

"When you face discouragement, you can do one of two things, and the one you choose will color your perspective. You can look at others to place the blame, or you can look at yourself to discover your opportunities. The choice is yours." -John C. Maxwell

Ponderings

Chaos is the lack of God's order in my life. When chaos is present there is no joy, peace, unity, or contentment.

-Thought from Pastor Sims Bible study



Last-Minute Thought: Pastor Sims encourages our daily Bible reading! Through today, we should have completed Genesis, Chapters 1 through 28.

Smile



Like every Sunday morning my son, David (5 years old), attended church with us. It was common for the preacher to invite the children to the front of the church and have a small lesson before beginning the sermon.

He would bring in an item they could find around the house and relate it to a teaching from the Bible. This particular morning, the visual aid for his lesson was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector.

My child immediately raised his hand and said, "It means Daddy's cooking dinner."

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Sunday School - 10 am
Sun. evening prayer 5:30 pm; Worship 6 pm
Tuesday Family Prayer - 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study - 7 pm



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Now we all, from time to time, have problems or troubles in our life. After all, life is not a piece of cake, or is it? So the next time you feel troubled, why not have a piece of

GOD'S CAKE

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God let this happen to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation! Get this picture.

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong. She's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her, and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mom is baking a cake and asked her daughter if she would like a snack. The daughter says, "Absolutely, Mom, I love your cake."

"Here have some cooking oil," her mother offers.

"Yuck," says her daughter.

"How about a couple of raw eggs?"

"Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"



Then the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a delicious cake."

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. For God knows that when He puts these things all in *His* order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him, and eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

Remember, God loves you. He sends flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He's there to listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. --Author unknown

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."
Romans 8:28

Announcements

- Today** - Prayer, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm - Word and Worship 10 am & 6 pm
Mon. - Fast 6 am, 6 pm
Tues. - Focused Prayer, 6 - 7 pm
Wed. - Bible Study, 7 pm
Fri. - **Men's Ministry Meeting**, 6 pm, in Barnett Hall. A chili supper, hosted by Cub Scout Pack 7, will be served. Donations will be accepted to defray costs.
 - **Section 7 Winter Jam**, Saraland

Next week: A 48 Hour Prayer & Fasting begins 6 pm, Thursday eve, Jan 19 through Saturday, Jan 21 at 6 pm. The church will be open for those who wish to pray at church.

Revival Coming Up: Don't forget that Bro. Green will be with us again Sun thru Wed, Jan 22 thru 25.



Prayer Partners Needed

New Needs:

Barbara Barnett, kidney problem
 Sarah, Bro & Sis Meek's granddaughter, recovering from back surgery
 Tyson, Denita & Jeff Mitchell's new-born son, having complications
 Stephanie and James Sprinkle, our newlyweds
 The Sistrunck family on the passing of Rev. Tim Sistrunck, Chad Breland's cousin
 Mike Taylor, Diana Pace's brother-in-law, burn victim

Ongoing Needs:

Dennis Arrant	Louree & Thurman Little
Bubba & Louise Benton	Kevin Mathis
George Close	Lillian & Ozell McKay
Delisa Cox, stage four cancer	Ken and Linda Rash
Rex Frech	Aubrey and Gaynell Richerson
Henry Halley	Hilton Sims
Mike Johnson	Sarah Wasserbelen
	Phil Wiseheart

Serving in the Military:

Michael Beauchamp, USN Bahrain	Cody Poole, USMC
Chris Bemis, USCG	Curtis Poole, USA
Tony Bemis, USCG	Angela Solis, USA, Afghanistan
Nolan Gunn USA, Afghanistan	Dusty Storm, USCG

Congratulations



*to
 Mr. and Mrs. James Sprinkle,
 who were married yesterday in a beautiful
 ceremony at our church.
 We love you, Stephanie and James, and wish you
 many happy years full of God's blessings.*

Happy Birthday to All



*Terrika Quinley
 Jan 9*



*Rusty Schach
 Jan 11*



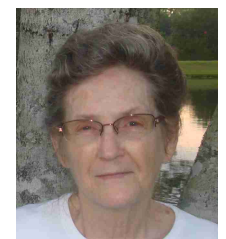
*Angela Giles
 Jan 12*



*Alan Savell
 Jan 12*



*McKenzie Burt
 Jan 13*



*Barbara Barnett
 Jan 14*