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A team of us just got back from a mission trip to El Salvador where we experienced and witnessed our Lord do some amazing things in and through the lives of the people we came in contact with both in the cities of Santa Rosa De Lima and Corinto. We witnessed much devastation and poverty. These people do not have many of the modern conveniences we enjoy and so easily take for granted here in the USA. Little things, like running water, sewers, air conditioning, and such. We observed a family of eight, who literally had nothing! They lived in a shack they had made of tree limbs and assorted sheet metal that they had found along the roadway. Their shack was situated on the shoulder of the highway. They cook on open wood fires, sit on tires filled with sand or stumps and sleep about four feet from the moving lane of traffic. Yet at the same time, they were so happy and thankful for the small gifts of food we had brought them.

Our Lord reminded me that just like these people, many folks are are living and experiencing "spiritual poverty and devastation" in their lives. The world has sold them a pack of lies and they have put their trust in the things of this world and come up short. Proverbs 19:3 declares "People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the LORD." The short of this is that people need our Lord! People need our Lord Jesus!! We need our Lord Jesus!! I need our Lord Jesus! YOU need our Lord Jesus! For we all need the love, grace, mercy, provision, and salvation that only our Lord Jesus can provide. As bad as we may need some of the physical things of this world, we need the spiritual things of our Lord Jesus more!

We can quote Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these other things will be added to you", but could you really? If you found yourself with nothing, living on the side of the road, watching your children go hungry, could you or would you really seek first the Kingdom of our Lord? We can if we have received eyes that see and ears that hear from our Lord. (Proverbs 20:12)

For the Word of our Lord declares in Philippians 2:13 "For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." We can do this!! Oh, you may not be at this point in your faith now, but our Lord loves us and is constantly working to complete the good work He has started in each of us for His glory! (Philippians 1:6) We simply must not give up or give in to the pressures of this world! Holding on to and believing in our Lord Jesus is the only way to overcome this world and its hardships.

May we choose to respond well to the leading of our Lord and be grateful for all the good things He has done, is doing, and by faith believe that He will do in our lives for His glory!

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

Bible Trivia

1. What judge had 70 sons?
2. What king was the youngest of eight brothers?
3. Which son was Isaac partial to?
4. What book mentions how wonderful grandchildren are?
5. Who told believers that the promises of God were for their children as well as for themselves?
6. Which epistle advises fathers not to exasperate their children?

Upcoming Events

Fifty Plus Montly Mid-Day Meal and Service will be Thursday August 13, 2026 at the church at 11:30AM. Please bring a salad, fruit, side dish and or a dessert to share. Pastor Jerry will be our speaker. We hope to see you there!

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.

5th Saturday Social Event will be Saturday, August 29 at 5:00PM at the church. It's **Summer on the Bayou**. Come join us for a Cajun themed evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Please bring a main dish, side dish and/or a dessert to share. If you have a cajun dish you'd like to share, we're sure others would be happy to indulge! We hope to see you then. "Laissez les bons temps rouler!"

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

On a Lighter Side:

TRIUMPH of the CROSS



The Senior Memory Class: Two elderly couples were talking after the service. One man said, "We went to a brilliant memory seminar at the community center last week." "That sounds great," the other man said. "What was the name of the teacher?" The first man thought for a moment. "What's the name of that red flower with the thorns?" "A rose?" "That's it!" He turned to his wife. "Rose, what was the name of that teacher?"

The Emergency Call: A man called the church office and said, "I need to speak to the pastor. It's an emergency! My dog has passed away and I want a full church funeral." The secretary said, "Sir, we don't do funerals for animals. You might try the community hall down the street." The man sighed, "That's a shame. I was going to leave a \$10,000\$ donation to the building fund in my dog's memory." The secretary yelled, "Wait! Why didn't you tell me the dog was a Pentecostal?"

The Golden Rule of Tithing: An old man was asked if he still gave 10% to the church now that he was on a fixed income. He said, "I give 100%. I give the first 10% to the Lord, and I give the other 90% to the pharmacy. Between the two of them, I stay upright."

This Will Make You Grin:

How do Angels greet each other?...They say Halo!

I went for a run with my Bible and now my Psalms are sweaty!

Trivia Answers:

1. Gideon (Judges 8:30) 2. David (1 Samuel 12-14) 3. Esau (Genesis 25:28) 4. Proverbs (Proverbs 17:6) 5. Peter (Acts 2:39) 6. (Ephesians 6:4)

Prayer Needs:

Shelia and Dave Nickel

Ruth Elmore

Brenda Gomez

Burl and Gayle Ray

Caroline Doyle

Maddy Pfening

Beckett (Joe and Mary Grimes grandson)

Josie Nino

Kathy Jelinek

Thula McCulley

Happy August Birthday to:

John Taylor - Aug. 1

Steven Johnson - Aug. 2

Carol Shepard Aug.- 8

Janice Webb - Aug. 9

Ruth Elmore - Aug. 9

Heather Johnson - Aug. 13

Jessie Meadows - Aug. 14

Brenda Gomez - Aug. 18

John Jelinek - Aug. 21

Renee Frank - Aug. 22

George Webb - Aug. 23

Judy Riley - Aug. 30

Happy Anniversary to:

Ricky & Caroline Doyle - Aug. 18

Leon & June Brown - Aug. 19

Here's a Recipe to Try:

Jumbo Onion Cheese Muffins

2 cups all purpose flour

3 tsp baking powder

¼ tsp. pepper

Dash of nutmeg

1 ¾ cups of milk

¼ cup butter or margarine melted

1 egg

¼ cup chopped green onions

¼ cup shredded mozzarella cheese

¼ cup grated Romano cheese

¼ cup shredded Parmesan cheese

In bowl, combine flour, baking powder, pepper & nutmeg. In another bowl, combine milk, butter & egg. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in onions & cheeses. Fill greased jumbo muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 min. or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 min. before removing from pan. Yields 6 muffins,

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