

THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

Confession and prayer. Owning up to the sins that I have committed and pleading for forgiveness.

When I opened my Bible, I found myself in the Book of Daniel chapter 9. This was a prayer that Daniel prayed to God on behalf of himself and the nation of Israel.

Daniel 9:3-4 says,

3 Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. 4 I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

Daniel humbled himself before the Lord and acknowledged who God was - the great and awesome God. In the next several verses we see Daniel change his pronoun from "I" to "we" and is paraphrased:

We have done wrong and have acted wickedly. We didn't listen to your prophets. You, O Lord, are righteous and holy. But we deserve shame. All are guilty of sinning against you. No one is exempt, not our kings nor our princes nor our fathers.

So, we cannot exclude our own sinfulness by blaming our rulers. We have God's word and from that word we know what is right and what is wrong.

We know that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. How do we make it right? In order to get out of the hole that we are in, we must first stop digging. Then, we turn from our sin and acknowledge that God is our only salvation. Without God we can do nothing but with God all things are possible.

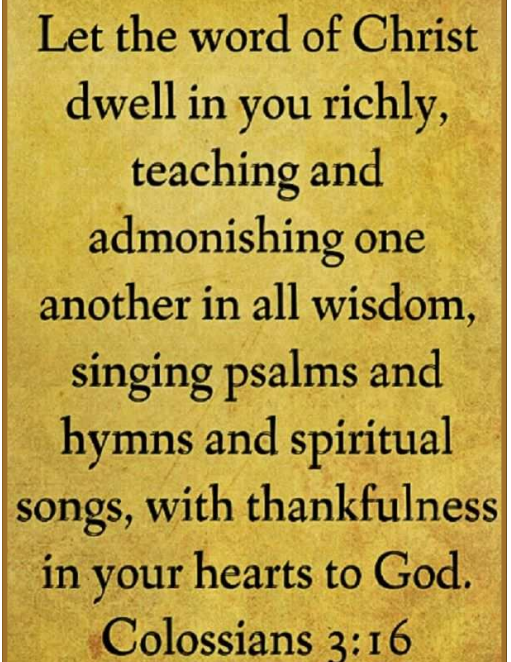
Hold fast to the Word of God. Do not let yourself be swayed by the current culture. The current culture will lead you down a path of destruction. Daniel held fast to the Word of God, and his prayer was answered.

Daniel 9:21-23 says,

21 while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. 23 At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision.

We serve an awesome God, may He bless you all.

Dennis



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
Colossians 3:16



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Maunder Thursday Communion Service: 7pm B-day: Chonda Griffith	2	3
4 Easter Sunrise Service: 6am Sunday School: 10am Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) Bible Study: 5pm	5 B-day: Billy Symon, Sr. B-day: Meredith (Mackin) Cole	6 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	7	8 B-day: Isabella Liana Dukes Anniv: TJ & Cindy Keasler	9	10
11 Sunday School: 10am Diaconate Meeting Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) Huizinga Going Away Reception: 2-4:30pm	12	13 Session Meeting: 9am Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am Women's Ministry Morning Circle: TBA Women's Ministry Council Meeting: 5pm Women's Ministry Evening Circle: 6:30pm	14 B-day: Kelly (Keasler) McClure	15 B-day: Bess Weltin	16	17 B-day: Chaney Ruth Rimes
18 Sunday School: 10am Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) B-day: Talon Roy Rimes	19	20 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	21	22	23	24
25 Sunday School: 10am Worship: 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)	26	27 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am B-day: Emily Mackin	28	29	30	

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Glenn Basinger and Mike Cork.

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Melissa Weltin.

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- 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>2021</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 9,520.00	\$ 19,295.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 5,110.00	\$ 13,151.38
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 6,143.62
<u>2020</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 7,906.50	\$ 15,915.50
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 7,947.66	\$ 16,246.45
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (41.16)	\$ (330.95)

APRIL EVENTS

April 1:

- Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:00 pm. Rev. Doug McNutt will lead this special service.

April 4:

- Easter Sunday
- Easter Sunrise Service, 6:00 am, at the church back yard (behind the Fellowship Hall). Rev. Doug McNutt will lead this special service.
- Regular Worship Service, 11:00 am.
- Bible Study with Rev. Doug McNutt from 5:00 - 6:00 pm: "The Who, What, When, Where, How and Why of Prayer" will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will include a light meal.

April 11:

- Deacon Meeting

April 13:

- Session Meeting, 9:00 am.
- Women's Ministry Morning Circle Study, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women's Ministry Council Meeting, to be announced.
- Women's Ministry Evening Circle Study, 6:30 pm.
- Both morning and evening Circle Studies will focus on Chapter 6 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.

Please continue to pray for our Pulpit Committee:

Dennis Davidson
 Melanie Evans
 Trey Griffith
 Scott Kirkpatrick
 Jimmy Mackin

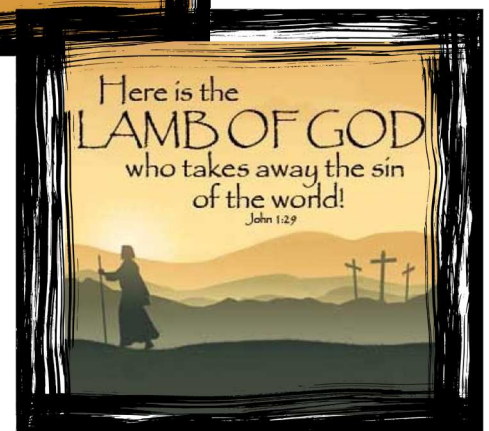
OTHER CHURCH NEWS:

Thank You

Thank You to all those who helped with the church spring cleaning. Your help was very much appreciated and the church is looking great!

Going Away Reception

Phil and Joyce Huizinga are moving to Tuscaloosa and there will be a going away reception for them on **Sunday, April 11 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we want to share in their joy and wish them well for their new adventure.



HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

APRIL 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	Huizenga, Fran
Allinder, Kate	Hux, Karen
Bazuin, Caiden	Ivy, Kendall
Beale, Amy	Jennifer (Missionary)
Beeler, Peggy	Keasler, Jo Anne
Belcher, Samuel	Kelly, Dale
Brantley, Maggie	Lane, Barbara
Brooker, Chrissy	Leascher, Chad
Brooker, Jan	Lewis, Kathy
Bryant, Jessica	Ligon, Brandon
Burkett, Holly	Lockett, Joanne
Busby, Rhae	Mackin, Jimmy
Bynum, Linda	McIntier, Jodie
Coker, Jean	Morgan, Laura
Craig, Noah	Mutisya, Cecilia
Curry, Walter	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	Taylor, Marie
Finley, Betty	Thornton, Alaina
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	VanderMolen, Popko
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hayes, Betsy	Womble, Caleb
Hocker, Jeannie	
Hogg, Ian	
Hoggle, Judy	
Hooks, Chesnee	

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.

