

THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

Psalm 1:1-6

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The first Psalm directs our attention to what God wants us to focus on. So, let's examine what he points out. Do not take counsel from the wicked nor should you let yourself be influenced by sinful people. Meditate on God's law continually. Why? Well, the psalmist says to be like a tree planted by a stream. The tree is nourished constantly because it has the life-giving water that it needs. God's word is like that stream it provides what our souls need in order to bear fruit.

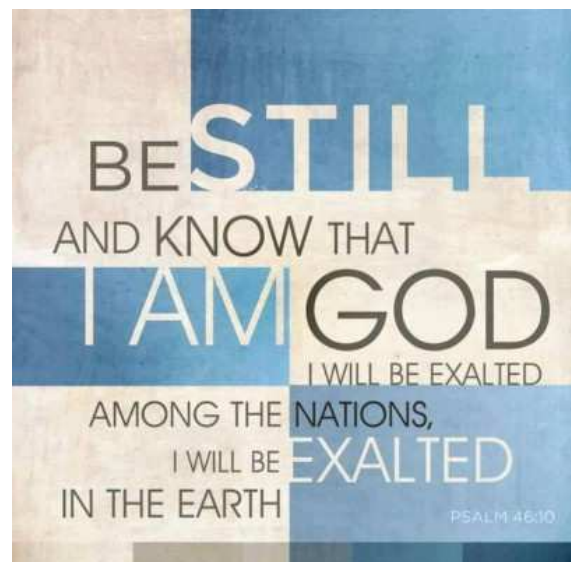
The man that thinks he can simply go it alone and live his life without God is fooling himself. If you take that tree and plant it away from the life giving waters it will wither and dry up and die. The comparison is to being like chaff where the wind simply blows it away.

The thing is, God doesn't yell out and say, "Hey, you're neglecting me. Sit still for a moment so you can hear me." Rather than waiting for God to whack you over the head with a spiritual two-by-four, wouldn't it be far easier to give God some time each day to quietly speak to

you? Actually, this is God's preference. "Be silent, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10). When you give God time, you show Him respect. In effect you're saying "God, You're important enough to me to set aside some time each day. I want you to teach me, and I want to learn."

Will God speak to you if you let him? Most assuredly, but not in an audible voice, but through His Word. The Bible is God's voice for us. The only way to hear it is to read it. Ask God to give you the desire to set aside a place and a time just for Him. The details of your life will wait. More than that, they'll take on more meaning when you give them over to God.

May God Bless You,
Dennis





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am <u>B-day:</u> Doug McNutt	3	4	5	6
7 <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)	8 <u>B-day:</u> Katie Gill	9 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am <u>Women's Ministry</u> <u>Morning Circle:</u> 9:30am <u>Women's Ministry</u> <u>Evening Circle:</u> 6:30pm	10	11	12	13 <u>B-day:</u> Liz Bond <u>B-day:</u> Luke Mackin
14 <u>Daylight Savings Time Begins</u> <u>Diaconate Meeting</u> <u>Communion</u> <u>Joint Officer Meeting</u> <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Anniv:</u> Glenn & Katie Basinger	15	16 <u>Session Meeting:</u> 9am <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am <u>B-day:</u> Ava Grace Basinger	17	18	19 <u>Anniv:</u> Scott & Patty Kirkpatrick	20 <u>Church Spring Clean Up Day:</u> 8am <u>B-day:</u> Patty Kirkpatrick
21 <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)	22	23 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am	24	25	26 <u>B-day:</u> Liz Huizinga <u>B-day:</u> Theodore Symon	27
28 <u>Palm Sunday</u> <u>Worship:</u> 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>B-day:</u> Grady Atkins	29 <u>B-day:</u> Landon McClure	30 <u>Game/Fellowship</u> <u>Time:</u> 9:30am	31			

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Trey Griffith and Joel Coddington.

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Eloise Harris.

