

An Epistle from Paul:

You Have to be Kidding! – James 1:2 reads: “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance, and let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

Does God really mean we are to rejoice in trials, that pain can be a good thing and not necessarily a bad thing? Let me give a couple illustrations and then establish this important Biblical principle.

Author Philip Yancey in his book “Where is God When it Hurts?” wrote: “I have never read a poem extolling the virtues of pain, nor seen a statue erected in its honor, nor heard a hymn dedicated to it. Pain is usually defined as ‘unpleasant.’ Christians don’t really know how to interpret pain. If you pinned them against the wall, in a dark, secret moment, many Christians would probably admit that pain was God’s one mistake. He really should have worked a little harder and invented a better way of coping with the world’s dangers. I am convinced that pain gets bad press. Perhaps we should see statues, hymns, and poems to pain. Why do I think that? Because up close, under a microscope, the pain network is seen in an entirely different light. It is perhaps the paragon of creative genius.”

Author C. S. Lewis wrote: “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

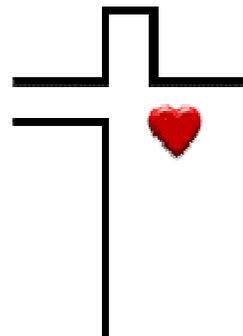
John Seldon was quoted to have said, “Pleasure is nothing else but the intermission of pain.”

Hard as it sometimes is to grasp, but, trials, setbacks and even pain is a blessing from God. A world without pain is the world of those with a disease that destroys all nerve endings resulting in being able to feel nothing and thus not being able to “feel” scalding hot water...

Yes, we must learn to count it all joy when we encounter challenges, setbacks and even pain. By them we mature in our faith in God!!

Postscript – Bring your Bible, a friend or two and join us this coming Sunday as we will again remember He is our *risen* Lord and Savior!!

In His Marvelous Love, *Paul*



The Timely Word

Proverbs 15:23 “... How delightful is a timely word.”

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Come Worship and Serve Him With Us!

Bible School9:30 a.m. Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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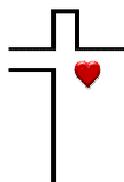
Spring Cleaning Time!

We are planning a good cleaning of the church building and the grounds around it. This will be taking place, Saturday, April 21st from 8 AM to 12 Noon. If you can give a bit of your time and elbow grease then it will be of much help. Also if you can bring some cleaning equipment (mops, buckets, cleaning cloths, vacuums etc.) it will be of great help. We anticipate giving the building (inside and out) a much needed cleaning. Put this on your calendar and join us that Saturday. See you bright and early!!



Our Next Luncheon!

Wednesday, April 18th, will be our next luncheon together. We will be going to the local KFC for some finger lick’in food. We always have a great fellowship time together at these gatherings. Join us at 12 Noon and together we’ll enjoy a good meal and some solid fellowship time together in the Lord. If you want or need a ride let Paul N. or Bill W. know and we’ll make sure you will get there in good order!



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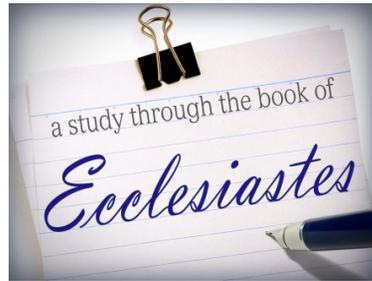
Here's the Count!

April 1, 2012.....\$1,821.00

April 8, 2012 (not available but will be given in the next edition along with the special building/expansion fund offering)

Our Study Continues!

We urge and invite those who are not presently involved with a Sunday/Bible School class to seriously consider coming and getting yourself involved. The Elective Class continues its verse by verse study in the book of Ecclesiastes. There are two other classes being offered at the same time. As for little people, Willow Dean Claywell comes prepared each week to have a special class for all of them. Seriously consider coming and growing in faith with us!!!



Wow, We Almost Forgot!

Saturday, May 5th, will be our Ladies' Banquet here at the church building. It will get started at 5 PM and will be over by 7:30 PM. Our ladies, younger and older alike, are urged to come bringing their family and guests with them. Our men will be putting together a delicious meal of chicken breasts, salad, green beans, cheesy potatoes, rolls, dessert and cold beverages. Entertainment will follow giving all our ladies a time completely free of any work. A signup sheet is on the table in the foyer giving #'s to expect...



(by no means an exhaustive list)

All Military Personnel: Adam Wentzell, Christopher Drew, Ben Shelley, Zachary Polsini, Cody Vance, Bud Reed, Courtney Reed, Austin Brasher, and Stephen Watts (if other please let us know...)



Recovering and Other Matters:

Doris Childers, Betty Teater, Ruby Rieger, Florence & Jeanie Laubauch, Emma Grace Mills, Denise Hammonds, Reva Cole, Dan Swihart, Monte Rieger, Dottie Campbell, Kathy Romeo, Kay Stafford, Ron Mays, Tim Ketchem, Connie Rieger, Neil Snow, Pam Kauslick, Emily Shank, Dalene McIntire, Jerry Spicer...

Dealing With Cancer: Pam Cole, Mary Lou Kidwell, A.T. Rogers, Judy Bell, Ron Hornsby, Terry Liming, Rita Culp...

Bible Doctrine



Discover some basic Bible teaching

Bible Doctrine Is Anything But Dry!

Biblical Doctrine is anything but boring and dry. Our need to constantly be growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior necessitates Bible Doctrine. This is why we place so much emphasis on being exposed to solid, Biblical Doctrine. This is why we want to offer more and more opportunities for the church family to be exposed to this teaching. This is why we are "People of the Book"!

Not to be a Nag!

At the risk of sounding like a, well you know what we mean – we want to know of more folk who are open and willing to being taught of their need for God's grace. This has everything to do with *taking as many people to heaven with as we possibly can.* Have your ears and eyes open to those about you who have a need for a Savior... Let the church family know who these people are so the church family can also be used by God to win them to Him!!!

