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Pastor's Brief

The Time Is Now – Stand Firm to Your Confession of Faith

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2, KJV)

Beloved,

As always, we give Glory, Honor, and Praise to the Most High God, to His Son, Jesus the Christ, and to the Holy One, who dwells within us. We also count it a great joy and honor to serve and labor with you in the Gospel, whereas God has called all of us, and thereby, it has been revealed through the Scriptures that we will receive a "Great Reward" for our labor, which is not in vain.

In speaking of "Labor and Reward," I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you concerning your "walk of faith" – that is to say "The Time is Now – Stand firm to your Confession of Faith." Hebrews 11:6 states that "…without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Beloved, to help us all better understand the above statement and "POSTURE" that God expects of us, the Scriptures revealed that By faith the worlds were framed by the Word of God; by faith the Old Testament saints subdued kingdoms, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of swords, were made strong out of weakness, women received their dead raised to life again, others were able to endure all manner of suffering and torture, cruel mocking and scourging, imprisonment, being stoned, sawn asunder, tempted, slain, destituted, afflicted and tormented, wandered in deserts, mountains, dens, and caves, etc., and though having not received "the Promise of Reward," yet, remained strong in the faith, having obtained a good report of their faithfulness, believing what God promised He was able to perform (Hebrews 11).

In light of this, Hebrews caution us, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2, KJV).

Beloved, it must be understood that in order to receive the "Greater Reward God has promised to all believers, we must stand firm to the "Profession of the Faith in Christ Jesus" – the author and finisher of our faith. For, in Christ's Redeeming Salvation, we have received the highest degree of Grace and Mercy and the Promise of Eternal Life with Him, to them that Stand Firm to their confession.

Working Together in Christ,
Pastor and First Lady Alicia

Complaining Or Praying

Pastor Tony Evans

"[I ask] …that they may all be one." John 17:20-21

You've heard the old line about people who can't walk and chew gum at the same time. I don't know about that, but I do know there are some things that are so incompatible you can't do them at the same time. Like complaining and trying to pray, for example. Or to be more precise, it's impossible to be in disunity and yet see our prayers answered. That's clear in a number of places throughout the Bible.

Take a look at 1 Timothy 2:8, and you'll see that the environment for prayer is the absence of "wrath and dissension." When the church prays, it must be done in a spirit of unity rather than division and strife. Unity is a precursor to God's will being activated in your life.

Now we know that unity in the body of Christ is God's will because Jesus prayed for it Himself. No group of people can accomplish much until they are agreed on what they're trying to accomplish.

But prayer is not just a matter of getting people together. There's a divine element involved. God only operates in a context of oneness.

That's why Satan works so hard to keep believers from getting along. When we're at odds with one another, we aren't likely to even pray together, much less expect those prayers to get God excited.

The same principle operates at home. 1 Peter 3 states it so plainly that you can't miss it. If a husband and wife are divided, their prayers are hindered. And when a couple's prayers are hindered, the devil has the key to that family's front door. So he'll work overtime to keep strife brewing in a home in any of the relationships in the family.

In his no-nonsense style, the Apostle James gives us another angle on this thing of strife and prayer. Not only do we argue about stuff, but after we argue, we still don't get what we want (James 4).

In some cases, it's because we should have prayed for it instead of arguing about it. But in other cases (James 4:3), we don't get it because God isn't about to give it to us so we can waste it on ourselves. You can't argue and pray at the same time; you need to decide which it's going to be.



Be a Light

Mary Ann Jameson

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9 THINGS I NEVER STOP PRAYING OVER MY FAMILY

Submitted by Dr. Barbara Smith
Author Unknown

1. Their protection, wherever they are.
2. Their health, in body and mind.
3. Peace in our home and between us.
4. Wisdom for the decisions they have to make.
5. Provision for everything they genuinely need.
6. Good people around them, and wisdom to recognize the wrong ones.
7. Grace to forgive each other and stay connected.
8. Strength for the battles they do not always tell me about.
9. That God will always keep His hand over our family.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Submitted by Mother Veronica Smith,
Sunday School Superintendent

Quarter at a Glance

Unit 1: Living with God's Power

The lives of God's people reflect a paradox-a contradiction of terms. The apostle Peter describes believers as "exiles" highlighting our spiritual status as that of outsiders living in a foreign land. Although we may encounter rejection, alienation, and even persecution, we can endure with a "living hope" because of the promised inheritance that awaits. This living hope arises from the assurance of "God with us"; that is, God is present with us through the incarnation of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25; Lesson 3).

Unit 2: Power to Endure

The study of 1 Peter continues into the second unit, which focuses on the behavior of God's holy people. Peter addresses godly living among various groups, including slaves (1 Peter 2:18-21, Lesson 5). The apostle continues by addressing the qualities of a transformed spiritual life. Peter urges believers to demonstrate deep love in anticipation of Christ's return.

Unit 3: Living in Perilous Times

Second Peter, along with 1, 2, and 3 John and Jude, serve as an ancient commentary on living faithfully in dangerous times. There are threats in the world all around us and within ourselves; however, God has provided "precious promises," enabling us to walk in him without stumbling (2 Peter 1:3-11, Lesson 10). God desires that his people remain in his truth and experience prosperity. However, believers should not measure this wealth by earthly standards but by God's standards of love and hospitality (2 John 4-6; 3 John 2-6; Lesson 12).

The quarter concludes by studying one of the most overlooked texts in Scripture. Jude's letter encourages believers to defend God's Word and to live in God's love. By doing this, we will strengthen ourselves in the "most holy faith" (Jude 20, Lesson 13.

