

## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### More Than a Job!

*Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us;  
establish for us the work of our hands—  
establish the work of our hands!* (Psalm 90:17 CSB)

Do you call it the daily grind? Does it seem to be often in vain? Does anyone ever notice? Does it even matter? I am talking about your daily work. I prefer *vocation*, that is, calling. But most refer to it as their job or occupation. Whatever you call it—and I encourage you to consider it your calling, whether a business person, a farmer, technician, student, Homemaker, or full-time Grandmother—it will only be successful through the blessing of the Lord upon it.

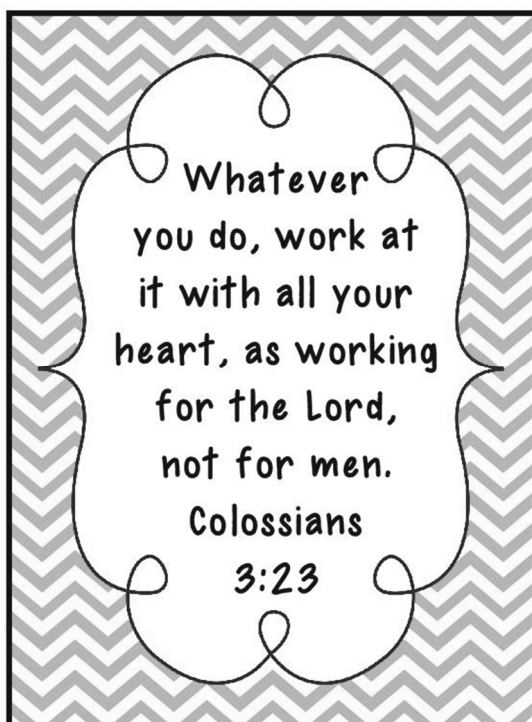
Moses has one psalm attributed to him: Psalm 90. Perhaps he wrote it as he was preparing to cross the eternal Jordan and his people were preparing to cross the earthly river of the same name. Moses closes his

psalm with the plea, “LORD, please establish the work of our hands.” LORD, he was saying, let these dear children of yours work hard in the jobs, tasks, and relationships you give them. And, please, cause them to flourish. Moses wrote similar words in his final sermon before this younger generation of the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was to cross into the land of promise.

He stressed obedience to the law of the tithe unto the Lord. This was for the sake of the Levites and it would have a result: *And the LORD your God will bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.* (See Deut. 14:22-29.) He offered the expectation of joyous worship and thanksgiving to the LORD *because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, and you will have abundant joy.* (See 16:9-15). He instructed in the virtue of generosity for the sake of the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, again with an expected outcome: *so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.* (See 24:19-22).

So what's my point? Do not take your work lightly. It is your calling from the Lord. Do not live in constant discouragement. Are you doing your work as unto the Lord? And yet, are you sometimes (maybe a lot!) discouraged like me? Do not fret. He sees. He knows. He cares. It is not in vain. Your work has meaning. And if the Lord is on our side, then we have not only his favor, but his own commitment to our flourishing to his glory and our good.

By God's Grace,  
Pastor Josh



# SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am <b>B-day:</b> Vickie Cannon	4 <b>Labor Day Holiday</b> <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am <b>Anniv:</b> Dennis & Karen Davidson	5	6	7 <b>B-day:</b> William Symon	8 <b>B-day:</b> Olivia Tripp	9
10 <b>Deacon Meeting</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am	11 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am	12 <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 9:30am	13 <b>Fellowship:</b> 6pm <b>Study/Prayer:</b> 6:15pm <b>B-day:</b> Bernice Cork <b>B-day:</b> Joseph Carmichael	14	15	16
17 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am <b>Fellowship Potluck</b> <b>B-day:</b> Adam Mackin	18 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am	19 <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 9:30am and 6:45pm <b>B-day:</b> Eli Basinger	20 <b>Fellowship:</b> 6pm <b>Study/Prayer:</b> 6:15pm <b>Session Meeting:</b> 7pm	21 <b>B-day:</b> Glenn Basinger	22	23
24 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am <b>HOP:</b> 2pm	25 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am <b>B-day:</b> Anna Carolina Dukes	26 <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 9:30am and 6:45pm	27 <b>Fellowship:</b> 6pm <b>Study/Prayer:</b> 6:15pm <b>Missions Committee Meeting:</b> 7pm	28 <b>B-day:</b> Emma Kate Atkins	29	30 <b>Anniv:</b> Josh & Betsy Carmichael

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH:** Glenn Basinger and Mike Cork

**FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH:** Vickie Cannon

**RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:**

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am.
- Monday, Game/Fellowship Time, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday night fellowship, study, and prayer time resumes on September 13th. Fellowship is at 6:00 pm and study/prayer time is at 6:15 pm.

