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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"Celebrating the Faithfulness of God"
Deuteronomy 7:9

PM: Brian Mitchell
"A Failure of Faith"
Genesis 12:10-20

God's Faithfulness and Ours

Brothers, sisters and friends, God's faithfulness is something that we can celebrate. We live in a literal sewer of unfaithfulness, at times in the church, and certainly in wider Christendom. It sometimes seems like there is so little that we can trust in anymore. Parents don't really trust their children, and children don't trust their parents. There is a distrust among husbands and wives. Politicians make all kinds of promises and follow through on few of them. Companies are far less faithful than they used to be to their employees and the communities they come from.

I like the story of the college student who walked into a photography studio with a framed picture of his girlfriend. He wanted the picture duplicated and this involved removing it from the frame. In doing this, the studio owner noticed the inscription on the back of the photograph: "My dearest Tom, I love you with all my heart. I love you more and more each day. I will love you forever and ever. I am yours for all eternity." It was signed "Diane," and it contained a P.S.: "If we ever break up, I want this picture back."

In contrast to all this unfaithfulness and distrust is our God who is so faithful. It is this reality that I want us to celebrate and embrace over the next 3 MONTHS worth of sermons. This is not a truth to be heard and forgotten, but one that we need to be reminded of constantly. Why? Because we live in a world where trust is hard to come by, where it may seem that there are few people to trust. But our God is a faithful God. We can trust him. You don't have to doubt and in fact you should not.

I want to tell you, on a personal level, that I don't believe that God has ever let me down—even though I have acted before as though He did. But the truth is that I cannot think of a time when God has not been there for me. He has always given me exactly what I needed, when I needed it. Whether it was provision or correction or instruction, I have always been able to count on God.

I can especially see his hand as He has carried me through my almost 23 years of full-time ministry. He has been by my side, day in and day out. There have certainly been high points and low points, successes and failures, but either way, God has been faithful. But perhaps I'm getting a little ahead of myself. So in this lesson we are going to take a minute to define what faithfulness is. So in the remainder of this lesson we are going to consider what faithfulness is from a biblical perspective.

So that we can see that God is faithful. So that we will have an accurate barometer to determine whether we have been faithful to Him and others. And whether or not they have been faithful to us.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 105
Sunday AM: 145
Sunday PM: 82
Wednesday PM: 77
Contribution: \$4948
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Psalms 139:12

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Gunnar Myers: 08.15
Allie Jo Foltz: 08.16
Jerry Singleton: 08.20

Anniversaries

Ben & Carolyn Allen: 08.16
Jack & Jennifer Huskey: 08.18

Serving This Week

Announcements: Phil Singleton

SUNDAY

Greeters: Jeff & Ashlee Garland

Ushers: Troy Bryan/Kevin Reeves

A/V: Scott Spraggs

Lead Singing: Dale Gilliland

Head Lord's Table: Todd Newman

Scripture: Seth Spraggs

Prayers:

AM: Randy Seabaugh/Luke Selvig

PM: Jerry Singleton/Nate Crowden

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Nick Brown

Lesson: Joe Chesser

"Blessed are the Peacemakers"

Prayer: Mark Essner

Elder Chair: Allen Hedge

Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Ridenour

Worship Organizer: Ron Fehr

Remember in Prayer

- **Lena Schweain** fell recently and broke her breast bone.
- Terri & Troy Bryan's nephew, **Dalton Bryan** is continuing to struggle in his recovery from his recent accident. He is struggling both physically and emotionally/mentally and really needs our prayers.
- **Mike Turnbow** is continuing to struggle with his cancer. His condition is worsening...he is weaker and unbalanced, falling often... his doctors have no additional treatments available. Mike appreciates our prayers and asks that we continue to remember him. He would enjoy short daytime visits as well as calls, texts, cards, and notes to encourage him as he faces the coming days.

Sympathy

- We offer our love and sympathy to the Eck, Kight, Voges, and Stoffregen families in the recent unexpected death of **Freddie Joe Stoffregen** last Friday. His funeral was held on Thursday in Fredericktown.
- Our sympathy is also with the family of our sister **Molly Thomas** who passed away on Saturday. Her funeral was held on Wednesday.

Daily Bible Reading

August 14: Isaiah 58-60

August 15: Isaiah 61-63

August 16: Isaiah 64-66

August 17: Jeremiah 1-3

August 18: Jeremiah 4-6

August 19: Jeremiah 7-9

August 20: Jeremiah 10-12

Congratulations!

We are excited to announce the arrival of Ty and Laramie Crowden's baby boy! **Clyde Jamieson** was born on Wednesday morning after a few anxious hours of complications, but he and momma are doing well. Congratulations to Nate and Christi on their new grandson!

News & Notes

- Join us for the **baby shower** honoring **Kayli Naramore** this **Sunday, August 14** at 2pm in the fellowship room. Kayli & Cody are registered at Target and Amazon.
- We have learned of a family in need of help with food and have posted the **Helping Hands** list. Please take a tab or two and return items to the Helping Hands closet (across from the ladies restroom) by next **Sunday, August 21**. See Scott Spraggs with any questions.
- The new **Bible class** quarter begins on **September 4** and a new teacher rotation has been posted. If you have volunteered to help teach, please check the list to see when you are scheduled.
- **Thursday School** registration is open for 3- & 4-year-olds and we still have a few openings available. Please share this opportunity with any young families who may be interested. Flyers are available on the entryway table to share or post.
- If you have any interest in helping occasionally at **Thursday School**, we are always in need of a few substitute teachers/helpers. Please let Joy Kaye know if you would be willing to help in this outreach ministry.
- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Toilet Paper**
- We are continuing to gather school supplies for the Paragould Children's Homes for the next couple of weeks. Please bring requested items and place in the marked box outside the office **Sunday, September 11**. Lists for items needed are posted and available on the entryway table.

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Marian Allmon

Ginger Avery

Mark Blaylock

Thelma Brown

Gary & Maggie Colley

Bill Dillman

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Juanita Hedge

Tim Hosey

Diana Ivanovich

Betty Jones

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Wanda Raper

Lena Schweain

Susan Seabaugh

Earle Silvers

Steve Simmons

Lee Simpson

Sarah Singleton

Kay Strobel

Don Tawney

Mike Turnbow

Lucky Vander

Chris Weaver

Youth Corner

- **August 15:** **SYS** at Bernie. Bus will leave at 5:45pm
- Remember our students in prayer as they return to school and college in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Area Events

- **August 21-24:** Cape County Gospel Meeting
- **August 27:** Mounds Gospel Singing Night
- **August 28-31:** Mounds Gospel Meeting
- **September 10:** Arnold Ladies Day
- **September 11-14:** Green Forest Spiritual Growth Seminar with **Spencer Furby**

Area Need...

- Jackson Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help in continuing the services they provide. They provide over 5000 meals each month to senior citizens in the community. There are several different volunteer opportunities available and more information is available on the posted flyer.