

The Drumbeat

Relaying the Message of God's
Love Through Our Lives

October 2017



FROM OUR PASTOR...

Seeing A Greater Purpose in Adversity

But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" (Acts 16:28). Paul and Silas have just been thrown into prison. An earthquake erupts and the jail cell is opened. It's Paul and Silas' opportunity. "Deliverance! Praise God!" might be the appropriate response. But what Paul and Silas did in fact, was to sit quietly in their cell area. The guard, in fear of his life, knew that it would be automatic death if prisoners escaped. Paul and Silas did not leave because they saw a higher purpose for which they were in prison. They were not looking at their circumstance; they were much more concerned about the unsaved guard. The story goes on to explain how Paul and Silas went home with the guard and his family. Not only did the guard get saved, but his entire household as well.

What a lesson this is for us. How often we are so looking for deliverance from our circumstance that we miss God completely. God is looking to do miracles in our circumstances if we will only look for them. Sometimes we become so obsessed with our goals that we miss miracles. Our adverse situations can often be the door of spiritual opportunity for those who need it. The next adversity you face, tune your spiritual antennae and ask God for discernment to see the real purpose for the adversity. (Copied)

Changing Lives Through God's Love

Pastor Joe



LAUGH AWHILE!

The Voice of Experience

- Be true to your teeth, or they will be false to you
- Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so:
- Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes: Oscar Wilde
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it
- These days people seek knowledge, not wisdom. Knowledge is of the past, wisdom is of the future: Vernon Cooper
- Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't:
- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried
- Imagination is more important than knowledge: Albert Einstein
- There is a fine line between genius and insanity
- Age is a very high price to pay for maturity
- Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused



October Sermons The God of...

- October 1st The God of Multiplication
(Use what you have God will supply the rest)
- October 8th The God of the Cure
(Pride keeps us from God's restoration)
- October 15th The God of Protection
(God takes care of His own)
- October 22nd The God of Floating Iron
(God can make sunken dreams float)
- October 29th The God of Timing and Restoration
(God restores what has been taken)

Hope Wednesday Night Series

HOPE is the glimmer of light when your world has gone dark. It's that reason to get up in the morning when you'd rather hide from reality. HOPE is what we all need to survive.



Prayer Request

If you have a prayer request or answer to prayer, please write it on the tear off portion of the worship folder. This allows us to keep our prayer request list up to date.

Fall Small Group Study "The Case for Christ"

This study continues for the first three Mondays in October
5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
A light meal will be provided.

MISSIONS...

Your support of missions helps God's work go around the world.

GOAL

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| October 2016 to September 2017 | \$5000 |
| Amount received | \$3007 |

Your Dollars go to support

The Torgeson's - Living Link Missionaries
The Langford's - Living Link Missionaries

Mid-America Christian University
Meals on Wheels Help Inc.
Work Camps Scholarships
Children of Promise Local Missions Projects
See an update from the Langford's on the back of this month's calendar.

Fall Festival Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with the fall festival on October 13-14. We need people to supervise the activities, help with food and to just be there for the children. A sign-up list is available in the entry way. We also can use donations to help offset the cost of this event.



Madison & Colton Dowdy

October 7, 10 AM
Fellowship Hall
Expecting a baby boy in November

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