



The Weekly Bulletin of the Summit Church of Christ

We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

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GOD IS ATTENTIVE TO OUR PRAYER

if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place-II Chronicles 7:14-15

Reading news about the daily increase in COVID-19 cases, the decline of the stock market, and the growing list of things that are closed quickly leads to discouragement. It is easy to be overwhelmed by the flood of bad news. Scriptures like II Chronicles 7:14 remind us that it is God who can heal our land from the virus plague we are living through. We might begin to feel that we must cry out loudly to God for his deliverance, make great sacrifices of time and money, that we must somehow convince him to listen to our pleas for relief. Constant, fervent prayer is certainly powerful, but it is not the volume of our cries that moves God. Verse 15 says God is attentive to our prayer. He is looking in our direction with his hand cupped around his ear waiting to hear from us. He is ready to hear and then act to give us victory in this situation.

I find great comfort in the knowledge that God is carefully listening for my prayer to him. He will do the right thing, always. And, as he does the right thing, he has me on his mind. He is working all things for the good of those who love him. In the midst of struggle, it is enough to know that God is listening and will sustain me. Take a moment today to share any fear or anxiety about Corona Virus or anything else with your loving Father.



Tom, for the elders

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FIX YOUR EYES
ON JESUS
2020



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*

Sunday 10am Bible Study
Sunday 11am Worship
Sun. 1pm Worship: 1st Sun. of Month
Sun. 6pm Worship: Except 1st Sun.
Wednesday 7pm Bible Study

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From Neville's Desk...

THE BLESSINGS OF THE BLIGHT

How can anything good come from a plague? One moment the first Christian family were happily meeting in large groups in Jerusalem, the next they were fleeing for their lives and meeting in small homes.

But nothing could stop these Christians. Instead of shrinking back into nothing, they took over the world. They very soon found out that there was nothing as contagious as the Word of God. Instead of holding this great gift for the world in neat little buildings God dispersed it throughout the world.

I imagine every dispersed family had a story to tell. And I don't think these stories were pretty. Relational conflict can be directly tied to the

amount of transitions we are going through. Transitional stresses like work insecurity, troubling adolescents, recent birth, midlife crises, recent death, retirement, sickness, and aging parents. And sometimes attitudes start to stink. Commitments move from solid to conflict or closed; information exchange moves from excellent to poor; self-disclosure moves from good to absent; criticism from low to very high; credibility from high to low; and members of a cooped up home can start to feel very lonely.

But Christians find a way back by strengthening their relationships with God. They learn to let go of the bad and to focus on the good. Friend, let the accusations of Satan shrink to nothing by focusing on God's Word so that it may expand: Colossians 3:15 (ESV) — 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.



CIRCUMSTANCES THAT DO NOT DEFINE US

By Andrew Ellis

How would we describe the circumstances we are currently facing? Our circumstances can affect our attitudes. During times of uncertainty, how do we react? Are we overwhelmed with fear and uncertainty or are we able to maintain a positive perspective? What do we do in difficult times?

No matter what we should not allow circumstances to take over us and define who we are. Who do we ask for help? God can help us through any situation. We are told to cast our cares on God.

1 Peter 5:6-7 says, *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."*

No matter our circumstances we need to consider others who are going through tough times. This is an opportunity to reach out and help others through difficult circumstances. Having a perspective to serve should be a priority. How can we help others in tough times? **Ephesians 4:31** says, *"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice."*

Others are always going through difficult circumstances. Having perspective allows us to recognize opportunities to help others. Reaching out can make a difference. Sometimes a phone call, text message or email could make a difference. We need to build up people around us. **1 Thessalonians 5:11** says, *"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."*

No matter the problems we face, others are facing problems as well. While we work through our own circumstances let us not forget about others who are struggling.



HELP FEED LOCAL STUDENTS

Jeannette Maxey is collecting non-perishable food items for needy families in Campbell County. This includes any easy to fix items that would either be snack food, or heat and eat (canned ravioli/chicken/tuna, mandarin orange cups, mac-n-cheese, canned vegetables, granola bars, etc.) Donations can be dropped off at the church (weekday mornings or Sundays at 10-10:45am). Please contact Jeannette for more information.

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure you let the church office or one of the Elders know if you have a new phone number and/or email address. We want to make sure everyone is receiving the church messages.

SUMMIT SERVANTS CALL TO SERVICE

Last week we put out a call for our congregation to "adopt" a shut-in, **elderly, widow, etc. and commit to checking on them weekly.** We're happy to report that all our names were adopted! Please continue to make those quick calls and make sure your adoptee is okay. If we can help them, let us know. If you happened to get a phone number that isn't working and we were unable to find another number, feel free to call any name in the directory. If you need help finding a name/contact we can help, just ask! Thank you everyone for taking the time to care for our most vulnerable treasures during this time.

SERMON NOTES:

KEEPING YOUR HEAD

MATTHEW 14:1-2

1. A HEADLESS LIFE FIGHTS G_____, MT.14:1-5
2. A HEADLESS LIFE MAKES PARTY P_____, MT.14:6-7
3. A HEADLESS LIFE LEADS TO PLATTER P_____, MT.14:8-12



Summit's Prayer List

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!

Amanda Robinson's grandfather Not doing well in the rehab facility; Amanda is meeting with his doctors again
Barry Johnson Home recovering from a liver transplant; getting stronger each day
Clara Downard Home from rehab; doing better
Clay Brown (Sharon Hammer's nephew) He is a cardiology resident in DC doing telemedicine calls now, but shortly will be moving to ICU
Dan McNeese Home recovering from a mini-stroke; doing well
Dana Fuller In rehab at Highland Springs for a couple more weeks
Dave Hammer, Jr. (Sharon's son) Scan show the cancer has not grown, new meds are working, more scans in 3 months
Eileen Bennington (Candice's grandma) Cancer has returned; seeing a surgeon this week
Lucy Steyn (Douwene's mom) Hospice care; family cannot see her
Polly Drapp Health struggles
Cancer

- Bev Raleigh (finished chemo; waiting to have surgery)
- Brad Haskins (Kate Sloan's friend)
- Christy Tucker (Amanda Robinson's friend)
- Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) (chemo continues)
- Jan Geiman (Sheryl's cousin) (cancer is back after remission)
- Maci Teegarden (Janie's great-granddaughter)

- Melissa Bredwell (Renuka's friend)
- Tylene Clark (Sheryl Herald's cousin)
- Vickie Steffen (Jeff Brown's sister)

Long-term Needs

- Danny Stamper-many health struggles
- Hadlee (family member of Rosy Gray)-needs a heart transplant
- Joey Adams-still in need of a suitable group home
- June Pugh (former Summit member) In-home hospice
- Stephanie Gilliam (Mike Hein's friend)-liver failure

Shut-In Members

- Clara Downard
- Dana Fuller
- Shirley Holt

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 8 active students & 3 active teachers

Ongoing Requests:

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission
 Neville Buchanan-counseling work
 For our country and our leaders
 For our members to grow in the Word
 Our Community's lost souls
 Summit's planning efforts for the future
 Summit Family-greater love for one another
 Summit's Deacons-encouragement in service

