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THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

Jude 1:3-4 *"Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people."*

For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord."

Additionally, Ecclesiastes 1:9 said it quite well: *"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."*

People will twist the truth of the Bible and try to make it say what it does not say. God gave us his word so we would not change what is written but simply do what God has commanded us to do.

I am reminded of a conversation with a Secret Service Officer, and the discussion was about counterfeit money. How do you know for sure that a bill is counterfeit? The answer is that you study the real thing.

When you know what a real twenty or 100 dollar bill looks and feels like, the fake bills are easy to detect. The same thing is true about the word of God. Study God's Word and when someone says something that is not Biblical you will know it instantly. Be on guard and ready to contend with those who would try to change what is in the Bible. The word contend implies that Christians have something worth fighting for. We cannot afford to settle for an imitation and lose the real thing. Jude calls for Christians to persevere. He reminds them that Jesus predicted that in the end times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires. Don't let yourselves to be taken in by their lies. Stay focused on God and stay in His Word.

To the only God who is able to keep us from falling, be all glory and honor, majesty and power, for all ages now and forevermore.

God bless you all,

Dennis

**Be on your GUARD;
Stand firm in the FAITH;
Be COURAGEOUS;
Be STRONG.
DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

"Be aware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance."

George Bernard Shaw

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Dinner & Bible Study: 5:30pm/6:15pm	2	3 B-day: Vickie Cannon	4 Anniv: Dennis & Karen Davidson
5 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	6 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	7 WM Fall Study: 9:30am or 6:30pm B-day: William Symon	8 Dinner & Missionary Presentation: 5:30pm/6:15pm B-day: Olivia Tripp	9	10	11
12 Diaconate Meeting Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Communion (TBD) Joint Officer Meeting	13 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am B-day: Bernice Cork	14 Session Meeting: 9am WM Fall Study: 9:30am or 6:30pm	15 Dinner & Bible Study: 5:30pm/6:15pm	16	17 B-day: Adam Mackin	18
19 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) Monthly Fellowship Potluck B-day: Eli Grant Basinger	20 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	21 WM Fall Study: 9:30am or 6:30pm	22 Dinner & Bible Study: 5:30pm/6:15pm	23	24	25 B-day: Anna Carolina Dukes
26 Sunday School: 9:30am Worship: 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom)	27 Game/Fellowship Time: 9:30am	28 WM Fall Study: 9:30am or 6:30pm B-day: Emma Kate Atkins	29 Dinner & Bible Study: 5:30pm/6:15pm	30		

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Trey Griffith and Joel Coddington.

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Joy Mackin.

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Game/Fellowship Time, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women’s Fall Study, Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or at 6:30 pm at Ann Resto’s House.
- Dinner/Bible Study, Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall; dinner is at 5:30 pm and the Bible study is at 6:15 pm

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>JULY</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 5,835.00	\$ 54,440.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 4,646.80</u>	<u>\$ 46,199.13</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,188.20	\$ 8,240.87
<u>2020</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 7,910.00	\$ 58,461.86
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 4,113.16</u>	<u>\$ 57,753.49</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 3,796.84	\$ 708.37

JULY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 1: Our weekly Wednesday dinner and Bible study resumes; dinner will be at 5:30 pm and the study will follow at 6:15 pm. The study will be the R.C. Sproul video series, “Justified.”

September 7: The Women’s Ministry Council is inviting all women to join in a new weekly study for the fall. It will be in the same format as the summer study with a workbook and weekly videos. This can be done individually or as a group. The title is, “Hinged” and is a 12-week study on Ephesians. This fall study will begin on Tuesday, September 7th. There will be a morning session and an evening session each Tuesday. Karen and Beth Lashley will lead the morning study at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall; Ann Resto will lead the evening study at 6:30 pm at her house. For more information on the study please contact Karen Lashley or Ann Resto.

September 8: We will have a guest missionary presentation instead of our usual Wednesday video study. Graham Guo from RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) will be our missionary speaker.

September 12

- Deacon Meeting
- Communion (TBD)
- Joint Officer Meeting

September 14: Session Meeting, 9:00 am.

September 19: Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Potluck, immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

Can you believe we are heading into September already? We hope you will help support our Christmas Cards for the Troops annual event. Start planning now to prepare your cards. All cards will need to be delivered to the church by November 21st.



PULPIT COMMITTEE

Please continue to pray for our Pulpit Committee:
 Dennis Davidson
 Melanie Evans
 Trey Griffith
 Scott Kirkpatrick
 Jimmy Mackin

And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

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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):

Acton, Beth	Hux, Karen
Allinder, Ike	Ivy, Kendall
Allinder, Kate	Jennifer (Missionary)
Bazuin, Caiden	Keasler, Jo Anne
Beale, Amy	Kelly, Dale
Beeler, Peggy	Lane, Barbara
Belcher, Samuel	Lawson, Connie
Brantley, Maggie	Lewis, Kathy
Brooker, Chrissy	Ligon, Brandon
Brooker, Jan	Lockett, Joanne
Bryant, Jessica	Mackin, Jimmy
Busby, Rhae	McCraw, Kay
Bynum, Linda	McIntier, Jodie
Cannon, Mary	Mize, Bethany
Chastang, Kristye	Morgan, Laura
Coker, Jean	Mutisya, Cecilia
Craig, Noah	Parr, Higley
Curry, Walter	Plummer, Kaegan
Davidson, Karen	Reynolds, Christy
Devane, Orbie	Sakon, Ethan
DeWitt, Robert	Sall, Terry
Duncan, Conner	Sharp, Chris
Dyer, Doug	Sims, Anna Katherine
Espy, Emily	Sims, Sarah
Finley, Betty	Snipes, Vernon & Ramona
Foshee, Barbara	Taylor, Marie
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Thornton, Alaina
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Tipton, Carolyn
Hayes, Betsy	VanderMolen, Popko
Hocker, Jeannie	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hogg, Ian	Womble, Caleb
Hoggle, Judy	Zimmerman, Steve
Hooks, Chesnee	
Huizenga, Fran	

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.

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:

Luke (Jonah's son)
Scott Kirkpatrick
Jimmy Mackin
Heather Wilson
Rick Wilson

Illness:

Laura Morgan
Neal Bules
David Headley
Paige Niehoff

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
Frank Ramey
The Hutton Family
Sharon Farst

Military Personnel:

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

