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Following our Lord

Prayerfully, you have had a good summer and are now getting settled back to what we would call the routine of Fall. School will soon be in full swing and yes, football is just around the corner. Some of the best times of the year are spent at Gentry Stadium under those "Friday Night Lights!" Go Big Blue!!! As your pastor, my prayer is that you will get settled back in the routine of going to church. Hopefully this is not too much of a stretch, but I would even dare to say, going to Sunday school. How can we be better equipped in serving and following our Lord. There is no real shortcut. Don't we all wish that we could just add water, stir, and wait 3 minutes and we are as good as we can get. However, God doesn't work that way. Thinking of school and knowing that He is the Master Teacher. He has much for us to learn in the short time we have on this earth. As we follow Him, let us remember as we look at the life of Peter, that there are times when we are following Him much more closely than others.

In Matthew 26:57-58 we read, "And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the

end." How thankful we are for the Lord's longsuffering in Peter's life. It gives all of us hope. Is it possible that over the summer you might have followed the Lord at a further distance than usual? It is common to drift when we get preoccupied with the things that take us out of the discipline of cooperate worship. How important is it to have the habit of going to church? Listen to Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." We need one another as the Body of Christ. There is no such thing as a lone member. "Can the hand say to

the foot I have no need of you?" It might be hard to understand the design of Christ for His church. He calls us to come together in cooperate worship, as we stir each other up to good works. The Nominating Ministry Team has done an outstanding job. Please be advised, they have a place for you. As someone has said, "Christianity is not a spectator sport." We want to encourage our church family to seek the Lord while He may be found. He has a place of service for you. The well-known author of "Amazing Grace" said, "But this I will confidently say, that the Lord will both honor and comfort

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those who thus honor Him. Seasons will occur in which you shall know, and probably your neighbors shall be constrained to take notice, that He has not bid you seek Him in vain. If you meet with troubles, they shall be accompanied by supports, and followed by deliverance; and you shall upon many occasions experience, that God is your protector, preserving you and yours from the evils by which you will see others suffering around you." The Lord has clearly told us that in the last days there will be an increase in deception. Deception is not new. As a matter of fact, it is one of the oldest tricks the enemy has been doing since the beginning of time. However, when we look at the capability through television, Internet, and all social media platforms. It is quite understandable how the masses can, are, and will be greatly deceived by the serpent.

Are you following the Lord as close as you know how? When the overwhelming and evil days continue to increase, we need one another to encourage, pray, and uplift our request to our merciful Heavenly Father. It is no time to drift. The days we live in are getting darker with each passing day. The opening of the Olympic games in Parris was beyond blasphemous. What we know from our Lord is that hatred for Him will continue to increase. Listen to the following verses and let the reader understand what is taking place. Matthew 24:4-14 Jesus says, "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but

the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." These were the words of our Lord to His disciples when they asked when the end would be, before He sets up His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. There has been and will continue to be an increase in lawlessness. The attempted assassination of President Trump is sad, but not shocking when considering where we are as a culture. The days are evil, dark and deceptive. Let us close this by saying, we are looking forward to getting back to the routine of school, sports, and prayerfully back to a regular schedule of going to Sunday school and church. We need to get as close to the Lord as we possibly can, to encourage one another while we have the opportunity. Let us pray for the country in the months to come. Let us have confidence in our Lord. "His mercy endures forever."

Welcome Back!

Pastor David

For
**THE WAYS
 OF THE
 LORD**
*are right, and the just
 shall walk in them.*

HOSEA 14:9, KJV





In the book of "first things," did God create "a Man" or "a Marriage?" FYI, In the book of the revealing of the Messiah, we are told of a marriage. The joining of a Bride and a Groom in a Holy, Hessed Covenant. The bond is so complete that the two become one. Genesis 2:24 says the "two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery that is symbolic of Christ and the Church.

Another mystery is found in Genesis 5:2, "male and female created he them; blessed them and called their name Adam." Scripture doesn't address Eve separate from Adam. The reason it reads this way is obvious, they were both in Adam. So, HE created them...then, HE named them one name. I see this as a picture of our future reality (John 14:3). God started giving us a word-picture of our destiny in the first chapter of our Bible.

He said, "God created man in His own image; in the image of God created he him; Male and female created he them (Genesis1:27)". What does the "image of God" mean? The image is something eternal. Also, the image is invisible. Scripture says, in the Hebrew language, God took the "Tslea" or side chamber out of Adam and

with it He made a woman. The verb "made" is not the same verb (in Hebrew) as the verb in Genesis 1:1. God took something physical out of Adam and then fashioned a body in which He placed an eternal, invisible living soul. The mind, the will, the emotions are the image of God placed in both Adam and Eve.

Adam declared this creature God presented to him as bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: she shall be woman because she was taken out of man. The foreshadowing intentionality of the first "living soul" mentioning flesh and bone lines-up perfectly with Jesus in Luke 24:39b, "a spirit hath not flesh and bone as ye see me have." Paul presents this same idea in Ephesians 5, The church is the wife Jesus loves and dies for. In Ephesians 5:23, Paul writes, "He is the savior of the body." The body in marriage includes the wife. Therefore, Jesus is the savior of the soul and the body as well. The Scripture never tells the wife to love her husband -- Why? She is one flesh with him. Some day when the flesh and bone body is united with the soul and spirit, we believers will join together to be in the body of Messiah. What a future! To be joint heirs with Christ.

Curtis



This summer has seemed to fly by in the blink of an eye. We have enjoyed so many fun activities and grown in the knowledge of Jesus. We thank God for His provision and care. I would like to share a short praise report. When we were scheduled to go to the zoo, I had to order tickets for a special event ahead of time. I had a limited idea of who all were coming. During the summer, attendance differs from week to week. We had a large group go to the zoo including kids and adults and we had just the exact number of tickets needed for that special event. I want to praise our Mighty God who is all knowing! God has shown his awesomeness time and time again. I feel that our all-powerful God held off the rain a few times this summer and I praise Him for that as well. The kids have been a joy this summer, and I have enjoyed all the fun times together! Thank you for your prayers! Thank you for funding this children's program! We need to continue to pray for salvation for these boys and girls. We also need to pray for more children

to come and learn about our Savior and Lord.

As written in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:" It is soon time for all of our children to go back to school. I think about all the students and how we should be praying that they excel in their studies and are able to pay close attention to their teachers. I think about all the teachers and their efforts to promote a great learning environment. We should be praying for encouragement and patience for our teachers as they will be skillfully teaching for extended hours. I think about the school administrators who will be making decisions for the educational program as a whole. We pray for insight and Godly influence. We want to especially pray for a safe school year for each individual in 2024 and 2025.

Looking ahead, please be informed that our Calvary Kids Program that includes meals will begin the first Wednesday in September. Check out the CBC Erwin app for all children's events until that time.

Peace to you all,
Alicia Smith



Happy Birthday



AUGUST

1 Martha Silvers, Geraldine Banks, Grace Clark, Shannon Engle,
 4 Dallas Lloyd, 5 Hugh Barker, Thomas Cooper, 6 Dave Burgner,
 Marie Honeycutt, 8 Nathanael Crutchfield, 10 Casey Pate,
 Dick Ford, 11 Ian Marotta, Susie Riddle, Ozhah Ricker,
 13 Jennifer Bennett, 14 Terri Graham, 15 Betty Stephens,
 16 Madelyn Crawford, 17 Scott Rainey, 18 Elizabeth Pleasant,
 Levi Graham, Mike Durham, 19 Pam Solomon, Allan Solomon,
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 to Bible Fund
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 to The Building Fund
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