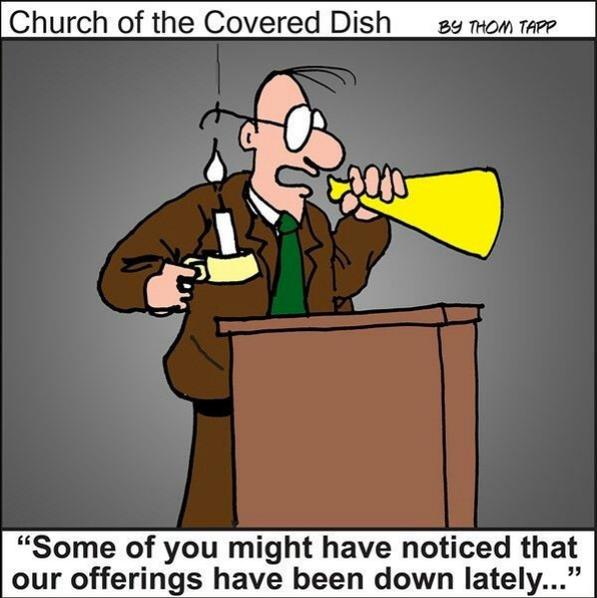
OPERATING BUDGET	
Feb 18, 2018	
Worship Attendance	45
Sunday School	31
BUDGET OFFERING:	\$ 1,266.00
DESIGNATED:	
2017 Thank/Windows	275.00
TOTAL:	\$ 1,541.00
Needed weekly for Operating Budget:	\$ 3,975.00
Needed to date for Operating Budget:	23,850.00
Rec'd to date for Operating Budget:	11,003.95
Rec'd to date for 2017 Thank/Windows	4,455.00

2/25 TELLERS: Martha Howland & Brenda Hutto

The other Pastor candidate that we were seriously considering has decided that he cannot move his family to Nashville at this time because of complications that occurred following his son's head injury. Please remember that God is in control. The Search Committee and the Transition Team meet this week. Remember to pray daily and fervently that God's will be done at Eastland.

"The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth." Psalm 145:18

Daniel, Paula Boyd, Joe, Patrick and David



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
 Don Givan (Friend of Ginny)
 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.

2/25 Deacon Prayer: Daniel Burns

ROSEBANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

The Luncheon went far better than I could have ever expected. It could not have been done without the generosity of our members. Thank you to everyone who donated and cooked a dish. Thank you to those who stayed the prior Monday to cook and clean up. I am grateful for those who set up Tuesday and stayed to say Jesus name as much as we could. What a TREMENDOUS BLESSING to be able to speak to the people that influence the next generation. This outreach project is important and vital to re-establish The Gospel in East Nashville. We may not be able at this time to impact the world with big mission dreams, but we can reach out to our neighbors and practice what we preach. We can show God we can be trusted with a little so he may bless us with more. We will move into the second phase of our partnership with them. This is an ongoing outreach mission, and we will need ALL HANDS ON BOARD! What can you do to help in this ministry of service for our LORD JESUS CHIRST?

VOLUNTEER!!!!

They need readers to read to the children, helpers to watch the children during field day events, and anyone who has a spiritual gift that GOD gave you: music, acting, art, math, building and anything else you can think of. Let me know. Email me or call me! Let me know when you can go over and I'll let Dr. Maria Jones and the Principal know. They are thrilled to be working with us hand in hand. I have listed my email in the body of this message. Ginny has my phone number.

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MARCH

3-Ariel Manning; 7-Mary Beth Woolman; 8-Sheila Kiley; 12-Meghan Helms; 12-Cindy Gothard; 13-Brenda Stuart; 15-Ruth Goodwin; 15-Ray Hudson; 17-David Watts; 23-Brandon Huddleston; 24-Brenda Thompson; 27-Carlton Clemons; 28-Jill Crain; 31-Giselle Williams



Sunday

9:00-Welcome Center opens

9:30-Sunday School

10:50-Worship Service

Check out our Sunday sermons on our website!



Monday

6:30-Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

6:30-Bible Studies for all ages