**DEACONS:** Glenn Basinger, David Coddington, Mike Cork, and Ray Evans

<u>2023</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 11,573.00	\$ 68,396.14
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,951.34	\$ 67,097.76
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,621.66	\$ 1,298.38
<u>2022</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 11,169.62	\$ 60,784.62
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,784.42	\$ 55,800.00
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 4,385.20	\$ 4,984.62

**JULY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:** 43

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**September 10:**

- Deacon Meeting.
- Communion.

**September 13:** Wednesday night fellowship, study, and prayer time resumes. Fellowship is at 6:00 pm and study/prayer time is at 6:15 pm.

**September 17:** Monthly Fellowship Potluck. Setup/Clean-up Committee: Symon and Davidson families.

**September 20:** Session Meeting, 7:00 pm.

**September 24:** Hooked on Prayer (HOP) will meet at 2:00 pm at Eloise Harris' home. Please see page 4 for more details on this activity. For more information, please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin.

**September 27:** Missions Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm.

devote yourself to  
**PRAYER**  
 being watchful and  
**THANKFUL**  
 Colossians 4:2

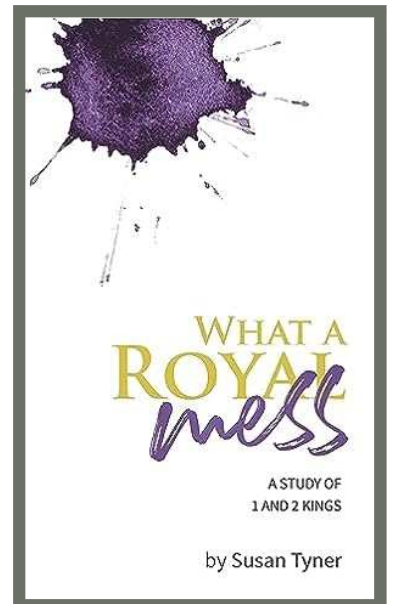
### WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL BIBLE STUDY

We begin a new study series with Susan Tyner's book, *What a Royal Mess— a Study of 1 and 2 Kings*.

The books of 1 & 2 Kings remind us how God works despite His kings' messes and that sin cannot derail His plan of redemption.

The morning group will resume Tuesday, September 12th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The evening group will resume Tuesday, September 19th at 6:45 pm at Ann Resto's house. We hope all the ladies will join in on this new study.

For more information please contact Ann Resto or Karen Lashley.



### A THANK YOU SHOUT-OUT:

We want to thank Candace Colgrove for sharing her decorating talent in keeping our church beautifully decorated through all the seasons. We greatly appreciate it!



# 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
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
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
Chaplain Ministry	Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCC)

**HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):**

Abrams, Riddell	Lane, Barbara
Acton, Beth	Lawrence, Lisa
Allinder, Kate	Lessmann, Linus
Bazuin, Caiden	Ligon, Brandon
Beale, Amy	Mackin, Jimmy
Beeler, Peggy	Mader, Rebecca
Belcher, Samuel	Margo, Chrissy
Brantley, Maggie	McIntier, Jodie
Bridges, Ida Lee	Morgan, Laura
Brooker, Chrissy	Morris, Seth
Brooker, Jan	Ndunge, Cecilia
Brown, Walt	Parr, Higley
Busby, Rhae	Phillips, Ronnie
Bynum, Linda	Ramey, Carrie
Cooper, Dr. Clarence	Renner, Andy
Davidson, Karen	Renner, Elizabeth
DeWitt, Robert	Reynolds, Christy
Duncan, Conner	Sharp, Chris
Dyer, Doug	Sims, Anna Katherine
Finley, Betty	Stewart, Lee
Gardner, Greg	Thornton, Alaina
Graffeo, Anthony (A.J.)	Tipton, Carolyn
Hall, Jimmy	Townsend, Laura
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Tulipan, Amelia
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Tulipan, Hansen
Headley, David	Turner, Becky
Hocker, Jeannie	Twist, Ty
Hoggel, Judy	VanderMolen, Popko
Huizenga, Fran	Wilder, Emily (Espy)
Hux, Karen	Womble, Caleb
Jennifer (Missionary)	Zimmerman, Steve

**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  
Rick Wilson  
Jimmy Hall

**Illness:**

Laura Morgan  
Neal Bules  
David Headley  
Linda Dunning

**Special Needs:**

The Hutton Family

**Other Needs:**

Christina & Danny Addison  
Abigayle Kircharr  
Harry Jeong

**Military Personnel:**

Chaplain William Broderick  
Sam Brasfield  
Steven Mackin  
Victor Resto  
Joseph Wilson  
Josh Tyson  
Blake Ivy  
Austin Griffith  
Kaleb Brown  
Nathan McCaskill

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.