Standard Lesson Commentary
Quarter at a Glance
December 2027 through February 2027

Bible Quiz

Mr. & Mrs.

Please match the husbands to their wives for better or worse!

A- Abraham	1- Jezebel
B- Ahab	2 - Eve
C- Adam	3- Hannah
D- Elimelech	4- Sarah
E- Elkanah	5- Naomi
F- Samson	6- Rachel
G- Uriah	7- Zipporah
H- Zacharias	8- Priscilla
I- Jacob	9- Delilah
J- Moses	10- Bathsheba
K- Boaz	11- Ruth
L- Aquila	12- Elizabeth

Answers: A-4; B-1; C-2; D-5; E-3; F-9; G-10; H-12; I-6; J-7; K-11;L-8

Happy Birthday to You!!

December

3 - Sis. Ann Crosby
4 -Bro. Kevin Bobbitt
8 - Eldress Frances Harvey
11- First Lady Alicia Jones
27- Dr. Barbara Smith

January

1 - Sis. Mamie Batts
6 - Bro. Johnny Hart
13 - Bro. Reubin "Butch" McNeill
14 - Deacon Willie Murphy
21 - Sis. Annie Cameron

February

8 - Bro. Everette Crosby
11 - Sis. Shirley Smith
25 - Sis. Joan Lewis

"12 Ways To Be A Blessing To Your Church"

Kate McVeigh Submitted by Dr. Barbara A Smith

1. Do Not Ask What Your Church Can Do for You, but What You Can Do for Your Church
2. Pray Daily for Your Pastor
3. Bless Your Pastor on Special Occasions
4. Get Involved in the Helps Ministry
5. Follow Through With Commitments
6. Submit With Style and Always Smile
7. Recognize the Trap of Familiarity
8. Overcome Offenses
9. Speak Faith-Filled Words (Over Your Church) (Note: Ways 1-9 in previous newsletters.)



10. **Invite People to Church**

Sometimes we overlook this easy way of reaching people. For many years I invited my brother John to church. He always said no, but I kept extending the invitation to him over and over again. One day when I was out of town, he went to church by himself and gave his life to the Lord!

Maybe you've never won someone to the Lord- but if you bring someone to church and he answers the altar call, you won him! Inviting people to church is a great way to be a soul-winner. It's a non-intimidating way to witness.

When dealing with people who don't know the Lord, sometimes you have to win them over first by blessing them or doing something that will make their heart receptive. Be generous. Believe God for ways to draw people.

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A Life Worth Living

Thomas Casalenuovo, Jr.

Cherish each day
And have love in your heart.
Stay positive and focused
And believe in what you start.
Stay away from the negative
And the bad that tends to show.
Learn from mistakes
And keep your health as you grow.
Smile whenever you can
And be nice to those you meet each day.
Be a good neighbor and friend
And be thankful in every way.

Dates To Remember

December 8th CFA Conference Post Session

December 25th Christmas Day

December 26th-31st Kwanza

January 1, 2027 New Year's Day

January 1-31st Proclaimed Month of Fasting

January 17th M. L. King Program @ CFA

January 22nd Quarterly Conference

January 24th Holy Communion

January 29th Joy Night

February 5th Annual Tabernacle Day

February 14th Newsletter Items Due

Want to know God's will?

Submitted by Dr. Barbara Smith

The only way to know God's will is by getting to know Him. It's through drawing near to God that His guidance becomes evident. There isn't one correct way to do that, but there are steps we can take that will help.

Seek God through prayer: Think about a close friend. If you've known them for a while, you know what they like and dislike. The closer you are to someone, the more you understand them. The same goes for our relationship with God. Knowing God's will comes from having honest conversations with Him. That's why we need to get into the habit of talking to Him regularly, about everything.

Search the Scriptures: God's will for your life will never contradict what is written in Scripture. So as you get to know God through prayer, familiarize yourself with His Word. The more you study the Bible, the more your desires will begin to reflect God's will. And when this happens, you can confidently ask God anything- and He will hear you.

Listen to the Holy Spirit: Listening for the Holy Spirit often requires silencing the noise around you. When you get rid of distractions and stop fixating on fear, you start to notice God's peaceful presence in your present circumstances. So, as you pray and search the Scriptures, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you, and allow God to silence any distractions.

Look for confirmations from wise people: Consider inviting people who are further ahead in their faith journey to be your "wise counsel." Ask them to seek God's will for your life with you. This step must be done alongside the previous ones. Seeking wise advice should confirm what you sense God is already telling you to do- it should not take the place of talking directly to God.

You may not always get it right, but the more you try to understand God's will, the easier it becomes. When your desires align with God's desires, He can trust you to do what is right. Applying these steps will help you, but discovering God's will is a lifelong commitment that requires seeking God every day.

Taken from YouVersion Bible App

Works of the Flesh vs The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:19-26

Submitted by Mother Lois Murphy

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lascivious, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, revelling and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

If you desire to be a Christian, these are things you must avoid and keep the others.



HAPPENINGS





The Feed-A-Family Ministry shows gratitude for a successful fundraiser to purchase an industrial size freezer for the food bank. Thanks to the ZW members,the community, family and friends far and near!



Dr. Morris Godwin and First Free Will the guest for ZW's 123rd Anniversary



Pastor Appreciation Month-Elder Joseph Crosby, Pastor Jerry Jones and Eldress Frances Harvey



Deacon James Smith speaks at the Annual Conference's Veteran Recognition Program

Bible Wordsearch

Peter the Rock

Wordsearch 270 — Matt 16:17-28

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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