

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

August 23, 2023

"But my servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it."

Numbers 14:24

Caleb was cut from a different cloth from the rest. Twelve men had gone to spy out the land of Israel. Where were its strengths? What did the land have to offer? What kind of people lived there? Moses asked those twelve men these questions as he sent them forth (Num. 13:17-21). After the end of 40 days, the spies came back to report to Moses. "We went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there." (Num. 13:27-28) Ten of the men were dead set against moving forward. They believed that they had no chance against the warriors of the land, and would be destroyed if they entered. But Caleb was cut from a different cloth. He believed in the word the Lord had given to Moses; this land was theirs, and nothing could stop that. "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it." (It's important to note that Joshua also approved of following the Lord's command, but as Moses' right hand man that was to be expected.) Yet the ten other spies stirred the crowd up against Moses and Aaron and rebelled against the Lord. Caleb (and Joshua) stood alone. Yet in the end, it was only Caleb & Joshua who were allowed to enter the Promised Land; every other adult Israelite that day perished wandering in the wilderness for their disobedience.

What made Caleb different was not what he said, but what he did. He didn't simply call himself an Israelite, he lived as one of God's people. He didn't simply worship God, he believed in the promises of God. He didn't stand up & speak when it suited his purposes; he spoke strong in the truth when everyone else was running scared. He put his trust in God when everyone else became faint of heart. Psalm 119:1 describes who Caleb was in this situation best: "Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord." Where do you find yourself today? Are walking in the way of the Lord? Are you standing up for the truth when it's inconvenient? Or do you simply claim the name of Jesus and hope nobody notices? Caleb was cut from a different cloth because he didn't look at the challenges in front of him and shrink back; he believed in the promise of God and took them head on. We need to be like Caleb; we need to "walk the talk;" we need to cut ourselves from a different cloth and follow-in every way possible-our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Matthew Hall

New Prayer Requests

Regena Ford
Pat Rollins - Friend of Danny Hall
Martha Turbville - Cancer Treatment
Hays Monsour - Transplant complications

Shirley Dooley, Francois du Plessis, James & Glenda Smith,
Ken LaBruyere, Otha Barham, Brenda Huffman, Sharon Stephens,
Charlotte Chaney, Shane Helton, Adrian Hill, Robert Sanford,
Brenda Ferry, Cheri Barry, Neal Martin, Nora Goodsell, Justin Dean,
Jamie Rawson, Lorraine Vaccarella, Ceil Coleman, Kevin Stiefel,
Ben Hutcherson, Thomas Vaughns

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

September Birthdays

2nd	Neldia White
3rd	Mariah Rue
6th	Lori Berrey Irby Lang Dianne Shannon Vivian Wright
14th	Grady Coleman
15th	Nancy Crews
16th	James Ashby
19th	Malcolm Martin
23rd	Kim Ridinger
24th	Lucy Autry
27th	David Litton

Sunday, August 27

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Tuesday, August 29

10:00 A.M. Bible Study/St. Andrews

Wednesday, August 30

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Bible Study
6:00 P.M. Youth and Children

Sunday, September 3

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Monday, September 4

Church Offices are closed

Tuesday, September 5

NO Bible Study

Wednesday, September 6

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
5:30 P.M. POTLUCK
6:00 P.M. Praise and Prayer

The month of September is when we celebrate Labor Day.

This year, September, will be our own
"Labor of Love" for Wesley House Food Pantry!

Some specific needs are: **Peanut butter; Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles; Chunky Soups**
Please donate regular-size cans rather than larger ones.



*Donations can be brought to the sanctuary on Sundays or to the church office
Monday - Thursday or Friday morning.*

*Thank You in advance!
Missions Committee*

Bible Study Opportunities:

“Passing the Faith Along” - Tuesdays 10 AM and Wednesdays 6 PM

We’ll be walking through the books of 1 & 2 Timothy, letters written by Paul to his protégé, Timothy, a leading pastor in Ephesus, who seeks to continue the preach the gospel message he received from Paul in the community. Join us as we hear Paul’s advice & exhortation and consider how you might “pass the faith along” yourself! We will be meeting in the St. Andrews classroom.

“The Good Gospel” by Jennie Allen - Wednesday, September 13th, 6 PM

Do we live like we believe every part of the gospel? In this six-week study with Jennie Allen, Jamie Ivey, and Jackie Hill Perry, learn about the foundation of our faith to discover how God brings us from death to life, from fallen to free. Our Wednesday evening study for women beginning September 13th. Each week we will watch a short video together, then read in Genesis 1 & 2 and Romans 1 - 8 and dig deep into the good news!

FAITH & FITNESS - Wednesday, September 13th, 6 pm

Join us for a Dance Fitness Series - Learn 10 Songs/Dance Fitness Routines, 10 Bible Verses. All levels are welcome, modifications are provided, Certified fitness Instructor, Erin Richardson

Dear PSDUMC,

I can’t thank you ladies enough for the wonderful meal you provided for us. Everything was delicious, and it was so meaningful to know that the church still supported my mom even after she hadn’t been physically able to attend for years. Please share my gratitude with everyone involved.

Love, Ginny Shurlds (Barbara Walker’s Daughter)

HELP NEEDED

We need volunteers for Sunday’s Nursery and for Wednesday Nights. Ashley will be out, due to surgery, for the month of September. If you are willing to help please let her know.

August 27 - Sunday

Acolytes: Melissa Brown, Irby Lang
Greeters: Cathy Ellis, Angie Sherrill
Scripture Reader: Patti Coxwell
Sunday Snacks: Cathy Ellis

August 28 - Monday

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Marjorie Walker

September 3 - Sunday

Acolytes: Erin Richardson, Alana & Cooper
Greeters: Malaea Mendiola, Dixie LaBruyere
Scripture Reader: Robin Thompson
Communion: Beth Hall, Jessica Hall, Matt Hall, Billy Anders
Sunday Snacks: Polly Little, Cindy Lang

September 4 - Monday

Labor Day - Offices Closed

September 10 - Sunday

Acolytes: Ashley Powell, Beaux & Owen
Greeters: Margaret Yates, Cindy Lang
Scripture Reader: Sandi Pupa
Sunday Snacks: Jan Eggler, Sandy Thomas

Volunteer Opportunities



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The 2023 Bible Challenge

August 30	Ezekiel 1 - 4
August 31	Ezekiel 5 - 8
September 1	Ezekiel 9 - 12
September 2	Ezekiel 13 - 15
September 3	Ezekiel 16 - 17
September 4	Ezekiel 18 - 20
September 5	Ezekiel 21 - 22
September 6	Ezekiel 23 - 24
September 7	Ezekiel 25 - 27
September 8	Ezekiel 28 - 30
September 9	Ezekiel 31 - 33

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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