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Faith! I have recently been looking at the relationship that the patriarchs of the Bible had with our Lord. Individuals who our Lord worked mightily in and through during their lifetime. The one thing I am discovering that they all had in common was their faith in our Lord! Not just faith that was revealed by speaking pretty words or making great promises, but “active faith”. Faith that was revealed by their actions through the very lives that they lived!

We have all heard how talk alone is just cheap talk. For talk without action is nothing more than hot air being expelled. No matter how emotional those words may be being expelled, without accompanying action it is just hot air!

But, words that are backed up with action are powerful! These kinds of words, words that are backed up with action, can change lives and even the course of history!

When a person says that they are a Christian, a follower of our Lord, a Believer, or whatever description they may use to identify them as one who lives for our Lord Jesus people expect to see behavior that is in line with our Lord Jesus and what He says in His Word.

The patriarchs in the Bible lives such lives! Oh, they were not perfect, but through their lives they demonstrated a belief that they believed that God really was the God He said He was and could and would do everything He said He could and would do! They lived out this belief with their actions!

The Apostle James writes that “...faith without works is dead.” (James 2:14-26) Many folks live their lives without experiencing the full potential of what our Lord has for their life simply because they chose not to believe that He can and will do everything He says He can and will do in and through them. Oh they will take the first step of faith, they will go to church, pay their tithe, and engage in various “religious” activities, which are good first steps of faith if you will. But they never trust our Lord enough to take that second step of faith which is obedient to doing what our Lord has called them to do! They live unfulfilled lives of woulda, coulda, shoulda wondering what our Lord would have done or could have done if only they had stepped out and acted upon what our Lord was speaking to them! You can see this in the life of the rich young ruler. (Matthew 19:16-26) Although He wanted to follow our Lord Jesus, he wouldn’t choose to take that second step of acting upon his expressed faith by giving all he had as Jesus had said. The result, he left in regret not living the life he desired to live as a true follower of our Lord!

Don’t be like the many who do the same thing! Have true faith in what our Lord is speaking to you and act upon it! Be a doer of His Word and not just a hearer only and you will see our Lord do in you and through you everything He says He will do for His glory!!

With much love, respect and prayer for you all!!

Bible Trivia

1. What city was home to the man who gave Jesus a burial place?
2. What Babylonian went insane while walking on the roof of his palace?
3. Who cause thousands of deaths by toppling the two main pillars in a large building?
4. Who stuck his spear in the wall when it failed to strike its intended target, David?
5. In what country did Jesus talk with an immoral woman beside a well?

Upcoming Events

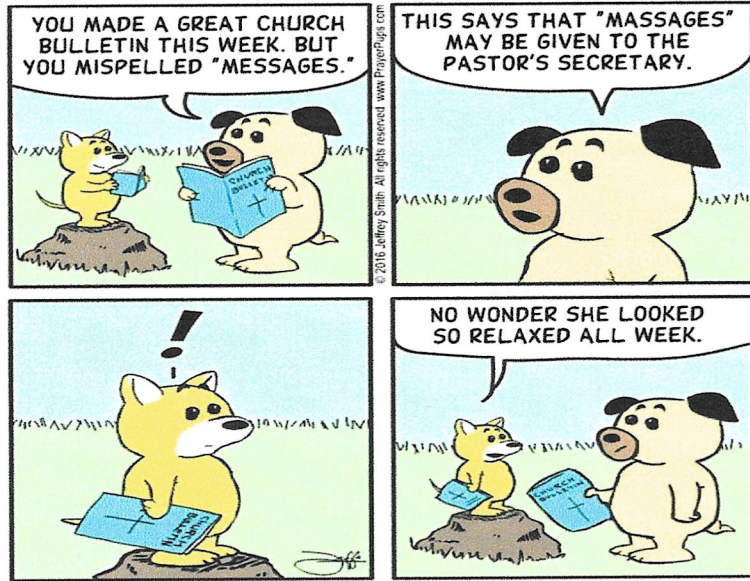
Fifty Plus Monthly Mid-Day Meal and Service will be Thursday June 11, 2026 at the church at 11:30AM. Lunch will be served at 11:30AM with the service starting immediately afterwards. (usually around 12:15PM) Since we didn’t get to have service last month, we will feature a Mexican Fiesta in honor of Cinco De Mayo. Please bring a main dish, a side dish and or a dessert to share. Our own Pastor Jerry Frank will be our speaker. We hope to see you there!

