

## TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Don Taylor /Opening Prayer by: Ken Coleman

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Shannon Smith

#881 Mansion Over the Hilltop

#753 Farther Along

Scripture Reading by: Parker Balch

#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

**Lord's Supper and Contribution**

#452 Standing on the Promises

**Sermon: "All Saints"**

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

#915 Trust and Obey

#517 Heaven Came Down

Closing Prayer by: Andre Jones

Welcome by: Don Taylor

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Shannon Smith

#480 Blessed Assurance

#286 Wonderful Story of Love

Scripture Reading: Tristan Strickhausen

Opening Prayer: David Smith

#574 Oh, How I Love Jesus

**Sermon: "One Word: Shame"**

**Romans 1:16-19**

#909 There's a Fountain Free

#878 Sweet By and By

Closing Prayer: Wayne Noonkester

### **Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth**

**Sunday:** 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 6:00pm — Worship

**Wednesday:** 10:00am — Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm — Bible Study Classes

Oct. 20, 2019

## ***"Stand Firm in...Liberty"***

Galatians 5:1

### **It Will Be Alright By and By**

All of us at some time or another get depressed and discouraged. Sometimes we just want to give up and quit. In the heat of a moment we'll say, "That's it, I'm quitting this job." Or, "I'm going to leave this town and never look back." Or even, "I'm done with the church – they'll never miss me."

How often have we felt that life was seemingly stacked against us? That the harder we try, the worse things get? That life is just one dreadful task after another? Perhaps it feels mundane and repetitive, like Chinese water torture, slowly but surely driving us insane. Maybe we have even felt like that about serving God: what's the point?

I know we all have been subject to seasons like that for a couple of reasons. For one, I talk to many people who are struggling with those sorts of emotions. More to the point, I have struggled with some of them myself. But if and when we feel that way, we should remember that we are in good company. Some of God's greatest servants have experienced discouragement.

Moses was handpicked by God, chosen to lead the children of Israel from Egypt. He was a man who definitely had the power of God in his life. But the Israelites were a handful, and sometimes it was more than he could bear. One one occasion, they were complaining about having to eat manna and demanding meat, when a fed-up Moses finally said to God, *Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child," to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, "Give us meat, that we may eat." I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness. (Numbers 11: 12-15)*

Joshua was God's great military leader, selected as the successor to Moses to lead Israel into the Promised Land. But after the conquest of the city of Jericho, a man by the name of Achan kept something he shouldn't have from the spoils, and Israel consequently suffered a terrible defeat at Ai. In response, Joshua cried, *Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan! (Joshua 7:7).* After a tremendous setback, he felt like quitting. Thankfully, he got over it.

Elijah was arguably the greatest prophet of the OT. He was willing to challenge idolatry of his day, promoted by the wicked King Ahab and his wife Jezebel. He called fire down from heaven and won a standoff with the prophets of Baal. Yet, after it was all over, we find him in **1 Kings 19** wishing that he was dead, requesting the Lord to take away his life.

## Our Sick

### Continued Prayers

#### (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Gary Nielsen, Harold & Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Frank & Tina Garcia, Eric Davis, Dayla Hale, Minny Owen, Doris Trahan, Joe Edd Stifflemire, J. P. Williams

### Shut Ins

#### (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Dr. Ronald Davis, Larry Hicks, Mark Wilcox, Bill Lunceford

### Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Mwanza, Africa, Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

### Plastic Bags

The Food Bank is in need of plastic grocery bags. A barrel is in the foyer.

## Upcoming Activities

**Elders, Minister** Monday, Oct. 21st at 7:00pm

**Early Bird Singing** is today at 5:00pm.

**Homecoming** is Sunday, Oct. 27th. The meal will be catered and we will need to provide drinks, desserts and bread.

We will have a Houston Food Bank truck on Tuesday, Nov. 5th at 9:00am.

**Primetimers** will be having a Mexican night on out Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 6:00pm in the fellowship room. There will be Mexican food, desserts, games and fun.

### Response

Candace Dryden placed membership last Sunday. Her daughter Lucy Dryden was baptized Sunday morning.

## Privilege to Serve

Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

Communion Preparation: Jeraldine Frazier

Nursery Attendants: Marsha Rader, Lynette Ward

Communion Preparation for Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Hempel

Nursery Attendants for Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>: Tania Balch, Pat Hobbs

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When we think of Job we think of his endurance and his faith. He was a truly great man. We know the great beginning and great ending to his story. But in between, when he lost everything, he became angry with God. He was extremely depressed, perhaps even suicidal for a period of time. In **Job 3** he even curses the day of his birth – in other words, Job wished he had never been born.

In 1868, a musician named Joseph Webster walked into the drugstore owned by his good friend, Fillmore Bennett, in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Webster was prone to periods of melancholy where he focused on all the negative aspects of life, as Bennett well knew. On this day, he was particularly down. Bennett asked him what was the matter, and he responded, “It’s no matter, it will be all right by and by”. Immediately, an idea flashed through Bennett’s mind – he knew from past experience that the best way to deal with his friend’s blue periods was to give him something to work on. He sat down at his desk and the words to a hymn came to him almost instantly. When he finished writing, he handed the paper to Webster and told him he hoped the prescription worked. A tune suggested itself, and Webster jotted down some notes and then picked up his fiddle and played his melody over a time or two. He then said to Bennett and a couple of other friends present, “Let’s try this song and see how it sounds.” For over 150 years we have been singing a hymn written in less than 30 minutes in a drugstore in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

*There’s a land that is fairer than day.*

*And by faith we can see it afar;*

*For the Father waits over the way,*

*To prepare us a dwelling place there.*

*In the sweet by and by,*

*We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

Can you see Jesus’ words in **John 14:1-3** in that song? Can you see the imagery of the end of Revelation? For God’s people, it will all be all right by and by.

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