

# The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

April 26, 2023

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble, or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

*Joshua 1:9*

It's been a little while, hasn't it? I hope that you have been blessed the last few months hearing from our staff in newsletter articles about the many ministries that are going on here at PSDUMC. I've truly enjoyed reading these articles and seeing how God is working. We are witnessing the movement of God among us through so many and to meet so many needs.

The phrase "be strong and courageous" appears a number of times in the Old Testament-particularly in three specific moments in history: Moses' words to Joshua at the end of Deuteronomy as the Israelites are across the Jordan River from the Promised Land; here at the beginning of Joshua as the angel of the Lord encourages Joshua as he takes charge; in both 1 Kings & 1 Chronicles as David charges his son Solomon to follow Yahweh as he had done. In each instance, words of encouragement are given to the one following in his footsteps.

But notice the words themselves; there is no specific action verb in these verses. If we look at the broader passage, the action verbs come when the angel tells Joshua to keep the laws of the covenant made at Mt. Sinai. When you look at the accounts of the battle narratives in Joshua, you find out very quickly that the battle is not won by the Israelites but by God himself. The Israelites simply find themselves as the beneficiary of God fighting on their side. They simply had to "be."

What if we lived that out today? So much of our lives are filled with the hustle and bustle, and I'm afraid that it leaks into our faith at times. "Just tell me what to do God, and I'll do it!" Do you ever say that? We don't like to be patient; we don't like to stand still. We don't like to just "be." But sometimes, that is exactly what God is calling us to do. Wait for a word from the Holy Spirit. Wait for the movement of God. Wait upon the Lord. Realize that it is not by our strength that we can accomplish anything, but when we wait on the Lord and see what he is doing in, around, and through us.

In Christ,  
Matthew Hall

### New Prayer Requests

**Justin Dean - Cancer** (Friend of the Richardson's)

**Tootie Ellis - Pneumonia/Covid**

**Mavis Thrash - Hospice**

### Please continue to pray for:

Shirley Dooley, Francois du Plessis, Barbara Walker,  
James & Glenda Smith, Ken LaBruyere, Otha Barham,  
Brenda Huffman, Sharon Stephens, Delaney Heckert,  
Charlotte Chaney, Will Alexander, Shane Helton,  
Kevin Stiefel, Kati Stembridge, Adrian Hill, Robert Sanford,  
Brenda Ferry, Cheri Barry, Neal Martin

If you have a prayer request please let the office know.

### May Birthdays

1st Laikynn Wilson  
3rd L.J. Rue  
11th Oliver Ridinger  
14th Elise Joyner  
Pam Litton  
15th Francois du Plessis  
20th Mila Fluker  
23rd Nathan Gatlin  
27th Hannah Hall  
Linda Long  
28th Ron Burton  
Ashley Wolvers

### Saturday, April 29

**10:00 A.M. SPRING FESTIVAL !!!**

### Sunday, April 30

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups  
3:00 P.M. Reading Helps

### Tuesday, May 2

10:00 A.M. *The Story of God, The Story of Us Study*  
6:00 P.M. Basketball

### Wednesday, May 3

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
**5:15 P.M. Potluck**  
**6:00 P.M. Prayer & Praise/HYMN SING**

### Sunday, May 7

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups  
3:00 P.M. Reading Helps

### Monday, May 8

**1:00 P.M. Women of the Church/Parlor**

### Tuesday, May 9

10:00 A.M. *The Story of God, The Story of Us Study*  
**6:30 P.M. Executive Team Meeting**

### Wednesday, May 10

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 P.M. *The Story of God, The Story of Us Study*

Dear Church Family,

THANK YOU ! THANK YOU! We are so grateful for such a caring and loving church family during this difficult time. We truly appreciate the prayers, support and most of all the delicious food that was provided during and afterwards. Again, Thank You and Many Blessings.

Love,

The Mendiola Family

# Save the Date – April 29, 2023 THIS SATURDAY

Annual Missions Fundraiser for **LOCAL MISSIONS** - 10 am – 1 pm

Wesley House - Care Lodge - Loves Kitchen



**BEFORE:** Baked and Frozen Goods – your donations are pure profit. Start planning what you will donate.

A freezer will be available to accept frozen goods ahead of the Festival.

**DURING:** 1 ½ hours of your time to WORK on the - food line - deliver plates - take pictures - greet our guests

clean-up in the kitchen during the Festival - check-out - cook

**AFTER:** clean-up is one of the easiest jobs. REALLY! ... tear down tables, clean the last of the pots after

bagging any left-over shrimp, mop the kitchen on our way out, usually done 2 pm.

## MEMORIALS - In memory of:

Ashley Browne	Tootie & Cathy Ellis
Kim Ridinger Jones	Tootie & Cathy Ellis
Jean Quave	Jerry & Linda Long Tootie & Cathy Ellis
Celia Ulm	Jerry & Linda Long
Judy Lauderdale	Tootie & Cathy Ellis Neldia White
Jesse Mendiola	Ken & Dixie LaBruyere Ron & Jennifer St. John Jerry & Linda Long Grady & Vicki Coleman Mark & Ginny Adkins Tootie & Cathy Ellis Raymond & Caron King Sandy Thomas Danny & Debbie Young Irby & Cindy Lang Butch & Dianne Shannon

## Wesley House

**May - Canned Spaghetti, Ravioli  
or other canned pastas.**

Your donations can be placed in the sanctuary  
(Donation Bins) or brought by the office.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### April 30 - Sunday

Acolytes:	Ashley, Mariah & L.J. Rue
Greeters:	Nancy Crews, Robin Thompson
Scripture Reader:	Debbie Young
Sunday Snacks:	Cindy Lang, Jennifer St. John

### May 1- Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery:	Margaret Yates, Cathy Ellis
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### May 7 - Sunday

Acolytes:	Karin Both, Sandi Pupa
Greeters:	Linda Long, Sandy Thomas
Scripture Reader:	Dianne Shannon
Sunday Snacks:	Jan Egger, Carolyn Wall
Communion:	Karin Both, Ken LaBruyere, Kevin Peterson, Kristi Brown

### May 8 - Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery:	Janet Barham, Carrol Barham
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### May 14 - Sunday - Mother's Day

Acolytes:	Bekah & Hannah Hall
Greeters:	Cindy Lang, Luci Wolvers
Scripture Reader:	Erin House
Sunday Snacks:	_____, _____

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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### The 2023 Bible Challenge

April 26	2 Kings 15 - 17
April 27	2 Kings 18 - 19
April 28	2 Kings 20 - 22
April 29	2 Kings 23 - 25
April 30	1 Chronicles 1 - 2
May 1	1 Chronicles 3 - 5
May 2	1 Chronicles 6
May 3	1 Chronicles 7 - 8
May 4	1 Chronicles 9 - 11
May 5	1 Chronicles 12 - 14
May 6	1 Chronicles 15 - 17
May 7	1 Chronicles 18 - 21
May 8	1 Chronicles 22 - 24
May 9	1 Chronicles 25 - 27

Commit spending time every day in God's word.  
For those who meditate and journal, here are  
some reflection questions:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about ourselves?
3. What does this passage teach us about our world?
4. Are there any thoughts, words or phrases that caught your attention ? Why ?

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