July 2023



THE APPLE PRESS

"Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 1:8

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For most of this year, I have been noticing an increase in both frequency and intensity of our enemy's attacks. These attacks have been happening to Jeanne and me personally, as well as to many in our church family here at Appleton. These attacks have been meant to discourage and to separate us from those around us. It reminds me of why the writer of Hebrews tells us in Hebrews 10:23-25:

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The passage is so applicable to us today... and I believe especially since we can easily see "the Day approaching." With this in mind, I came across this small devotion from Oswald Chambers that reminds us that our God is our deliverer, and we need to trust Him in all these trials. I know that Chambers can sometimes be difficult to understand because of his dated use of our language, but the truth is in there for us. So, with that, I invite you to call me, or set up a time with me to go over this meditation if you would like to, and we can chew on the truths that God has given Oswald Chambers for us.

I love you all, Dan

The overshadowing personal deliverance

I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 1:8.

God promised Jeremiah that He would deliver him personally—"Thy life will I give unto thee for a prey." That is all God promises His children. Wherever God sends us, He will guard our lives. Our personal property and possessions are a matter of indifference, we have to sit loosely to all these things; if we do not, there will be panic and heartbreak and distress. That is the inwardness of the overshadowing of personal deliverance.

The Sermon on the Mount indicates that when we are on Jesus Christ's errands, there is no time to stand up for ourselves. Jesus says, in effect, 'Do not be bothered with whether you are being justly dealt with or not.' To look for justice is a sign of deflection from devotion to Him. Never look for justice in this world, but never cease to give it. If we look for justice, we will begin to grouse and to indulge in the discontent of self-pity—'Why should I be treated like this?' If we are devoted to Jesus Christ we have nothing to do with what we meet, whether it is just or unjust. Jesus says—'Go steadily on with what I have told you to do and I will guard your life. If you try to guard it yourself, you remove yourself from My deliverance.' The most devout among us become atheistic in this connection; we do not believe God, we enthrone common sense and tack the name of God on to it. We do lean to our own understanding, instead of trusting God with all our hearts.

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest: Selections for the Year (Grand Rapids, MI: Oswald Chambers Publications; Marshall Pickering, 1986).

Monthly at a Glance

July 2023

1-6 Camp workdays, please let them know you are coming 1,8,15,22 Hymn Sing Rehearsal, 6:00 PM 3-Elder's Meeting, 6:30 PM

4-Independence Day

No Tuesday Family Night Activities for July

7-"Seniors on the Go" 2:00 PM—4:00 PM, upper bldg 8-Meal Prep, 10:00 AM—11:30AM (Sign up by July 2) 9-Mission Team Meeting, noon 10,17,24,31 "2 Timothy" class, 10:00 AM—12 Noon 12,19,26 GriefShare, 1:00 PM—3:00 PM 12,19,26 "Becoming a Biblical Leader" class, 6:00-8 PM 13-"Never to Old" Camp Christian, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 14-16 "Women's Camp @ Camp Christian, register 29-Hymn Sing Event, 3:30 PM



WEEKLY

- Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Services
- Sunday, 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
- Staff meetings, Tuesday, 1:00 PM
- Tuesday Bible Studies, (not meeting in July)

August 2023

1,8,15,22,29 Family Night Bible Studies resume
6:00 PM meal, 6:30 PM Activities
2,9,16,23,30 GriefShare, 1:00 PM -3:00 PM
2,9,16,23,30 "Becoming a Biblical Leader" class, 6:00-8 PM
7,14,21,28 "2 Timothy" class, 10:00 AM—12 noon
7-Elder's Meeting, 6:30 PM
12-Meal Prep, 10:00 AM—11:30 AM, sign up by 8/6
13-Mission Team Meeting, 12:00 PM

Sept 1-4 Family Camp@ Camp Christian

Office hours are: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM, M-Th.

For more information on any event, go to our website and click on calendar. Then click on the event to get more information.

https://www.appletonchristian.org/calendar

I am NO Leader!

Perhaps you have had that very thought. Most of us are not looking for more responsibility. We are content with allowing others to lead and we will be the best followers we can be. And so, when opportunities arise, and leaders are needed, many of us simply say, "I am NO leader!" and wait until someone else steps up to the task.

The problem with this attitude isn't that we are all called to be leaders. I believe that some are gifted for leadership. The problem is, we never take the time to grow in those areas we deem "leadership skills" within the church. Skills like Bible Knowledge and the character of a leader. We also don't get trained in what a biblical leader is and what the Bible says about effective leadership. So, we fail to develop things all believers should possess, and we can't spot good leadership from bad.

Because of how vital leadership is, we are going to be offering a short, yet comprehensive study, on "Becoming a Biblical Leader" here at Appleton. Over an eleven week period, once a week, we will take the time to understand church leadership from the Bible, deepen our knowledge of the scriptures, and cultivate the character of a church leader.

