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A Message from the Pastor:

**“WE WERE NEVER MEANT TO BE SELF-FOCUSED
 LITTLE KINGS RULING MINISCULE LITTLE KINGDOMS
 WITH A POPULATION OF ONE.” - Paul Tripp**

This quote is actually the main theme of Paul Tripp’s book, *A Quest for More*. This is one my favorite books that he has written, and I want to recommend it to you all. Over the past ten years or so, most of us have seen the super hero movies that have come out. We may have seen The Hobbit movies or Harry Potter. We’ve probably watched the Lord of the Rings series and all of the Star Wars movies. All of these movies have huge followings.

Partially, because they’re really enjoyable films, but one of the biggest reasons that people love these kinds of movies, is that they sweep you up into a bigger world, with a bigger purpose. All of these characters are part of these world, or even, universe shaping missions, and their daily decisions and their daily actions matter.

We’re so drawn to these characters, because that’s not where most of us live. Luke Skywalker is off learning how to be a Jedi, and I’m in my cubicle working on a spreadsheet. It just doesn’t feel the same does it? Paul Tripp warns us that the everyday, boring, mundane details of our lives can tempt us to settle for something less than God’s glory, by taking our focus away from God’s kingdom and God’s glory, and putting it on our own kingdoms.

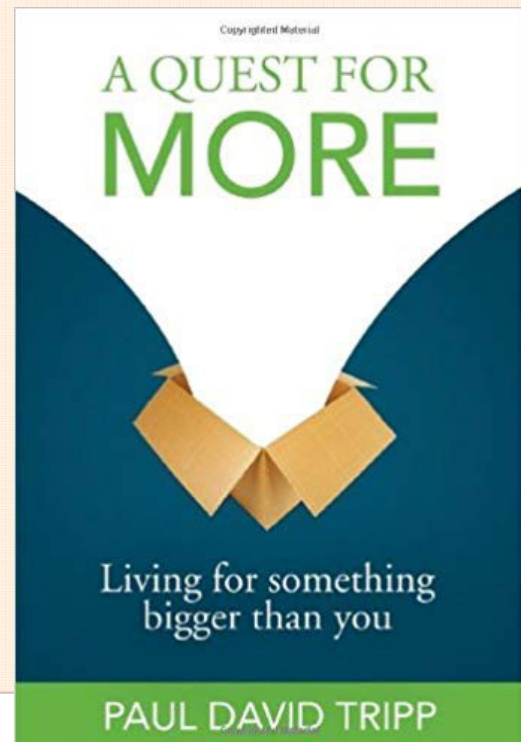
I don’t know if it affects y’all the same way, but when I watch these movies, or when I read stories like these, it creates this longing in my heart to be part of a story like this. I want to be part of something bigger than getting up, going to work, coming home, and going to sleep, so I can do it again tomorrow. You may feel the same way when you watch these movies. And the reality is that you and I were created to be part of a bigger story. We were created to live meaningful lives; but too many of us narrow the size of our lives down to our own happiness, to our own existence, and to our own little kingdom.

In this book, Tripp reminds us again and again that God’s purpose for our lives is for us to transcend our self-oriented existence, and to be part of something bigger than just our own survival and our own little definition of happiness. In each of us, God has created a desire to live for more than ourselves. He’s created us to be a part of His kingdom of glory.

And that’s the focus of this book. Tripp answers the question, “How do we move from finding meaning and purpose, by being the kings of our own little limited kingdoms, to finding meaning and purpose as members of God’s kingdom?” Paul Tripp says this in the first chapter of this book. He says, “The good news is that we were all created to be a part of something big, but the bad news is that most of us settle for being self-focused little kings ruling our own little kingdoms of one.”

If you find yourself wondering about how your daily life fits into God’s kingdom. If you find yourself wishing that your life was part of a bigger story than just the daily grind. If you wonder if God has a purpose for your life, then this book is for you. I have read this book numerous times, and I have always benefitted from the time that I’ve invested in it. If you’ve asked these questions before, or if you are simply looking for a good book to read as the summer months come to an end, I highly recommend this one.

Grace and Peace,
 Jeff



August 2019



<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
				1 B-day: Courtney Lawrence	2	3 Spiritual Connection: 9am
4 Nursery: Allison Ward B-day: Lydia Buroker B-day: Carly Lawrence	5 Back to School Party: 5:30pm	6 B-day: Caty Lawrence B-day: Eleanor Blythe Gill	7 Teen Summer Club: 1-4pm B-day: Sara Dukes	8 First Day of School for Demopolis B-day: Heather Symon Rimes	9 Mom & Me: 9:30 am	10 Youth End of Summer Dinner
11 Nursery: Joy Mackin Diaconate Meeting: 8am Communion B-day: Madison Solliday Anniv: David & Nadine Coddington	12	13 Missions Committee Meeting: 7pm	14	15 Women's Picnic: 11:30am	16	17 Anniv: Bill & Melissa Weltin Anniv: Ozzy & Ann Resto
18 Nursery: Andrea Ward Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting: 4:30pm B-day: Ray Evans	19	20 B-day: Bruce Brown	21	22	23 Mom & Me: 9:30 am B-day: Karen Davidson	24
25 Nursery: Bess Weltin B-day: Laura Krusmark Morgan B-day: Lizzie Johnson	26 B-day: Billy Symon, Jr. B-day: Aubrey Blake Ward	27	28 Choir Practice	29	30	31



BLESSED
be the
LORD
who has not left
you this day without a
REDEEMER

Ruth 4:14

If WE
LIVE
by the **Spirit**
let us also
WALK
by the **SPiRiT**
Galatians 5:25

Upcoming Events

Deacons of the Month: Ozzy Resto and Stephen Cannon.

