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From Where I Sit . . .

“STORMS PURIFY OUR FAITH”

As I sit here on my screen-in-porch and watch as the rain falls outside, I am reminded of how often we equate storms with periods of discouragement and failure. We often look at the raging storms and think about all the difficulties we have faced in life. Sometimes we want to question God on why these storms of life are necessary. How many times have we worked so hard and labored so hard for something only to come up short for one reason or another? How many times have we begun something new with all the excitement in the world only to allow the storms of life to discourage us? So many times we get caught up in the painful emotions of these storms that we do not see the good that comes out of them. Much like the rain storm that I am watching, we can get caught up in the terror of the storm that we cannot see the good that comes from it.

God uses the storms of life to help us grow in character, in strength and in purity of faith. Listen to the words of **Zechariah 13: 9**, “[9] *I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, ‘This is My people’; And each one will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’*” God uses these life circumstances to test our faith and to purify our faith. God uses Paul to give us this plain message, **I Corinthians 3: 13 - 15**, “[13] *each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. [14] If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. [15] If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*” Without being tested we would not know if we have a true faith. We would not know how strong our faith truly is. We would not have any idea what we need to do to make our faith stronger. There has never been a more trying time in our country than the Civil War. It placed brother against brother and ideal against ideal. After his defeat in the battle of Gettysburg, General Lee wrote the following words to Jefferson Davis, “We must expect reverses, even defeats. They are sent to teach us wisdom and prudence, to call forth greater energies and to prevent our falling into greater disasters.” God uses the storms of our life to purify, to strengthen our faith so we will not face the great disaster of being lost eternally.

There is only one great failure; the separation from God. This is why God had Paul pen these words in **Romans 8: 35 - 38**, “[35] *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? [36] As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ [37] Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. [38] For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” Storms of life are there to strengthen our resolve, to make us wiser, to purify our faith, and to make sure we cling more closely to Him. God does this so we will never have to face the greatest failure.

... Randy Brown



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Mark Hastings, son of Joyce Hastings and preacher at Alder Springs Church of Christ, had a procedure today, Wednesday, August 16th to repair a hole in his heart at Crestwood in Huntsville. Please keep Mark and his family in your prayers. 1690 Fire Tower Road, Grant, 35747.

Jill Russell will have surgery at Crestwood on Wednesday, August 16th for an abcess in her colon. She also has a severe UTI and diverticulitis. Please keep Jill in your prayers.

Russell Walker, friend of Marty and Holly Cobb, has been diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Brad French, the father to Chuck and Cindy Davis' granddaughters, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please pray for him and his family. Cards of encouragement would be appreciated for their granddaughters, Isabella Davis and Alley French. 2506 Countrywood Lane, Edmond, OK 73012.

Lana Jones, granddaughter of Doyle and Cathy Lemaster, received good news from her cardiologist about the aneurysm in her neck. She will continue to follow up with her doctors. Please keep her in your prayers.

Richard Lemaster, son of Doyle and Cathy Lemaster, has a blood clotting syndrome. Prayers are appreciated.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Larry Laney

Mattie DuBose

Alex Baird

Bob Petty

Gary Poole

Ellen Brown

Linda Nickell

Joan Little

Gerald Helton

Tammy McGuire

Bob Rice

Chanda Dunaway

Joe Manning

Mike Thomas, friend of many at Broad Street.

Hudson Colwell, grandson of Martha Pendley, 2509 Co. Rd. 209, Bridgeport, 35740.

Chuck Smothers, brother-in-law of Nell Stewart and member at Crestview Church of Christ in Boaz, 615 Preston Ave., Albertville, AL 35950.

Clarence Potter, 3034 Dupree Dr. SW., Huntsville, AL 35801.

Jay Fullum, close friend of Ted and Libby Crona, 39 McCulloch Ave., Revena, NY 12143.

Buster Phillips, friend to many in the congregation.

Melanie Lanier, daughter of Ron Graham.

Hillary Broome, Terry's brother, 2151 Alexander Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

Nettie Murrah, Tracy Brumley's mother.

Pam Devenport, Scott Grant's mother, 93 Lorelei Dr., Fayetteville, OH 45118.

Viola Manning, aunt of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen

Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

Lyndal Brumley, daughter-in-law of Jo Reed & Tracy.

Shep Knight, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy-Reserve

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps

Noah Linville, US Navy Academy

Caleb Baker, US Navy

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Cloverdale Manor	Rosewood Manor	Southern Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd. Scottsboro, 35768	1513 Co. Park Rd. Scottsboro, 35769 Jaxie Hargrave Debra Kime Dot Bean	212 E. Stewart Rd. Scottsboro, 35769

Nellie Spring 1950 Bob Jones Rd., 35769

Elsie Goodman 2010 Cunningham St., 35769

Martha Nan Baker 701 Monroe St., NW, Russellville, 35653

Nell Anderson 121 Brookridge Dr., Apt. 148, Madison, 35758

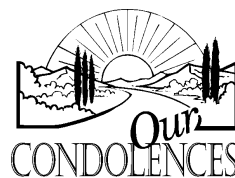
Ruth Spurgeon 8922 AL 227, Crossville, AL 35962

Mark Little County Road 245 Box 788, AL 35768

Calendar of Upcoming Events—

- Aug 20 – Rosewood Singing @ 1 PM
 - Elders and Deacons Snack Appreciation by the Junior Leaders @ 3:30 PM in MPR
 - Elders and Deacons meeting @ 4:30 PM

<i>One Measure Of Our Love</i>	Wed. Bible Study..... 161 Sunday Bible Study..... 143 Sun. A.M. Worship..... 224 Sun. Night Worship..... 134 Contribution..... \$8,892.27 Budget..... \$8,147.00
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Broad Street expresses our condolences to Doyle and Cathy Lemaster and family for the passing of Doyle's brother, David Lemaster. David passed away on Wednesday, August 2nd.