Even if you don't think you are a leader, and really don't want to be one, let me encourage you to join us. I truly believe that these eleven weeks can make a huge difference for you and for the church. Materials for the course will be provided, and the commitment is 2 hours a week at the church and an hour a week of personal study.

Sign up on the website today or at church this Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Alan for more information.

Becoming a Biblical Leader
July 12, 2023-Sept 20, 2023
Wednesday Evenings, 6-8 pm
at the church

30 Days of Prayer for America

It's time to pray for our families and for our nation.

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV).

When things seem darkest, God calls us to prayer. Will you join us for 30 days of prayer for our nation and for our families?

- Day 1: Pray for thriving families
- Day 2: Pray for healthy marriages
- Day 3: Pray for men as husbands and fathers
- Day 4: Pray for women as wives and mothers
- Day 5: Pray for God's wisdom and understanding for parents
- Day 6: Pray for blessings on our children Day 7: Pray for protection of parental rights
- Day 8: Pray for our nation's schools and educational system
- Day 9: Pray for America's churches to impact families
- Day 10: Pray for church workers and volunteers
- Day 11: Pray for moms considering abortion
- Day 12: Pray for pre-born babies
- Day 13: Pray for orphaned and at-risk children
- Day 14: Pray for people in crisis
- Day 15: Pray for relief to those struggling in poverty
- Day 16: Pray for the hungry in America
- Day 17: Pray for all those who are homeless
- Day 18: Pray for victims of domestic violence
- Day 19: Pray for local churches to reach the hurting
- Day 20: Pray for God's people to be a light
- Day 21: Pray for America's leaders
- Day 22: Pray for our military
- Day 23: Pray for civil servants
- Day 24: Pray for racial tensions in America
- Day 25: Pray for an end to violence
- Day 26: Pray for America's future
- Day 27: Pray for our justice system
- Day 28: Pray for courage and wisdom for our elected officials
- Day 29: Pray for God's will as the election process unfolds over the next year
- Day 30: Pray for our religious freedoms in America



PRAYER FOR AMERICA

"Taken from Family Focus magazine, June 2023"

Discipleship Institute:

In the next few months there will be two classes offered through the Discipleship Institute. To sign up for a class, please visit the website www.appletonchristian.org and visit the "discipleship institute" page. We look forward to learning together as we become fully devoted followers of Christ.

2 Timothy: Grace and Perseverance

Dates & Times:

Starting July 10 - Ending August 21 (new start date) Mondays from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Overview:

Paul's second letter to his beloved Timothy is a bold call to stand firm in the face of opposition and suffering for the sake of the Gospel.

Who Should Attend:

This class is open to everyone.

Expectations/Workload:

This 7-week study will include an introduction to the Inductive Study Method followed by 6 weeks of study. Participants will expect 30 minutes of personal study a day, one hour of group discussion and a 60-minute video lecture each week.

Becoming a Biblical Leader Dates and Times:

Starting July 12, 2023 – Ending Sept 20, 2023 Wednesdays from 6:00 PM -8:00 PM

Overview:

Church leadership matters. Leaders in the church have a significant impact on the health and maturity of the congregation. This is why the New Testament provides such clear teaching regarding appointing leadership in the church, and why it spends a significant amount of time providing instruction to church leaders. Biblical church leadership looks very different than the leadership of the world and so it must be intentionally cultivated through the study and application of God's word. This class will provide a general overview of the understanding, knowledge, and character necessary for biblical leadership.

Who Should Attend:

Every Christian should desire to grow in character and knowledge of God's word. Therefore, this course is open to the first 10 people who sign up. The hope is that this class will give anyone who goes through it the tools and knowledge to lead in the church.

Expectations/Workload:

This class will work through a workbook together each week. In class we will discuss biblical principles of church leadership and major church doctrines. Outside class there will be Bible reading, other short readings, and questions concerning the characteristics of a leader. All of this will be discussed at the beginning of our class each week.



Help is needed to maintain our church property. We are being over run by weeds and would love people to come and spruce up the grounds. Weeds along the road, fence, pond, garden, playground, etc. need to be pulled and removed. Bring gloves, weed wackers, etc. and we will supply trash bags. Come anytime that is convenient for you and your friends.

Thanks!

Register Now for Senior Day at Camp Christian

Join us July 13th as Jim
Pelley, Meeker Christian
Church, will be speaking on
the importance of Worship.

The day starts with coffee and donuts at 9:00

Lunch will be provided and the day will wrap up around 3:00

There is no fee for this camp but a love offering will be collected







Operation Christmas Child



The <u>July</u> needs are: clothes, socks, shoes, sandals, dresses, etc.

Thank you for all you do.

Please put donations in the box in the lower building. Other items for the shoebox are always appreciated.



