

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 5, 2017

Our Quarterly Luncheon is today after the Morning Worship. Please join us and give us the privilege of sharing a meal with you. The evening service has been canceled so that you can linger after the meal and visit with the saints.

INVITING ALL LADIES! A new Bible study for ladies will begin on Wednesday, February 15. The class will meet each Wednesday through April 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This semester we will begin the study “Dust to Glory” (an overview of the Bible with R.C. Sproul). If you would like to participate in the class, please visit the registration table in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost associated with the class and childcare will be available. If you have any questions, please see Kim Covington.

This Tuesday is our monthly men’s meeting at TGI Fridays. We meet monthly to encourage the development of conversations about things that matter. You can order a beverage, snack or meal to enjoy with our conversation. Join us at 6 p.m.

As you pray please remember:

- Joe and Beverly Kanewske
- Sonya Joyce
- Robby Roberts--Crossworld, Italy
- New Harvest Missions--Togo
- King’s Parish Presbyterian of Dallas (ARP)

In the text for today and the next two weeks we find Paul making some closing comments that call the saints to action in regard to how they respond to their Elders and Pastors, how they respond to each other by ministering one to another, and how God is the cause of their sanctification and perseverance. These final exhortations pull much of the content of the entire book together with the expectation that doctrine will be believed and faithfully applied. As you give your attention to these last three messages pray for yourself and others to understand and apply the doctrines of God’s Word.

Overcome by Patience. ““In quietness and confidence shall be your strength’ (Is. 30:15). Would you learn how to overcome the great, most terrible, and harmful enemies who otherwise may well devour one and injure body and soul, enemies against whom one may well buy all sorts of weapons and spend all one’s money to learn the art of defense against them? Then know that the secret lies in a sweet, delightful little plant called *patience*. Indeed, you say, how can I get this remedy? The answer is: Look to faith, which assures you that no one can harm you without the will of God. If, then, you are harmed, it has happened because of the kind, gracious will of God, so that your enemy harms himself a thousand times more than he harms you. This consideration makes love spring up within me—love which says: Then I will do good to him for the evil he has done me; I will gather coals of fire upon his head. These are the weapons by which enemies are defeated who seem as mighty mountains which cannot be overthrown or won by iron or steel. Love teaches patient suffering.”

--Martin Luther