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Welcome back, Pastor Kathy!

Pastor Kathy was eager to return and was in the pulpit on August 30th. Cake was served in the fellowship hall following the service to welcome her back!



Join us for Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

September 6

Sermon: "Extravagant Grace" Matthew 18:12-20
Elder of the Day: Capie Woodhams
Liturgist: Ladd Drummond

September 13

Sermon: "Seventy Times Seven" Mathew 18:21-35
Elder of the Day: Capie Woodhams
Liturgist: Carolyn Johnson

September 20

Sermon: "On the Road" Matthew 20: 1-16
Elder of the Day: Lindy Hudson
Liturgist: Lu Ann Christian

September 27

Sermon: "Risky Business". Luke 16: 1-13
Elder of the Day: Lindy Hudson
Liturgist: Carolyn Johnson

Please consider signing up to be the liturgist or offer the Assurance of Pardon!

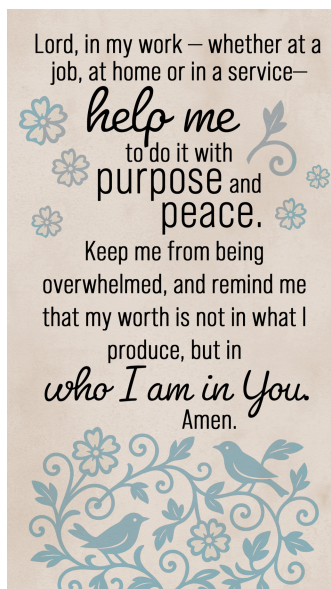
Special Days in September

Labor Day. September 7

Patriot Day. September 11

National Grandparents Day. September 13

First Day of Autumn. September 22



Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m.

We are starting a new study showing God's plan of Redemption through the Covenants of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David of the Old Testament. Come join us!!

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Member Corner



Birthdays

09 Donna Meadows
13 Katherine Albarracin
13 Hayley Grooms
16 Bryce Drummond
18 Gloria Bute
21 Linda Priest
22 Ashley Drummond
27 Capie Woodhams
27 Nathan Williams
27 Andrew Willians
30 Madeline (Drummond)McCullough



When you pray for others, you're engaging in intercession—joining Jesus in His heavenly ministry and cooperating with His ongoing work of intercession. This practice holds genuine power to reshape someone's life.[1]

Spiritual Foundation and Growth

Pray for spiritual wisdom and revelation, asking that people's hearts be enlightened to understand their calling, God's inheritance, and His power working through them. (Eph 1:15–23) Intercede for spiritual strength—that they be strengthened through God's Spirit in their inner being, rooted in love, and able to grasp the dimensions of Christ's love. (Eph 3:14–21) Ask that they be filled with knowledge of God's will, live worthily of the Lord, bear fruit in good deeds, and increase in their understanding of God. (Col 1:9–14)

Character and Maturity

Pray that their love increases with knowledge and discernment, enabling them to live with sincerity and integrity. (Phil 1:9–11) Intercede for their hearts to be

Anniversaries

Justin & Madeline McCullough, 9-6-2023
Ladd & Ree Drummond, 9-21-1996.
Steve & Ann Teget, 9-27-1996
Brady and Lonnie Jones. 9-30-1988



established in holiness and blamelessness. (1 Thess 3:11–13) Ask God to sanctify them completely—spirit, soul, and body—keeping them blameless. (1 Thess 5:23–24)

Relational and Emotional Well-being

Pray that God fills them with joy and peace, enabling them to abound in hope through the Holy Spirit's power. (Rom 15:13) Ask for encouragement and strengthening in every good work and word. (2 Thess 2:16–17) Intercede for unity and harmony in their relationships with others. (Rom 15:5–6)

Practical Approach

Let the Holy Spirit guide your intercession—when you sense a burden to pray, continue until it lifts, but if you sense you shouldn't pray about something, trust God and don't force it.[1] Try imagining yourself in their situation to be creative in what and how you pray.[2] Listen for the Spirit's quiet nudges—a sudden thought, mental picture, or name can all be the Spirit's leading to pray.[2]

[1] Joyce Meyer, *The Power of Simple Prayer: How to Talk with God about Everything* (New York, NY: FaithWords, 2007).

[2] Martin Manser and Mike Beaumont, *Handbook of Bible Prayers* (Manser and Beaumont, 2020), 406.

Members' Corner

Brother & Sister Survive Hiking together! Our brave James Allen and Lindy Hudson In Lindy's words:

We arrived in Geneva on Thursday. Took a transport to Chamonix, France on Friday. Walked all over Chamonix. Lots of people. Saturday, JR and I hiked up past Chamonix trying to get breathing regulated. We met with our group Saturday evening for dinner. Jeffrey from LA, Ashley from NYC, King from Baltimore and Irene, our guide from France. We did an "out and back" on Sunday.