Questions? Please see or call Donna Jean 970-640-8396.

Prayer needs

Please let the office know if your family needs help with prayer, communion, meals, visits, etc.

Prayer requests are emailed on Mondays and as needed.

The Appleton Care Ministry mails cards, visits, phones, runs errands, performs light chores, etc. We must know when people need these services to address the needs of our congregation. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the office.

EVERY SUNDAY

we offer refreshments for the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. If you would like to help with refreshments, please sign up to help or check with Donna Ward or Jeanne Baker for more information.





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The next Meal Prep is July 8, 2023 Sign up by July 2, 2023

The meals are:

- 1) Mexican Beef Wraps
- 2) Apple Pecan Pork Chops
- 3) Burgundy Beef Tips
- 4) Chipotle Raspberry Chicken
- 5) Orange Chicken Delight
- 6) Chicken Fajitas

The cost is:

\$ 35.00 for 6 meals for 2 people \$ 70.00 for 6 meals for 4 people \$100.00 for 6 meals for 6 people

Contact Heidi Waggoner @ 970-250-0588

Coming soon will be a congregational meeting to discuss the upcoming building remodel project.





The next GriefShare Support is beginning on July 12—October 11
Wednesday's 1:00 PM—3:00 PM.
It is a 14-week class. Please register on line https://www.griefshare.org/

Contact will be Phyllis Bolsinger, 970-216-8258

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH



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Ministry: Jennifer works among a predominately Muslim group with a team that is doing Bible Translation (BT), Literacy and Scripture Impact activities. The team makes the translated Scripture accessible to the group in various media (print, audio, etc.) and teaches them to study it – trusting that its message will radically transform lives! Jennifer has completed her Masters in Hebrew and returned to Nigeria August 29, 2013.

Prayer Requests: To love God with our all in Christ's power! From him, through him to him are ALL things... Our LIFE, our JOY, our PURPOSE are all wrapped up in GOD. She thanks GOD that WE journey with her — pray with Jennifer for the big things and the small! Pray for God's mercy to use the knowledge gained while attaining the Master's degree. Pray for God to protect Jennifer and the team from the political unrest that continues to plague the country.

WHOLE TEAM: Sensitivity to God's leading and loving presence. Protection, progress, provision and right priorities in OT translation, Scripture Impact and Literacy promotion.

COUNTRY: Cessation of violence and growth of real healing and solutions that will bring lasting deep peace. Growth of a mature Body of believers rooted in real understanding and application of the Word.

SPECIAL FOCUS: Aware that our actions flow from our character, Jennifer asks us to pray that God will make the Christ-like traits below hers as well. We should apply them to every specific challenge we know she is facing this year: Passion. Courage. Faithfulness. Diligence. Kindness. Obedience. Honesty. Humility. Purity.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:9-11

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ways to send **Prayer Requests**:

Prayer card on Sunday (check the box to be included in the weekly email distribution);

OR email

prayers@appletonchristian.org/

OR call

Nancy @970-241-0858 or the church office @970-242-7380

For **shut-in communion**, please call 970-242-7380 during office hours or contact person listed below:



July
2- Kathy & Kelly Messamer
9-Alan Dyson
16-Jack Costello
23-Chris Weber
30-Dan Baker

Clip and post in your home as a reminder when you serve

Communion & Offering Meditation

First Service **Second Service July 2023 July 2023** 2-Levi Willis 2-Levi Willis 9-Dan Baker 9-Dan Baker 16-Heidi Waggoner 16-Jenny Nichols 23-John Wilson 23-John Wilson 30-Levi Willis 30-Levi Willis August 2023 August 2023 6-Bob Labig 6-Bob Labig 13-Alan Dyson 13-Alan Dyson 20-Heidi Waggoner 20-Jenny Nichols 27-John Wilson 27-John Wilson

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16-C.Ackerman/M. Miller
23-Linda/Dick Mann
30-Norma Jean Griffin
30-Helen Caldwell

August 2023

6-Keith Kump 13-Judy Devine

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August 2023
6-K & K Messamer

13-Cris Hoche 20-C & L Martinez 27-Jenny Nichols

JULY PRAYER FAMILIES

2- Chuck Ackerman Wanda Archer

9- Katie Baker

Dan & Jeanne Baker

16-Scott & Komiko Barks

Craig & Aleta Beaslin

23-Chris Beeman

Eldon & Daphne Bevill

30-Carol Bishop Seth Biskupski



ALWAYS REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR



- GRAND JUNCTION, FRUITA, PALISADE, CLIFTON, AND ORCHARD MESA COMMUNITIES & SCHOOLS
- THE STATE OF COLORADO
- THE GOVERNMENT
- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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- 4. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin synching.











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importance of prayer and we, as a church, are committed to pray for each other. Let us know your request and we will lift you up in prayer.

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