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Game/Fellowship Time, Tuesdays 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

DEACONS CLASS OF 2022: Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith

DEACONS CLASS OF 2023: David Coddington and Mike Cork

DEACONS CLASS OF 2024: Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

<u>2020</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 9,775.00	\$ 9,775.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 8,041.38	\$ 8,041.38
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,733.62	\$ 1,733.62
<u>2019</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 8,009.00	\$ 8,009.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 8,298.79	\$ 8,298.79
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (289.79)	\$ (289.79)

MARCH EVENTS

March 9:

- Women’s Ministry Morning Circle Study, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women’s Ministry Evening Circle Study, 6:30 pm in the Parlor.
- Both morning and evening Circle Studies will focus on Chapter 5 of Jerry Bridges’ book, “True Community.” If you are interested to learn how we can dig deeper into what a Christian community should look like, please join us as we embark on this journey together. For more information on obtaining this book, please contact Ann Resto or Vickie Cannon.

March 14:

- Daylight Savings Time Begins.
- Diaconate Meeting.
- Communion.
- Joint Deacon and Session Meeting.

March 16:

- Session Meeting.

March 20:

- Church Spring Clean-Up Day, 8:00 am. All hands needed! Let’s get the church buildings in tip-top shape after a year of being closed up. Come and choose one or more jobs from the list that will be available. Many hands make light work. For more information, please contact Karen Lashley.

March 28:

- Palm Sunday

CHURCH NEWS

Pulpit Committee:

A Pulpit Committee has officially been formed. Dennis Davidson, Melanie Evans, Trey Griffith, Scott Kirkpatrick and Jimmy Mackin will serve on this committee. Please pray for them and the process they will undergo to search for our new pastor.

Our Sincerest Condolences:

We are saddened to announce the passing of Rev. Clayton Keller “Bud” Little, Jr., who was pastor here at FPC Demopolis from 1969 to 1974. Please remember the Little family in your prayers.

Also, we remember the life of Mrs. Hettie Lee Wright, who passed to be with the Lord on February 19th. We extend our love and heartfelt sorrow to Bernice and Mike Cork. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Birth Announcement:

Victor and Kristen Resto gave birth to a baby boy, Ezran Ryder on February 24th. He weighed 9lbs, 2oz and was 22.25 inches long. Ozzy and Ann Resto have officially graduated to the title of grandparents.



Snow-Day, February 16, 2021.
Photo courtesy of Mike Cork.

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

MARCH 2021

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 — Undisclosed Muslim Country
General Support	The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Allinder, Ike	Hooks, Chesnee
Allinder, Kate	Huizenga, Fran
Bazuin, Caiden	Hux, Karen
Beale, Amy	Ivy, Kendall
Beeler, Peggy	Jennifer (Missionary)
Belcher, Samuel	Keasler, Jo Anne
Brantley, Maggie	Kelly, Dale
Brooker, Chrissy	Lane, Barbara
Brooker, Jan	Leascher, Chad
Bryant, Jessica	Lewis, Kathy
Burkett, Holly	Ligon, Brandon
Busby, Rhae	Lockett, Joanne
Bynum, Linda	Mackin, Jimmy
Coker, Jean	McIntier, Jodie
Craig, Noah	Morgan, Laura
Curry, Walter	Mutisya, Cecilia
Dale, Kelly	Parr, Higley
Daughtery, Jody	Plummer, Kaegan
Davidson, Karen	Reynolds, Christy
DeWitt, Robert	Sakon, Ethan
Duncan, Conner	Sall, Terry
Dunning, Norbourne	Sharp, Chris
Dyer, Doug	Sims, Anna Katherine
Eshee, Judy	Sims, Sarah
Espy, Emily	Spree, Thed
Finley, Betty	Taylor, Marie
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Thornton, Alaina
Haubert, Chloe Belle	VanderMolen, Popko
Hayes, Betsy	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hocker, Jeannie	Womble, Caleb
Hogg, Ian	Wright, Hettie
Hoggle, Judy	

If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

Can you pray?
WE NEED YOU!

Can you knit or crochet?
WE NEED YOU!

Can you write note cards?
WE NEED YOU!

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Jody Daugherty
Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Maggie Brantley
Jimmy Mackin

Illness:

Ian Hogg
Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
Sarah Elizabeth Hart
William R. Horton
The Hutton Family

Military Personnel:

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

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.