Nursery Workers: Please arrive in the nursery by 10:30 am.

Food Ministry Leader of the Month: Joy Mackin

August 3:

- **Warrior Presbytery Women’s Ministry “Spiritual Connection,”** at Greensboro Presbyterian Church. Registration and continental breakfast will be from 9:00 to 9:30 am. Childcare and lunch will be provided. The topic will feature a panel discussion of women serving in various ministries outside of the church. See page 4 for more information.

August 5:

- **Back to School Party,** 5:30 to 7:30 pm. This event will feature a cookout, slip-and-slide, kickball, and a chance to win school supplies. Plan to come and enjoy the fun with the kids as they gear up for the new school year. The first day of school for kids in Demopolis is Thursday, August 8.

August 9 & 23:

- **Mom & Me,** 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This event is held each month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. It is a time of fellowship for moms in the community and their kids (ages 10 and under). If you feel led to help provide a small activity for the kids, such as leading in a craft, coloring, story telling, teaching songs or playing a game, a sign up sheet is available.

August 11:

- **Diaconate Meeting,** 8:00 am.
- **Communion.**

August 13:

- **Missions Committee Meeting,** 7:00 pm. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to serve. Please come and help with this important area of our church ministry as we support various missionaries doing God’s work throughout our community in Demopolis, the State of Alabama, the United States and the entire world.

August 15:

- **Women’s Picnic,** 11:30 am at Joy Mackin’s home. Sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be provided. All ladies are invited.

August 18:

- **Fellowship Luncheon,** immediately following the morning worship service.
Team Leaders: Davidson family.
Committee: Coddington family and Lashley family.
- **Session Meeting,** 4:30 pm.

August 28:

- **Choir Practice,** please note that the Choir will return to the worship service on September 8th.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
SERVE FOR THE NURSERY
OR FELLOWSHIP
LUNCHEON,
PLEASE MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS TO
ENSURE THERE IS
ADEQUATE COVERAGE.**

<u>2019</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 8,384.00	\$ 48,543.59
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 9,176.10	\$ 57,933.41
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (792.10)	\$ (9,389.82)
<u>2018</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 13,941.25	\$ 54,382.32
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 10,854.97	\$ 39,955.98
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 3,086.28	\$ 14,426.34



WARRIOR PRESBYTERY WOMEN'S
MINISTRY

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

*Saturday, August 3, 2019 | 9:30am
Greensboro Presbyterian Church*

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:00-9:30
CHILDCARE PROVIDED / PLEASE RSVP
LUNCH INCLUDED

FEATURING A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH WOMEN SERVING
IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

RSPV by July 25 to Rollanda Cothran
rocothran@aol.com or 850-450-8384

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

Please Pray for our Faith Promise Missionaries

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Beth Acton	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Nineveh
General Support	Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS
Sewing Project	Isaiah 55 — Reynosa, Mexico

Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

Allinder, Ike	Harvey, John
Allinder, Kate	Hayes, Betsy
Bazuin, Caiden	Hocker, Jeannie
Beeler, Peggy	Hogg, Ian
Belcher, Samuel	Hoggle, Judy
Boggs, Ben	Holman, Joann
Brantley, Maggie	Hooks, Chesnee
Brooker, Chrissy	Husbands, Jennie
Brooker, Jan	Hux, Karen
Busby, Rhae	Jennifer (Missionary)
Coker, Jean	Jowers, Walter
Collins, Brandon	Leascher, Chad
Copeland, Roy	Leascher, Jim
Cross, Margaret	Lessman, Linus
Crispin, Michelle	Ligon, Brandon
Daugherty, Jody	Lockett, Joanne
Davidson, Karen	McCraw, Beverly
Duncan, Conner	McDonald, Nelda
Dunning, Norbourne	McIntier, Jodie
Dyer, Doug	Mickens, Jaleesa
Eatmon, Megan	Miller, Tommie
Eshee, Judy	Mills, Angel
Ezell, Bobby	Morgan, Laura
Farst, Dick	Mutisya, Cecilia Ndunge
Finley, Betty	Pickerill, Paula
Harstad, Paula	Plummer, Kaegan
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Reeves, Bob

Reynolds, Christy
Sakon, Ethan
Sall, Terry
Sharp, Chris
Sharp, Newt
Sims, Anna Katherine
Sims, Sarah
Stemple, Nita
Stephens, Kay
Stephens, Ronnie
Taylor, Marie
TenHaaf, WM
Thornton, Alaina
Tipton, Carolyn
VanderMolen, Popko
West, Beth
Williams, Mary Lynne
Williamson, Trevor
Wise, Naomi
Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Womble, Caleb
Wright, Hettie



OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Jody Daugherty
 Luke (Jonah's son)
 Kaleigh Craig
 Scott Kirkpatrick
 Heather Wilson
 Maggie Brantley
 Kendall Ivy

Illness:

Carolyn Tipton
 Ian Hogg
 Dick Farst
 Laura Morgan
 Neal Bules
 David Headley
 Allen Hammond

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
 Sarah Elizabeth Hart
 Frank Ramey
 Viola Cook
 William R. Horton
 Baby Oliver Sullivan
 The Hutton Family

Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick
 Sam Brasfield
 Steven Mackin
 Victor Resto
 Josh Allums
 Joseph Wilson
 Josh Tyson
 Blake Ivy

Expectant Mothers:

Lindsay Symon
 Kelsey Huizinga

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.