- Aug 20 - Rosewood Singing @ 1 PM
- Youth Devo and dessert after evening services @ Trey and Erica Russell's home, bring lawn chairs
- Aug 23 - Youth Dinner @ 5:30 PM, Stewarts and Epps Hosting
- Aug 26 - SWAT Youth Rally @ Meridianville at 3:30 PM to 8 PM, sign up on bulletin board, more info on bulletin board, let Josh know if you need a ride, church van will leave at 2:00 PM
- Sept 17 - Lads to Leaders kickoff
- Sept 22-24 - Youth Family Fall Retreat @ Camp Toknowhim in Pisgah, AL



All Youth and KFC families are invited to the Fall Youth Family Retreat on September 22-24 at Camp Toknowhim in Pisgah, AL. This is event is for the whole family. We will have separate small group activities and lessons for

the Youth and KFC kids, as well as activities together. Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please see Josh or Wendy Baird if you have any questions.

Sign up sheet for CYC (February 23-25, 2024) is posted on the bulletin board between the two foyers. Broad Street would like to get one large cabin for all attending this year. We will need to book a cabin soon for us to do this. Please see Mark Price or Josh Baird for questions.



PUPPET PROGRAM - August 20, 2023

- Narrator - Preston Dover
- Teachers - Roger, Misti, Cynthia
- Puppets - John Hollis, Joseph, Nina, Jacob, Cheyenne, Traci


Bring Christ Your Broken Life

When I visited Ukraine several years ago, I was impressed how beautiful everyone looked on the street and in the community. Men were wearing their finest suits and polished shoes, and women were wearing their most beautiful dresses, designer heels, and name-brand accessories. When I asked one of my Ukrainian companions about their wealth and how everyone looked so stylish, he mentioned to me, "It's all a show. These people have only a few sticks of furniture in their houses and are all very poor. They want to give the impression that they are wealthy but these are probably the only clothes that a lot of them own." It seemed very strange to me that a people would go to such lengths to show themselves so strong and put-together but in their private lives be living in poverty.

Why is it that many in the church behave that way? It is so easy to act like there is absolutely nothing wrong in our lives, and we display our "Sunday-Best" with our "Sunday-Morning Smile" so everyone can see how put together we are. Yet, if someone were to probe just a little deeper than "how are you this morning?" or "how's your week?" they would often find people broken by sin, holding back tears, and forcing a smile. Even deeper, it might be that they're afraid to be looked down upon if any of these weaknesses were made known – even within the church. What happens when the "abundant life" is not so abundant? Do we just pretend?

We often sing the song, "Bring Christ Your Broken Life." The church that our Lord purchased with His own blood is a place where we bring our Master Potter the pieces and He puts us back together to be useful in His service (Jer. 18:1-6). The church is a place where we bring the Great Physician our scars, cuts, bruises, and brokenness and He begins to heal us (c.f. Luke 5:31-32). The church is a place where the spiritually sick come to get help. Why would we think that it's not ok to need help or to ask for help from others (James 5:16)? God can do so much with a broken life-it's when our lives look like they're put together that we need to watch out (1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Cor. 12:9-10)!

Andy Baker
Graeber Road church of Christ
Rosenberg, TX



ELDERS & DEACONS APPRECIATION

Please join the Junior Leaders class (2nd - 5th Grade) in honoring our Elders and Deacons at Broad Street on Sunday, August 20th in the MPR @ 3:30 PM with a Snack Appreciation Reception. Please bring a finger food or dessert to share.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the calls, texts, and prayers during my recent surgery. We are so blessed to have such a loving family.
Gary and Jo Poole

ELDERS

DAVID PRECISE 256-574-3790 PAT RUSSELL 256-259-0800
BRAD WILHELM 256-244-0561

DEACONS

Josh Baird Rick Baird Jo Reed Brumley
David Dover Joel Gardner Nick Ledbetter
Joe Manning Roger Myers Nelson Page
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Scott Roberts William Underwood Russell Wilhelm

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP. Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY. Sunday 9:00 A.M.
and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
LADIES BIBLE CLASS. Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

Those to Serve. . .

SUNDAY, August 20, 2023

Announcements: Trey Russell

Song Leader: Winfred Russell

Prayer: John A. Porch

Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: David Crawford

1W- Wesley Stewart 1E- Roger Myers
2W- Zane Stewart 2E- John Hollis Myers
3W- Tim Allen 3E- Dana Lyons
4W- Abram Stewart 4E- Russell Wilhelm
5W- Max Stewart 5E- Doug Tucker

6- Patton Russell

7W- Kaden Price 7E- Peyton Lyons

Speaker: Randy Brown

Closing Prayer: Bill Price

Ushers: Kaden Price & Peyton Lyons

P.M. SERVICE:

Song Leader: Mark Price

Scripture: Major Ledbetter

Prayer: Robin Shelton

Speaker: Randy Brown

Lord's Supper: Tim Allen & Russell Wilhelm

Closing Prayer: Ted Crona

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: August 23, 2023

Scripture: Grady Gattis

Song Leader: Kenneth Beard

Prayer: Will Shelton

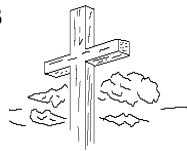
CONTACT ELDER: Pat Russell

OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

Russell Wilhelm

If you are unable to serve, please call:

Dave Precise 256-599-6668



**Requires
First Class
Stamp Here**

*The Word of God (the Bible) never changes.
If you go to worship to hear something other
than His Word,
You have gone for the wrong reason.
If you hear something other,
You are at the wrong place.*

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Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!