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FROM THE PASTOR

I'm going to have two sermon series to start this new year. The first being Biblical examples for us to follow. The second will be on what we need to believe as Christians.

Whenever we look at the Bible many times, we lose the reality that they were people just like us. However, the reality that differentiates them is how they responded to God in their lives. Many times, they responded by lack of faith, or made mistakes, or clearly weren't sure what to do. My point is that they are just like us, we hear their stories because in spite of mistakes or problems, they still chose to serve God. I hope they will inspire you as well.

The second series is on what we believe. One of my favorite Christian groups is Newsboys. Their song was played several times on KLOVE in the months prior to December. The song is titled "We Believe". I like that song so much because it expresses the basic tenets of Christian faith. So, as I listened, I thought it would be a good idea to discuss what is important to us as believers.

One day on KLOVE they told about an article that said many people couldn't describe what they did for work. I listened in shock as they told that a majority of American workers couldn't describe what they did each day at work. So, if we can't tell people what we do for work, is it possible that we might not be able to tell people what we believe about God, salvation, and eternity.

As we start this new year, my hope is that we are inspired by the story of people like you and me who made a difference in eternity and that each of know what is important to believe in our faith.

May God bless you in the year ahead.

Pastor Joel

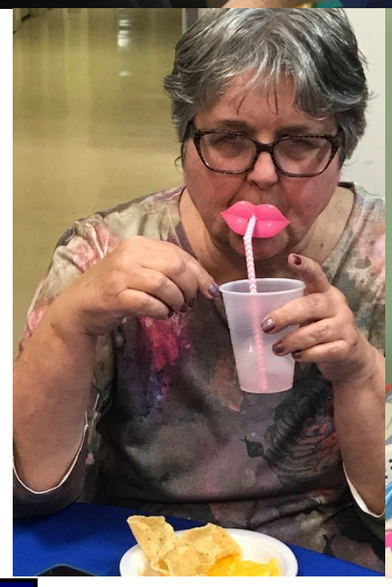
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-

SPA Night

We had about 9 ladies that participated.

We had a wax treatment for our hands, foot scrub, massage, made bath salts and had a chocolate fountain.

We thank Becky Holladay for the experience



Bell Choir

The Bell Choir is working on a song to accompany a violin solo. Our goal is to perform this special piece in late February or early March.

Vacation Bible School

Our theme for this year is "In the Wild – Zoom in! Focus on Jesus!" and the dates are June 23-27.

Please start praying for our VBS. For the workers that are needed, for parents or grandparents to bring the children, and for the children participating. One area we will focus on is helping the children memorize scripture. The theme verse is: "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:31

The Wabash Valley Baptist Association (WVBA) Seniors meet the 1st Thursday of every month at Golden Corral. They meet for fellowship with seniors from our area WVBA churches. This is always followed by a devotion usually from one of the pastors from WVBA. Tom and Linda Colby are the leaders of this group. They attend Calvary Baptist Church on the Westside

Meeting time for February is 7th at 11:30 am

Pastor Joel will be giving the devotion this month

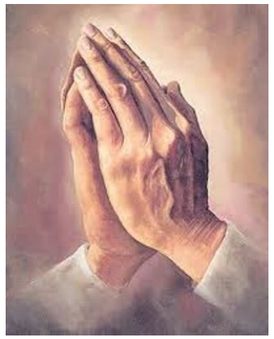
Game Night

Saturday, February 2

2-5 pm

Bring a snack to share

Let Us Pray - Part 1



When considering a topic such as prayer to write about, just merely thinking about the task of tackling such an all-encompassing topic such as this is a bit overwhelming and daunting. A quick perusal of my small home library reveals that I have several books that deal directly with the topic as noted on the cover. But I am also aware of several more that devote many pages within them to the topic of prayer in some form albeit not directly noted on the cover of the book. I am also aware than any examination of the topic can quickly devolve into a systematic discussion regarding the technical how-to's and formula follows discussed in the Scriptures and throughout the ages. It is my intention to avoid such technicalities and formulas although they cannot be complete avoided.

This examination journey to learn more about prayer may best be started here: Heart posture.

Like many of you reading this, I was born and raised in a Christian home where church attendance and involvement were givens. So from a very early age, I became comfortable with the concept of prayer and with offering prayers to God myself. As time went on, I had numerous opportunities to learn about prayer, hear prayers, read prayers and even memorize a few prayers. I was taught the mechanics/how-to's of prayer and was convinced that prayer was vitally important in the life of a Christian. After all, in its simplest form, prayer was simply talking to God. Yet nagging questions trailed behind all I had learned as I moved into my adult years. Namely, how can I pray with effectiveness and power knowing for certain that God would hear and respond to my prayer ? You see, James 5:16 had been drilled into us in the youth group I grew up in. This verse reads: **"Confess your sins to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."** James uses two words for prayer in this verse, the first being - "proseuchomai" which means to bow toward and interact with the Lord and the second being - "deesis" (from the root deomai) which means to have a deep need exchange with the Lord.

