



## From Neville's Desk...

### FEAR OR FAITH

I have stepped away from many bone chilling events in my life. The kind where your blood turns ice-cold in your veins. Whether it was a bomb going off, a lion roaring a few feet from my face, or an elephant or rhino charging – these scary events do leave permanent imprints on the psyche.

Some people find it possible to regain their composure, but others get stuck. It all depends on your outlook. Do you look at life pessimistically or optimistically? In other words, do you look at life with fear or faith?

Imagine David walking out to deal with Goliath. How would you grade his outlook? Was he filled with negative fear or positive faith? Let us assume for a moment that he was filled with pessimism. His focus would have been on all the things the enemy wanted him to focus on: Goliath's size; reputation; words; etc. But, because David was optimistically faith filled, we read: This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head... (1 Sam.17:46).

Satan's job is to divert our focus from our Savior. Remember, whatever you focus on will expand. If we are focusing on fear filled media, (if it bleeds it leads), then we will eventually become incapacitated.

Imagine Jonathan talking to his armor bearer. I am curious to know if God will allow the two of us to defeat all of them. The actual text reads: 1 Samuel 14:6 (ESV) — 6 Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few." Again, how would you grade his outlook? Was he filled with negative fear or positive faith?

Imagine for a second that you are laying in a hospital bed, struggling to breathe, with a Covid-19 diagnosis. What will be your focus? Next to my bed, and constantly on my mind would be the promises of God. I would wear them out. I would not take my mind off them, even for a second. Here are a few scriptures I would be focusing on:

Matthew 11:28–29 (ESV) — 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Romans 8:37–39 (ESV) — 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



### WHAT IS STOPPING US?

by Andrew Ellis

Do we look back on events of our past and wish we could have done something differently? What causes us to feel regret? Regret can be burdensome. It is something we never want to experience, but we have or will at some point. I am sure most of us want to live our lives to the fullest. No matter what journey we are on we have an opportunity to change the course of direction when needed. We can choose where we are going. We see regret mentioned by Paul in 2 Corinthians 7:9-10. It says,

***"As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into***

***repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death."***

How do we feel about ourselves in our faith? Do we read God's Word daily? Do we go to God in prayer daily? If the answer is yes, then continue this every day. If not, what is stopping us from making this change? What is holding us back from change? As we go through our daily lives, we should not have any regret about our faith. We should live the life we are called to live. We need to embrace the opportunities we have. Each of us has different talents. We should use them to the fullest. What is stopping us?



## FOOD PANTRY

If you need food, or know of anyone who does, please do not hesitate to let us know by reaching out to one of the elders or the church office.

## CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00

YTD AVG - \$4,613.13

Over/Under: **-\$3,088.00**

Mar 22, 2020-\$2,715.00

Mar 29, 2020-\$3,125.00

Apr 05, 2020-\$3,830.00

Apr 12, 2020-\$2,580.00

## SERMON NOTES:

### TO SURVIVE THIS STORM

#### MATTHEW 14:22-33 (ESV)

1. IMMEDIATELY HEAR HIS P\_\_\_\_\_
2. IMMEDIATELY ACT ON HIS I\_\_\_\_\_
3. IMMEDIATELY ACCEPT HIS O\_\_\_\_\_

## MEMORY SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Matthew 14:27 ESV <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."



## Summit's Prayer List

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

Bev Raleigh They were unable to complete an esophagus reconstruction, lymph node biopsies will be back in about a week.

Eileen Bennington (Candice's grandma) Cancer has returned; outpatient surgery to remove the tumor when surgeries resume

Franklin Church of Christ (Franklin, KY) 6 members with COVID-19; 1 passed away; 1 remains hospitalized; 4 are recovering at home

Furloughed workers Those who have lost their jobs and are waiting for unemployment money

Gaye Hickey (Helen's sister-in-law) Rheumatoid arthritis; recovering from surgery to repair a broken ankle

Lucy Steyn (Douwene's mom) Hospice care; family cannot see her

Maci (Janie's great-granddaughter) Last chemo is on 5/8; pray for her to finish treatments without a feeding tube or other setbacks

Marilyn Moore (Michelle's mom) Health problems; more tests are being scheduled soon

Richard Weber (Jenny's uncle) Heart function hasn't improved much after last week's placement of stents

Sarah Webster Her teaching position has been eliminated for next year; had an interview on 4/15 with another school district

### Cancer

- Christy Tucker (Amanda Robinson's friend) Chemo continues; she has to go alone for treatments
- Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) Chemo continues
- Dave Hammer, Jr (Sharon's son) New cancer med is working
- Jan Geiman (Sheryl's cousin) Cancer is back after remission
- Tylene Clark (Sheryl Herald's cousin) Restarted chemo
- Vickie Steffen (Jeff Brown's sister) Finished chemo; scan soon to determine next steps in treatment)

### Long-term Needs

- Abby Onst (Sharon Hammer's niece) RN in a Senior Care Facility
- Barry Johnson-Recovering from a liver transplant
- Brad Haskins (Kate Sloan's friend) Lymphoma
- Clay Brown (Sharon Hammer's nephew) Cardiology resident working on COVID-19 research
- Danny Stamper-Many health struggles
- Hadlee (family member of Rosy Gray) Needs a heart transplant
- Joey Adams-In need of a suitable group home
- June Pugh (former Summit member) In-home hospice
- Stephanie Gilliam (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure
- Vickie Council (Billie Rogers' friend) Cyst on her spine

### Shut-In Members

- Clara Downard
- Dana Fuller
- Shirley Holt

### World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 11 active students & 4 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

Summit's Elders-wisdom & love for the flock

Summit's Seniors-faithfulness & mentoring

