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Focusing on Fundamentals! Pastor Jerry has been teaching a series on Sunday mornings entitled "Foundations", as he is teaching on the foundational Truths of the Gospel of our Lord. Pastor has taught on the Word of God, Worship, and last week on Prayer. All foundational Truths of our relationship with our Lord.

Last Sunday morning's message on prayer went right along with what I had been reading in my personal devotional time with our Lord, when I read from Luke 22 where our Lord Jesus on the night He was betrayed instructed His Disciples to "pray that you will not give in to temptation." (v-39)

I got to thinking how often do we struggle unnecessarily with temptation all because we have neglected to spend time in intimate communion (ie:prayer) with our Lord. Relationships are centered on communication. The better the communication, the better the relationship. Oh, communication is more than just spitting words back and forth. Real communication is revealing one's heart and inner most thoughts to one another. Getting to know one another better, if you will.

Our relationship with our Lord is no different. When we neglect to spend intimate time, conversing with our Lord our relationship with him suffers. And as our relationship suffers, so our trust in our Lord diminishes.

This is why it is so important to discipline ourselves to spend quality private time with our Lord. Shutting out all the noises of life and getting alone with our Lord so He can have our full one hundred percent attention, without any distractions. Our Lord speaks to us in variety of ways but, like Pastor Jerry I believe one of the main ways our Lord speaks to us is through His Word. Communication should always be a dialogue as opposed to a monologue. It is in this prayer time that our Lord will speak to us. Usually to reinforce what He is speaking to us through His Word to reveal Himself, His Purpose, and His Way.

If we truly want to live a victorious life for Christ, like our Lord so desires us to live, it is imperative that we not forsake daily communion and/or fellowship with Him. For the more we know our Lord, the more we will realize His love for us, and the more will trust in Him! May we be encouraged to invest in quality private time to get to know our Lord better through daily prayer and reading of His Word and not only know Him better, but to live to be more pleasing unto Him for His glory!

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

Bible Trivia

1. Who wept at thinking her son would die of thirst in the desert?
2. Who wept bitterly after denying Jesus?
3. Who met his future wife at a well in Midian?
4. What faithful soldier, home on furlough, chose to sleep in front of the king's palace door instead of going home to his wife?
5. According to Malachi, what windows would be opened for people that tithed?

(Answers on back)

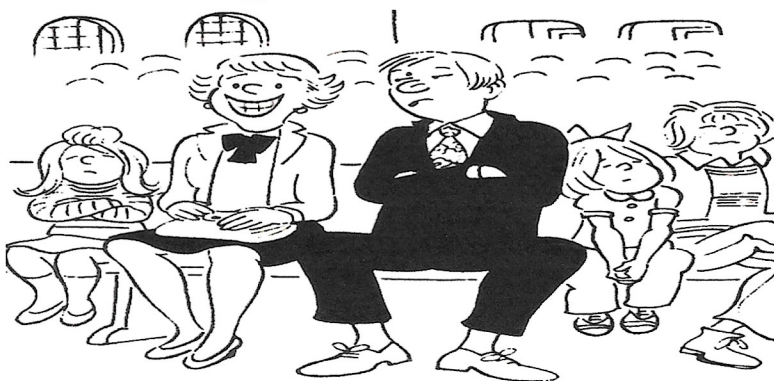
Upcoming Events

Fifty Plus Montly Mid-Day Meal and Service will be Thursday September 11, 2025 at the church.

Lunch will be served at 11:30AM with the service starting immediately afterwards. (usually around 12:15PM) Meat, drinks, and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share and join us for a great time of food, fun, and fellowship, as we worship our Lord together!! Sister Patsy Moss, wife of Chaplain Moss, will be our special speaker. We hope to see you there!

Holy Land trip, March 10-19, 2026. It is not too late to register to go with us to the Holy Land. This will be a great trip! If you are interested in going or just have any questions, see Doug and Cindy Wrentz.

On a Lighter Side:



Sullivan 9-8

Ed Sullivan, 1996

"This is a sermon on death, Emily—stop thinking about the kids going back to school."

Out of the mouth of Babes!

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" A little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A boy was inspired one day when he read the verse about forgiving 70 times 7 times. One day, when he was in Math class, he refused to work on the next problem. The teacher was frustrated and asked why. The boy said, "I've been counting. So far this semester we have worked on 490 math problems. Today we have reached the 491st math problem, and Jesus said I only need to forgive you 490 times."

A man was working outside and got bit by some ants. He screamed, "Ow! Why did God even create ants?!" His little boy was out in the yard with him too and said, "Dad, that's a really mean thing to say. Of course God had to create ants!" When the dad asked why, the boy calmly replied, "Because without ants, the uncles would have no wives."

Trivia Answers:

1. Hagar, mother of Ishmael (Genesis 21:16)
2. Peter (Matthew 26:75)
3. Moses (Exodus 2:15-21)
4. Uriah, the husband of Bathsheba. (2 Samuel 11:9)
5. The windows of Heaven. (Malachi 3:10)

Prayer Needs:

Judy Biasca
Jessie Meadows
Ruth Elmore
Bill Martinez

Happy September Birthday to:

David Collier - Sept. 16
Mandy Roberts Sept. 24
Carmen Pady - Sept. 25
Don Riley - Sept. 27

Happy September Anniversary to:

Doug & Cindy Wrentz - Sept. 12

Here is a recipe to try

Easy Cheeseball

- 2 eight oz pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 2 pkg. Budding Beef chopped or snipped into small pieces
- 2 green onions, chopped
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon onion powder
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon worcestershire sauce

In a medium size bowl combine ALL ingredients and form the mixture into a ball. Gently wrap in Cling Wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving. Serve with Ritz Crackers.

Submitted by Caroline Doyle