

Sermon Notes

Scriptures: Ephesians 2:11-16; 2Corinthians 3:17; Romans 6:6-7; Galatians 1:13-17; Acts 4:12; 1Peter 2:6-9; and Romans 8:1-4, 12-16

The Messenger

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Loving God / Loving People

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August 4, 2024

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Eric Wiwczaroski

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Rex Deford

Scripture Reading: Chase Tichenor (Ephesians 2:11-13)

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (A New Bloodline)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

Bible Hour Today: Rachel Hewitt

Bible Hour August 11: Lavana Tichenor

Nursery Today: Kathy Hanshaw

Nursery August 11: GayLee Sutton

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Prayer Concerns

Ballard family, Tammy Burris' cousin, Reggie Ballard, passed away suddenly a week ago Friday in Celina, TN.

Jack Brown, Rachel Hewitt's uncle, did very well with his stint surgery on the 31st.

Richard Burris is not getting much relief from the root block in his spine. The next step would be surgery.

Cindy Dussia is dealing with several issues. She fell back in May resulting in multiple breaks and is still struggling to recover. Her cancer has returned and spread to her colon. She is also looking at moving to an assisted living facility to help with her care.

Moe Handy is struggling with back and sciatic nerve issues.

Lonnie Hewitt will be having an aortic ablation on the 19th.

Sonya Hewitt continues to recover from eye surgery.

Juanita Rodman has COVID and is in isolation.

Tim Scott, Cindy Strobe's brother, has squamous cell carcinoma. He is scheduled for surgery on Thursday, August 8th.

Shut-In's / Long Term Prayers

Juanita Brunner (shut-in); **Polly Burchfield** (shut-in); **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie's Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Cindy Dussia** (chemo), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's brother, bone & liver cancer), **Moe Handy** (arthritic pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer), **Marilyn Hiser** (radiation), **Ted Houchin** (leukemia); **Martin Julian** (shut-in); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (shut-in); **Terry Morgan** (Huesman's brother-in-law, radiation - bladder cancer), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Juanita Rodman** (dementia); **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, chemo - colon cancer), **Barb Surber** (shut-in); **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris' friend, breast cancer), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Don & Mary Walton** (shut-in).

Missionaries

Fiji School of Preaching (Jason & Devin Pierce family); **India** (Jerris & Juanita Bullard, Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services** (Staff & Residents)

You can find Mission Update Letters on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, August 4	Isaiah 51-54
Monday, August 5	Isaiah 55-57
Tuesday, August 6	Isaiah 58-60
Wednesday, August 7	Isaiah 61-63
Thursday, August 8	Isaiah 64-66
Friday, August 9	Jeremiah 1-4
Saturday, August 10	Jeremiah 5-8



Celebrations This Week

Birthday

6th Joel Westberry

8th Debbie Smith

10th Addison Johnson

Anniversary

None to Report



Morning Glories Ministry

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, August 10th at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join them for a time of fellowship, food, devotional and ministry planning.



Love Feast Fellowship

Our next family fellowship meal will be next Sunday, August 11th following our morning worship service. You are encouraged to bring your favorite dish and a dessert to share. Also, don't forget to invite someone to join you.

Our Sunday Evening Study next Sunday
Will be at 1pm following our fellowship

Ladies' Inspiration Day

The Metro Church of Christ would like to invite all of our women to their ladies' inspiration day on Saturday, August 17th. Registration will be from 8:45-10AM. Their program will begin at 10am. The topic for the day will be "Intentional Love, One for Another!" Speaker will be Tamica Flowers. If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Middlebrook (317) 679-1273 or by email: MIDDLE5259@gmail.com



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, August 24th at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time.

Meditation of God's Word

Jesus, the Solid Rock

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. ⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:5-6, ESV)

The historical setting of Psalm 118 has puzzled people for years. Many believe it may have been written during the rebuilding of the temple during the time of Ezra. It is believed it might have been about a feast held in celebration of the Jews' return home from Babylon. Even though we are not certain concerning the mystery surrounding its history, the opposite may be said of its prophecy. One commentator has labeled it the "Battle Hymn of the Old Testament." This psalm symbolizes the restoration of a king.

Jesus may have had this psalm on His lips when He arose to go to Gethsemane. Some scholars have even suggested that this was a hymn sung after Jesus partook of the Lord's Supper with the disciples (Matt 26:30). Psalm 118 is quoted several times throughout the New Testament. Therefore, let's examine the image of Jesus in this psalm.

Jesus is the Christ of care (Psalm 118:5-7). Regardless of what you face today, it's important to know that God cares for you. The term "distress" in vs. 5 comes from a word that means to be squeezed in a narrow, tight place and then to be set free from it. It is also used to describe a predicament where you are surrounded by enemies. But we must remember that God is with His people! (vs. 6) However, we must realize that in order to receive this blessing, the psalmist was not referring to God lining up with our ideals; rather he was suggesting that we conform to God's standard. We must align ourselves with God's way to receive His protection.

Verses 19-22 has tremendous significance because Jesus applied them to Himself. **Jesus is the Christ of salvation.** In the ancient world, the gate to a city was the entrance and exit point. But more important, it was the security of the city and the civic center. Every person entering or leaving the city had to pass through the gate. Much of the time, it was the center of legal transactions. Sometimes religious discourses were conducted there. However, the gate was also the point of vulnerability for the city wall. Moving to an application for us, the gates of righteousness symbolize our obedience and faithfulness to God. We are strengthened by allowing God's righteousness and power to reign over our lives. We see in vs. 21, the psalmist celebrated God's presence. Many people will tell you they believe in the existence of God, but struggle to sense His presence. True salvation comes by receiving the gift of eternal life by entering into a relationship with God through Jesus.

Just look at the powerful symbolism found in vs. 22, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone* (ESV). This is the stone from which everything else is built. In Matthew 21:42, when Jesus completed the parable of the tenants, He said, *"Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"* (NIV) Jesus is either our foundation for which we are built and stand, or the stone we stumble over.

Perhaps the best doxology to this psalm can be found in the famous hymn, "The Solid Rock" by Edward Mote: *"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust in the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name."*

....Ronnie Hewitt