Although we drilled this verse, the applicable reality of this verse was lost on me. The first time I remember experiencing the applicable reality of this verse was in a small church in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The service my wife and I attended was wrapping up and an altar call was given as was customary in this church. Nothing new here as I have lived through untold number of altar calls in my lifetime. However, this one would be different. As the music and singing began, I quickly became riveted by the man at the piano. He was leading a song taken from Psalm 61 and I stopped singing and just simply watched and listened to him. It was apparent to me that he was captivated by the words of Psalm 61. Captivated to such a degree that it was powerful and moving to me as I experienced these few moments. This small glimpse into a deeper understanding of prayer took place almost 20 years ago and I remember it like it was yesterday.

You see, in the years since that altar call, I am fairly certain that what I experienced was the reality of James 5:16. The reality experienced that day was that effective, moving and powerful prayer, in any form, has at its core a heart of attitude of worship. The use of the word "proseuchomai" in James 5:16 relates to Jesus's use of "proskuneo" for the word 'worship' in John 4:24. "Proskuneo" in its immediate use means to pay homage to someone of worth by bowing low or laying prostrate before. You see, many of the tips, techniques, forms, formulas, acrostic models and approaches to and for prayer we learned are indeed useful in our practice and discipline of prayer. However, we must understand that whatever method we choose to employ, our prayers will only be as powerful and effective as our hearts are laid low in worshipful need before the Lord.

Jason Wood

Jason is the son of Larry & Betty Wood.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed and restored. The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].
James 5:16 AMP

This is a change from last year. If you have questions contact Pat Weimer at 765-413-3877

Ladies Soup Carry-In & Games

Thursday, February 21
@ 11:30 am
Here at the church

For more info contact Debbie Phillips 765-543-9015

What's the Story or Stories Behind Valentine Day

There are many tales about how Valentine's Day started. Four centuries before Christ, the Romans had a day called Lupercalia which took place every February 15. The festival honored Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, and Pan, the god of nature. It was an annual ritual believed to ward off evil spirits and increase fertility. Lupercalia is also known as Februatio, from which comes the month name February.

One version states that St. Valentine was a priest who served in third-century Rome, killed on February 14. 496. It is reported that Valentine secretly performed marriages when Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers. So Claudius had Valentine imprisoned. While imprisoned, Valentine reportedly fell in love with the jailer's daughter and cured her of blindness. The day before his execution, he sent a farewell message to the daughter signed "From your Valentine".

Another version is that Valentine defied Claudius by helping Christians escape the torture of the Romans. Valentine was interviewed personally by Claudius for sentencing. Claudius was impressed by Valentine and offered that if Valentine converted to paganism his life could be spared. It is said that Valentine attempted to convert Claudius to Christianity, thus earning himself the death penalty.

There is also a tradition that Valentine gave hearts made of parchment to soldiers and persecuted Christians reminding them of their vows as well as God's love.

Some have linked Valentine's Day to a celebration of the beginning of spring. The first recorded association of St. Valentine's Day with romantic love was in the 14th century in England and France, where it was believed that February 14 was the day on which birds paired off to mate. Others say that the connection between Valentine's Day and romance did not come about until the 14th Century with the English poet Chaucer's writings.

January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
20 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship Lord's Supper	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship **3p** Leadership Tm	28	29	30	31		

February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 **2-5p** Game Night
3 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship	4	5	6	7 **11:30a** WVBA Sr Luncheon @ Golden Carroll	8	9
10 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship	11	12	13	14	15 **6p** Family Valentine Dinner @ Grindstone Charlie's	16
17 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship Business Mtg	18	19	20	21 **11:30a** Ladies Soup Carry-In & Games	22	23
24 **9a** Sunday School **10a** Fellowship Time **10:45a** Worship	25	26	27	28		

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Fellowship Time– 10 am
Worship– 10:45 am

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small groups

Sunday 9:00 AM

- Adult Class– Lee Sandifur
- Women's Class– Wanda Clendenen
- Young Adults– Joe Puetz
- Grades 6-12– Joel Flowers
- Elementary– Patsy Moore
- Nursery– Vicki Sandifur & Rita Herr

Come and join us during
Fellowship Time
each Sunday
Coffee & Breakfast items
10 am -10:45 am

I Corinthians 1-2 (NIV)

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have **love**, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have **love**, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have **love**, I gain nothing. ...