

From the Pastor's Pen...



Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year is quickly passing by as we are now over half way done with this year.

August was a tough month for many of our people with Hurricane Harvey destroying some of your homes. Please be assured that we are still praying for you and stand ready to help in any way we can. God has a network of people and I assure you that He will get glory from these situations. I want to thank all of you who have given to assist those in need. You have been such a blessing. We hated to cancel our Labor Day Picnic and revival with the Erwins, but felt no other choice.

Let me remind you of a couple of things. Don't forget that on Sunday, September 10th, we will be baptizing Connie Hatley, Courtney Hall, and Addyson Welsh. We praise the Lord for their decisions to trust Christ as their Savior. Ladies, your monthly fall Bible Study will be starting this month on Tuesday, Sept. 12th. Contact Carol Smith for information. Also, be planning for our "Worth Fighting For Family Bible Conference" in October. We are so looking forward to have Bro. Kevin Merritt with us the week of Oct. 22-25.

At the bottom of this letter, you will find our birthdays and anniversaries for the month of September. Let me be the first to wish each of you a happy birthday or happy anniversary. I love each of you and it is an honor to be your Pastor.

Let me leave this letter with a short devotion. I hope it will be a blessing to you.

1 Peter 5:7 (KJV) ⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Prayer doesn't miraculously remove life's challenges. It's not a magic formula that whisks our troubles away. Jesus Himself prayed to be delivered from the cross – and yet through prayer, He also accepted that this was God's will for Him. The apostle Paul prayed to be delivered from "his thorn of the flesh" – but when God did not remove this trouble from his life, Paul allowed God to use it to make him stronger. Prayer was the way both Jesus and Paul struggled with their emotional reactions to life's difficulties. It allowed them to transform the meaning of their circumstances, so that what had been a crisis became an opportunity for God's work. Prayer can do the same for us. As it opens us up to God's spirit, we will see Him working in and through us. So I ask you in closing, how's your prayer life?



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1st Kathy Cook

Dakota Welsh

2nd Richard Sibley

8th Caitlyn Martin

12th Carol Smith

20th Sarah Richardson

Ben Guzzardo

21st Claud Burnett

23rd Mark Morin

28th Michael Hatley

29th Addisyn Welsh

30th Ben Parker

Anniversaries

1st Tom and Debbie Parkins

10th Brian and Monica Smith