Monday the group started for Les Houches hiking to Les Contamines Montjoie, France. Tuesday started with a hike to Bourg Maurice. There was a beautiful little chapel of Notre Dame de la Gorge. Wednesday on to Courmayeur, Italy. At the top was a small stone marker. One side said France, the other Italy. On either side were old bunkers from WWII. Thursday was a hike to Mont de la Same to Refugios then back to Courmayeur for a second night. Friday was a hike to Champex, Switzerland. There was a beautiful little lake in Champex. Saturday was back to Chamonix and a final dinner as a group.

JR and I spent another night in Chamonix (Saturday). Sunday morning we went to mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church. It was all done in French but we understood the ritual of mass so we could follow along. Didn't understand a word of the message. We left Chamonix on Monday-then back to Geneva. We flew home on Tuesday. (by Lindy)

These brave souls faithfully trained for this hiking event. I'm not sure the word 'Vacation' is adequate. They walked almost everywhere they went, and could often be seen with backpacks.

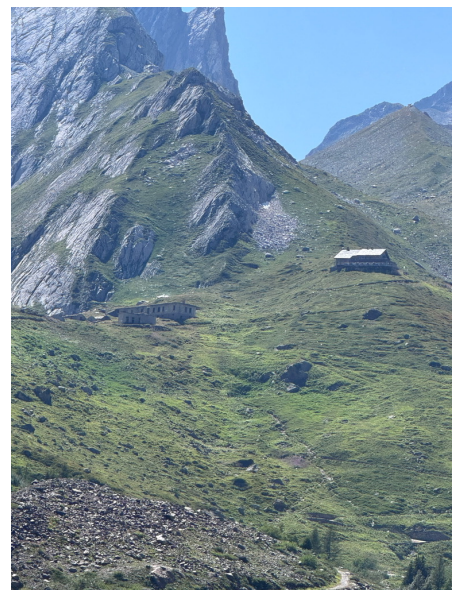
I have to say I admire their persistence and self-discipline to train and actually go through with this!

Definitely not everyone could or would do this!



I'm sure the challenge began just trying to get to the starting point, as they had flights to catch, and various airports to navigate. Such fun!

I asked what they learned from their trip. Lindy's immediate reply was that she learned how much she didn't like mountains. I was surprised. She said you can't really see any scenery when you are climbing since your focus is right in front of your face. Also, going up is bad, but coming down is worse. Just scary. She has not signed up to go again. I asked if she had considered a move to the Panhandle. Still, I think she can check this off her 'bucket list'.



Bible Nuggets

“Therefore, let us approach with confidence to the throne of grace, in order that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

I love this Scripture. I also will admit that every time I hear it, my mind jumps to Queen Esther.

Esther desperately needed to speak with the king, but there was a law in the land that applied to every man and woman who approached the king in the inner courtyard who had not been summoned- the death penalty. Only if the king extended his scepter would the person live. Esther hadn't seen the king lately, and now it was a matter of the survival of all Jews that she see him.

Taking the risk wasn't an easy decision. It literally meant that she was risking her life. She had to be talked into it by realizing that one way or another, she would risk everything.

Once she made her decision, she asked all Jews in the kingdom to fast and pray for three days and nights. Queen Esther and her servants did the same. After that, she would go to the king, and if she perished, she perished.

Speaking of perishing, remember that the High Priest in the Temple could only go behind the veil once a year after much preparation to enter. There was no going in boldly or confidently. He also had a rope connected to his leg, and if the bells on his robe quit jingling, they would know he died and could pull him out. It was risky business to come into the presence of God.

Hebrews 4:14-16 emphasizes Jesus as the great high priest who understands human weaknesses, encouraging believers to approach God's throne with confidence to receive mercy and grace in times of need.

In checking the culture, I found something to add to my understanding. It doesn't change everything, but adds a layer of understanding.

In the time and place of the writer of Hebrews, a person's social standing identified what he could or couldn't do. There were many who were slaves. A slave had no status. A slave had to live as they were expected to live, and quietly.

Adam Wilbur, in his FaithLabz Video titled “The Wild Verse Hiding inside Hebrews 4:16 takes listeners back to the Greek word and its understanding of what we translate as Confidence.

The word is *Parresia*. It actually is about speaking. It isn't about an emotion.

In the Greek world, *Parresia* was about a person standing up in front of an assembly and saying what he thought, all of it, even if he knew people might not like what he said. That privilege wasn't available to everyone. Free people had *Parresia*, but slaves did not. A slave could not stand in the public square and say the things that

might be costly, that might be risky. A slave did not have the standing to speak his mind and say all of what he would have liked to say. If you read Hebrews 4:16 with this idea in mind, you see that the writer isn't asking about the emotion of confidence, but telling him which category he was in, You are in the free category that gets to say the whole thing.

If you use YouTube, you can check out his video here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQ83tiibzmo&t=1203s>