



The Weekly Bulletin of the Summit Church of Christ

# We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

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# JAM1

Christ Came, Died, was Buried, Resurrected, & will Return Sunday 11am Worship Sun. 6pm Zoom Bible Study Wed. 7pm Zoom Bible Study

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# **BOLD PRAYERS**

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesian 3:20-21

As I sit down to write this article, the day of prayer and fasting for Dan, Ken, their families, and all those in the extended Summit family who might become ill in the weeks ahead is in motion. We are calling out to God with boldness and great faith to heal our family. During my time of prayer, I reflected on this scripture as a reminder of who I am talking to as I pray.

#### ABLE

God is perfectly capable of answering the prayers of his saints. The one who created the world, redeemed the world, and will take out of the world his saved people has no lack of ability to do wonderful things.

# FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY

What limit is there on what God will do with his limitless power? It would seem that his power is often applied in proportion to our asking. Are we bold enough to ask God to act beyond what a reasonable person might ask? Are we too concerned that God might not come through for us to ask for what we really believe is needed?

# AT WORK WITHIN US

The power of God is transformative in the outward actions he takes to answer our prayers, but even more in the shaping of the hearts and wills of those who are praying. May God bring many souls to himself as he answers our prayers.

# GLORY TO GOD THROUGHOUT GENERATIONS

The answers to our prayers today produce glorious results that echo through generations to come. God's action today sets events in motion that will build in their effect throughout the generations. We are not praying for a favor today. We are praying that almighty, timeless God will bless beyond what we will ever see.

God could conclude the days of history in order to take his saints to heaven where

everything can be set right. But, for now he has chosen to involve his saints in the process of redeeming the time. He loves us so much that he is sharing his power and his purpose with us. Let's not let the world down by praying safe prayers. Let's bring the fullness of God's power into the lives of this generation through our prayers of faith.



Tom, for the elders



# From Neville's Desk...

# **HOLIDAY MEMORIES**

How can we celebrate when our community is reeling from the effects of a global pandemic? And when we have family and church members who are deathly ill or who have died?

This is not the first time God's people are asking these questions.

We have asked this question from exile: Psalm 137 (ESV) — 1 By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. 3 For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" 4 How shall we sing the

question from the heavenly part of the His Kingdom: Revelation 6:9–10 (ESV) — 10 They cried out with a

And the martyrs have asked that

LORD's song in a foreign land?

loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy

and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

And Mary must have asked that question as she walked in labor to a barn to deliver her "mistake" (Lk.2:7). Her embarrassed family where not there to support her. And her husband was doing her a huge favor by not divorcing her. After all, she was carrying another's child.

Yet, friend, you know how that story turned out. Look past your circumstances. Choose to focus instead on the warmth and beauty of the celebrated Christ.

# GLORIFY GOD WITH OUR GIFTS Robert Murphy

As we approach the holiday season, gifts are constantly on our minds (even if they are not, advertisements will remind you of this obligation). I would like to talk about gifts, not ones wrapped in a box, but the ones God has given to each of us. God has endowed each of us with a gift in order to serve his people (1 Pet 4:10a). In the New Testament, many gifts were miraculous, and people could speak in tongues, heal miraculously, and prophesy to the congregation. While these miraculous gifts have faded among Christians, we still have gifts from God that are just as important, and we can each use our talents for his glory.

# CHOICES, EFFORT, AND COMPANY THAT MOLD US Andrew Ellis

One of my favorite holiday traditions is putting up a Christmas tree. Since I started living on my own, putting up a Christmas tree is different. I am the one who decides what goes on the tree. The type of ornaments and other decorations that go on the tree is my choice. In essence, the Christmas tree in my home is designed based on what I choose. The quality of my tree will be from the choices I make as well as the effort I put into it.

A Christmas tree is similar to our lives. While each of us is different, we make choices for ourselves. Like a Christmas tree where each of us decides the decorations, we decipher what we put into our lives. We choose the actions we take. We determine the effort we put into what we do. We determine who we spend time with regularly. Ultimately, we make choices that shape our lives.

