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Welcome to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.

Psalms 107:1

**From the Pastor...****Just Make It Through Today**

"1:00- two more hours to go!"

"Is it Friday yet?"

"6 days down, 174 to go!"

Ah, the greetings weary teachers give one another in passing. Meant to encourage, we often make reference to upcoming breaks, holidays, or (in the most desperate of situations) even just to the end of the school day! We roll our eyes, sigh, and half-heartedly laugh with a look that shows clearly that we're completely serious.

If I could just finish this math lesson and make it to the end of the day, I can go home and take a nap... God, give me the strength to just get through this! What teacher hasn't prayed a prayer like that? We might even congratulate ourselves for remembering to pray about it and for relying on God's strength and not our own... when in fact, we are settling for so much less than God wants to give us.

We've all read how Jesus implored us: "I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name... Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." (**John 16:23-24**). But most of us are still left scratching our heads, confused about how to have victory in our prayer lives. Just what are we supposed to be asking for? After all, who can tell the will of God? What if we're asking for something that He doesn't want to give us? It can be terribly disappointing and disillusioning to ask God confidently for something and then have Him give us a different outcome.

Confessing God's word to Him in prayer is a powerful tool for helping us ask for things that are in His will without getting sidetracked with our own desires. 'Confess' means 'to acknowledge by way of revelation (disclosure); to own or admit as true'. When we bring our thoughts and words into line with the truths that the Lord has spoken, we're filling our prayers with power!

When you confess God's word, the begging will stop. You'll no longer plead with God, "Please, please, please, give me the energy to get through today!", because you'll be proclaiming His promises to Him in prayer: "You tell us in Your word that when we ask You in faith, it blesses us AND it brings You glory! You WANT us to ask! Father, I want to produce the good fruit that comes from following You and walking in Your ways, and I'm asking now in faith for You to fill me with love and energy EVERY day that I enter this classroom so that I can bring glory to Your name and fulfill Your call on my life." (**John 14:13-14**)

When you confess God's word, you will no longer feel like God has stopped working in a situation. You can tell Him in gladness, "I am confident that since You began a good work in me, You will work to complete it- thank you for not giving up on me and continuing to help me to become more like You". (**Phil 1:4-6**)

When you confess God's word, it will become impossible to stay discouraged and focus on getting through the next few days or hours. Instead, you can proclaim, "God, this seems awfully hard right now, but I know that it's actually a light affliction, and it's working for me a far greater and eternal weight of glory. I know I need to stop focusing on the temporary things that I see and fix my mind on the eternal things that are not seen. Thank you for giving me the power to do this!" (**2 Cor. 4:16-18**)

There's nothing in the Bible about just enduring a day that God has blessed us with. Ask the Lord to bring your heart's desires into line with His, and confess His word in prayer, and He will show you how to have fullness of joy each and every day. A joyful life is what Christ died to give us, and this is His true desire for our lives (**John 16:23-24**), so why would we settle for anything less?

... Remain in My love... I have told you this so My joy may remain in you and that your joy may be complete. (**John 15:10-11**).

Author: Angela Watson



Food Pantry
Next Food Pantry
Friday, September 13th
Saturday, September 14th
Volunteers needed!



Men's Fellowship/
Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday
Sept. 10th
6:30 a.m.
At Elvira's

**FREE FRESH
FOOD
FOR FAMILIES
& HOPE**
September 24rd
10:00 a.m.



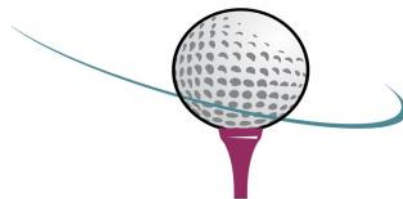
Volunteers Needed



For Children

"Orange strives to provide tools to make life easier and a strategy for both home and school to give kids a faith that will last forever and make church a place they want to be.

"Orange" begining Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m.



**Clarence Buck Memorial
Golf Tournament**
September 14th
8:30 a.m.

How can you help:

- ♦ Form a golf team
- ♦ Sponsor a hole
- ♦ Donate a prize for our raffle
- ♦ Help with the meal

See Mary Ross if you can help or have any questions.



Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, September 8th
Following the Morning
Worship Service
A time of fellowship
and good food!

Operation Christmas Child

We will be packing boxes in November.
Now is a good time to pick up the school supplies!



Sept. 1 Norma Buck
Sept. 4 Steve Knott
Bob Sharp
Sept. 8 Thomas Goodson
Sept. 9 Terry Boriack
Sept 10 Vance Bradford

Sept. 15 Joshua Namken
Sept. 16 Sharon Buck
Sept. 17 Yvonne Gillum
Sept. 18 Sheila Knott
Daniel Sundeen
Sept. 19 Billy Gable

Sept. 27 Matthew DeGasperi
Sept. 29 Ray Cannon
Sept. 30 James Barnett

First Baptist Church Deacons

Kelly Reat - Chairman

John Booth
Jimmy Boriack
Ronnie Doggett

Billy Gillum
Billy Higgins

Retired Deacons at FBC

Vance Bradford Bob Sharp
Herbert Michalk

Missionaries We Support Monthly

Scott & Becky Placke - Go Drill

Mission: Dignity

Feed the Need



SEE YOU AT THE POLE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
7:00 A.M.

Wednesday Night Meals

September 4

Hot Dogs / Frito Pie

September 11

Sloppy Joe

September 18

Chicken Spaghetti

September 25

Tacos

Monthly Giving Needs: \$20,800.00

Weekly Giving Needs: \$5,200.00

August

(includes Easy Tithe online giving)

Week 1 giving: \$5,426.00

Week 2 giving: \$3,427.75

Week 3 giving: \$3,263.00

Week 4 giving: \$4,574.00