Remember the fundraising effort of \$8000 to build a church in Madagascar, Africa. We have raised just over \$5600.00, but still need your help! Please pray and consider what you would like to give toward this effort! Make your checks out to the church and put “50+ Madagascar Project” in the memo section or on the envelope.

Seniors Adult Conference in Branson, Missouri September 21-23, 2026. This conference is hosted by the Assemblies of God and will have several keynote speakers, a trip to Convoy of Hope headquarters, and attending the Sight and Sound Theater play “King David”. This is setting up for a great time of fun, fellowship, and worship. For those interested in attending this event, contact Brother John Jelinek for further details.

On a Lighter Side:

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



Prayer Needs:

- Ruth Elmore
- Brenda Gomez
- Francine Haley
- Donna Cochran
- Burl Ray

Beckett (Joe and Mary Grimes grandson)

Trivia Answers:

1. Arimathea (Matthew 27:57-60)
2. Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:28-33)
3. Samson (Judges 16:25-30)
4. Saul (1 Samuel 19:10)
5. Samaria (John 5-15)

Happy May Birthday to:

- Joy Pruett - June 7
- Gomelia Baker - June 29
- Leon Brown - June 30

Happy Anniversary to:

- George & Janice Webb - June 12
- John & Maddy Pfening - June 17
- Don & Judy Riley - June 30

Here's a Recipe to Try:

Simple Layered Dessert

- 1 Pkg. of sandwich cookies (Oreos, Nutter Butter, etc.)
- 1 large box of instant pudding (chocolate, vanilla, oreo.. depends on your cookie)
- 3 cups cold milk
- 1 tub cool whip

In a 9 X 13 dish, lay out cookies flat on the bottom (reserving a few for the top if you choose) and set aside. Mix the pudding and milk together and pour pudding over cookie base. Place in frig and chill until set - about 30 min. or so. Spread cool whip on top of pudding. Top with crumbled up cookies, chocolate syrup drizzle. caramel syrup drizzle or even melted peanut butter drizzle - your choice. Keep cold until serving. If serving a large crowd, you can double the ingredients and make a second layer.

Submitted by Heather Johnson

Every day while at school, Jimmy would walk by the same girl every day without ever speaking to the girl, just walking next to her. After watching this for several weeks, his friend Earl asked him, "Jimmy why do you walk by that girl every day and not talk to her? If you want to get to know her, just ask for her name and for her phone number." Jimmy replied "Oh, I don't want to get to know her. My pastor at church told me that I was supposed to walk by Faith!"

At a "pot-luck" social, a lady brought what she thought was her famous cheesy broccoli casserole. It turns out, it was actually was a dish of green slime she had meant to throw out. She realized it too late. After two deacons and a missionary had sampled it and said nothing, one finally confessed and said "I thought it was an international delicacy" It wasn't!!

A couple was being honored for their 60th wedding anniversary at the church. The pastor asked the husband, "What is the secret to such a long, happy marriage?" The husband said, "Well, we have a deal. I make all the big decisions, and she makes all the small ones." "Give us an example," the pastor said. "Well," the man replied, "she decides where we live, what car we drive, where we go on vacation, and how much money we give to the church. I decide what our foreign policy should be toward the moon."

Have an Anniversary or Birthday coming up? Let Cindy know your special date, so we can celebrate with you!!