However, some of you may think that you are too imperfect, and your gifts are not important enough to be used by God for his service. But Scripture reveals to us that God can use almost any gift to his glory. When Israel was being oppressed by the Midianites, God raised up Ehud to deliver them. The Bible tells us that Ehud's gift was that he was left -handed (or ambidextrous), and this made him perfectly qualified for God's task – assassinating king Eglon. My challenge to you is threefold: First, reflect on your gifts and your skill sets. Second, ask God to help you use these gifts to his glory. Finally, *take action*. Without this last step, you will be like the wicked servant who hid his master's talent instead of using it to glorify his master (Luke 19:11–27).

The better the choices we make, then we have a better opportunity to live a good life. Sometimes, bad decisions could affect us. That is why the people we spend time with and the choices we make are so impactful. In the book of Proverbs, King Solomon refers to the importance of making good choices, the effect of our effort as well as the impact the people we are around can have on us. Proverbs 13:4 says, "The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied." Proverbs 13:20 says, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." If we look further on, Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

We may not be able to control certain variables in our lives, but we can control our choices, effort, and who we spend our time with regularly. A lesson learned from a holiday tradition.

# News, Notes & Announcements...

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#### CHRISTMAS CARD FILE BOX

If you are planning to send out Christmas cards to other members, just place them in the hanging file marked with the family name. The box is located on the counter in the foyer. No postage necessary. Cards can be dropped off on Sunday or weekday mornings. Sunday, December 20th is the last day the card box will be available. The ladies will deliver any cards not picked up.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

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# SUNDAY AM SERMON:

THE HOLY SPIRIT ARRIVES
ACTS 2:1-13

1. THE A	ARE WAITING IN UNITY, ACTS 2:1	
2. The anticipated H_	S	_ ARRIVES, ACTS 2:2-4
3. THE C	REACTION, ACTS 2:5-13	

# **BIBLES TO SIGN**

Please stop by the counter in the foyer and write a word of encouragement for those recently baptized.

# CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00 YTD AVG - \$4,397.14
Over/Under: -\$20,117.25
Nov 08, 2020-\$5,360.00 Nov 22, 2020-\$3,675.00 Nov 29, 2020-\$4,518.00



# Summit's Prayer List

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

Dan McNeese Hospitalized with COVID, in ICU on a ventilator Ken Carter Tested positive for COVID

Lucy Steyn (Douwene's mom) Diagnosed with COVID Sally Pape (Renee's mom) Shingles and memory loss Cancer

- · Bev (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer
- Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) Tumor is shrinking.
- Dave Hammer, Jr (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable.
- Mike White (former elder at Summit) Prostate cancer.
- Sean Timmerding (Sheryl Herald's friend) Brain tumor is stable.
- Shellee Jenkins (Melissa Denham's cousin) Recent mastectomy.
- Tylene Clark (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancerous mass. <u>COVID - Healthcare Workers/First Responders</u>
- Aaron & Katelyn Adams (Sandy Adams' son & daughter-in-law)
- Abby Onst (Sharon Hammer's niece)
- Adam Fuller
- Alicia Nelson (Billie Rogers' granddaughter)
- Amanda Robinson
- Candy Proctor
- Clay Brown (Sharon Hammer's nephew)
- Dustin & Kristin Menetrey
- Jenna Painter
- Josh Herald
- Julia Menetrey
- Kate Sloan
- Kelly Downey (Deb Martin's daughter)
- Laura Staskey
- Lori Bell (Nancy Carnes' daughter)

- Mary Moore
- Megan Lee (Michelle Dischar's daughter)
- Romeo & Mariville Dumlao
- Samantha Pearson
- Tracy Menetrey
- Vincent Dumalo

# Long-term Needs

- · Ashley Holland-pray for her unborn baby's health
- Clara Proctor (Kyle & Steve's grandma) Hospice care
- Daniel Skinner (Amanda Robinson's brother) Drug rehab
- Joey Adams-needs a suitable group home
- Julie Skinner (Amanda Robinson's mom) Caring for her parents who have dementia
- Kerri Herald-pray for her to be able to be as independent as possible
- Mandy (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- Peggy Holt-recovering from a stroke
- Shellee Jenkins (Melissa Denham's cousin) Recovering from a mastectomy
- **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure <a href="Shut-In Members">Shut-In Members</a>
- · Clara Downard, Dana Fuller, and Shirley Holt

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 7 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