

Family & Friends..... January 31, 2024

February is American Heart Month, the time when the nation wants to spotlight heart disease and problems of the heart and gives us information and encourages us to take part in self-care. Diet and exercise are pretty important, as well as seeing your doctor and finding out risk factors. Knowledge is good, so keep moving. Speaking of our hearts, February 14th is Valentine's Day. It is the day we let those we love and appreciate know just how much they mean to us! So do it with cards, flowers, candy, going out to eat, and on and on. I like cards the best! It's a special day, so have fun! February 16th is National Do a Grouch a Favor Day, and the 17th is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. How are our hearts for the Lord? Do we let Him know how much we love Him? We know how much He loves us because He sent His Son to save us. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. Read 1 John 4:9-16

Always love to have our visitors: Sarah Coberley (Pineville), Will & Kelly McDonald and Jeanne Melton (Bentonville), Ted Irby, Michael Klingman (BV), Leighton & Kasey Bryant and Ludden and Truitt.

Those on our prayer list: Our deepest heartfelt sympathy goes to Mitchell Whittington in the loss of his daughter, Michelle. Please keep the family in your prayers. Frances Thomson is now at home from the hospital, still trying to keep her blood pressure down. Bonnie Benton had a fall and is in the hospital. Evelyn Lessly had a heart attack and stent surgery. Kacie White is still on modified bedrest due to premature labor. Continue to remember and pray for David Saunders niece, Janlyn, Nancy Cash, Susan Duffy, and Amy Rooney.

Items needed for the Children's Home: Canned chicken and tuna, jellies, peaches, chili beans, and snacks. Food Pantry: Mac & cheese, body wash, canned peaches, pineapple, and pears, cereal, and pop tarts.

The highest form of prayer comes from the depths of a humble heart. Love you, stay safe.

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Worship (Livestreamed) 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Class 9:45 AM
Bible Classes (Livestreamed) 7:00 PM



An Unstoppable Movement

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11 ESV)

It is sometimes easy to get discouraged by the things that are going on in the world around us. It seems as if there is trouble on every side. We hear of injustice, violence, abuse to the point that we may think that evil is winning. We read about the decline in church attendance and religious adherence and wonder what the future may hold. We wonder what kind of world we are leaving for our children and grandchildren.

I wonder if the early Christians felt this way. Think of these people we read of in Scripture. In Acts 1, there are about 120 believers (Acts 1:15). This group will face enormous challenges as they work to carry the message of the Good News of the Kingdom of God to the world around them.

Sometimes I am surprised by their determination. Aren't you? Sometimes I wonder if, when faced with the things they were faced with, I would have given up. But then we remember that this God that we encounter in the book of Acts....this God

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whose purposes will not be defeated....this God is the same God that we can see all through Scripture.

This God is the same God who spoke this world into existence.

This God is the same God who, when rejected by humanity, made a way for humanity to have a relationship with him.

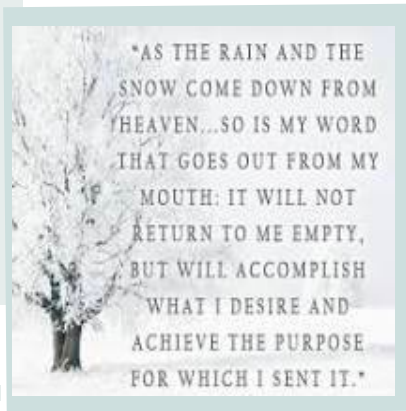
This God is the same God who saw the evil of the world and decided to cleanse the earth, called Noah. And humanity was given another opportunity.

This God is the same God who called Abram out of the Ur of the Chaldees and promised him a great name, descendants, land, and that he would be a blessing to all the nations. Abraham followed and learned to be faithful and obedient.

This God is the same God who gave a son to Abraham and Sarah when they were 100 and 90 respectively. Who gave Isaac to them when they were, as the Hebrews writer said, were as good as dead.

This God is the same God who after 400 years of Israelite slavery in Egypt delivered them from the most powerful nation on the earth at the time.

This God is the same God who when Israel was between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army made a way when there seemed to be no way, and Israel crossed on dry ground. This is the God who told Moses, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." This is the God of whom Moses spoke when he



told Israel, "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

This God is the same God who led Israel, fed Israel, clothed Israel, appeared to Israel at Sinai and gave instructions so that he could live among Israel in the Tabernacle.

This God is the same God who drove out the Canaanites and gave the Promised Land to the descendants of Abraham.

This God is the same God who was faithful to every one of his covenant promises, even when his people were not.

This God is the same God who, after the period of the exile, made a way for a remnant of Israel to return to the land he promised.

This God is the same God who, when the time was right, sent his own Son who came as an infant to a poor Jewish girl and her intended groom. And when the king wanted to stop this movement of God, Jesus was spared because of the obedience of those who had faith in this God.

This God is the same God for whom the cross would not stop the movement; the same God who raised Jesus from the dead, defeating the enemy that faces all of humanity.

This God is the same God that we have seen empower his people throughout the book of Acts so that the message of the Kingdom of God, the movement of the Kingdom of God would not be stopped.

This God is the same God who invites you and me – incredibly flawed individuals- to partner with Him in this movement that cannot be stopped. So, when we face doubts and uncertainty, intimidation, distraction, persecution, rejection, bickering, frustration, other religions, or anything else, this God - this God that we read about in the book of Acts - our God who sees us as worthy of his own Son - this God who dwells in each of us as baptized believers - this God is with us. What he asks of us is that we love him, that we trust him, that we are obedient to him and that we partner with him in this movement to change the world.

We have been called to be part of an unstoppable movement. This movement continues and God wants us to take part in it with him. He empowers us, walks with us, and has promised that he will never leave us. He lives in us, and his purposes will be accomplished. His word will not return to him without accomplishing his purpose.

-JEFF GRISHAM



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SUNDAY SERVANTS February 4, 2024

First Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture Josh Metheny Song Leader Sammy McCain
 Greeters Jack Johnson, Phil Ward, Billy Helms Communion Scripture & Prayer Bill Alumbaugh
 Closing Prayer Jerry Snyder
 Nursery Workers Susan Waites, Gay Lynn Weldon

Second Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture George Howie Song Leader Mark Bagwell
 Greeters Jack Johnson, Eric Gibson, John Hayes Communion Scripture & Prayer Leo Bratcher
 Closing Prayer Ray Reiss
 Nursery Workers Megan Ballard, Kayla Bishop Van Driver Mark/Wilma Bagwell

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