

MONDAY 10.27.25 - Luke 1:46-50

‘Mary’s song’ is a famous praise song in the Scriptures. It is beautiful, especially in the rhythmic cadence of the King James. Music has been written and songs sung about it. Music adds to the beauty of the words and the emotion exalts. The effect is felt even as the words are said and the verses read. Read it silently and appreciate the meaning. Read it aloud and feel the meaning even more deeply. Do it in whatever version you like.

Mary, as Jews for two thousand years, had been anticipating the coming of the Messiah. Now He is coming, now He is here. There, her, hopes are realized. The door to the “other world” is opened and Mary sees that faith is, indeed, a door or window into the other side. The result of God sharing that wonderful news, that Messiah lives and will live in our hearts, and that faith opens a window for us, is praise to Him who reigns on high!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 10.28.25 - 1 Peter 1:3-4

Last year, my brother and I settled our parent’s estate and received an inheritance. As I was reading 1 Peter 1:3-4, I was reminded of the **inheritance** that is reserved for me and every believer in heaven. It is **perfect** and will **never deteriorate**... just waiting for me in eternity! In contrast to my parent’s inheritance, all the things they left us are **perishable** and will **not go** with us to heaven!

We needed to go to the lawyer’s office to receive our inheritance from our parents. Today’s passage tells us we need to go to God to receive His mercy and our heavenly inheritance. Simply put, all you need to do is trust Jesus as your Savior. As much as I am grateful for my parent’s inheritance to me, I am more excited to receive the “*priceless*” inheritance God has for me in Heaven!!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 10.29.25 - Romans 1:16-17

Justification (or righteousness) is a legal term. It means to pronounce a favorable verdict. To justify means to declare that a person is in a right standing with God. It doesn’t mean to make a person righteous. So, how does God declare that a person is right in His sight? It’s by faith. A person must trust in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of their sins. In verse 17, Paul quotes the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk (2:4). In doing so, Paul shows that becoming right with God has always been by faith—not by works.

Are you right with God? If not, you can be. Simply place your faith in Jesus—plus nothing else—for the forgiveness of your sins, and God will give you eternal life. This is good news! That’s why Paul wasn’t ashamed to proclaim it—and neither should we.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 10.30.25 - Isaiah 52:7

If you are a born-again Christian, you are a messenger carrying good news to those around you. The good news that our God reigns and that Jesus has conquered sin and death on our behalf is the message we should have ready to share. Every one of us has a “mission field”. Whether you are a student, a professional, a parent or a neighbor, there is someone in your life who needs to hear your good news. Getting that person to listen to you begins with your actions, not your words. If you genuinely love your neighbor who doesn’t yet know Jesus as his savior, take every opportunity to show them compassion and kindness. I have neighbors that God has placed in my life, that I pray for daily, and look for ways to show them the love of Christ. They are my “mission field”. Who is yours?

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FRIDAY 10.31.25 - Psalm 96:3

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

Jesus’ last command was for us to go and make disciples. Disciple simply means a follower of. The first step in following Christ is to know Him as your savior, and how will they know if we/you are unwilling to tell them? If your response to that question is, “I am not comfortable in doing that”. Well, perhaps that is something you need to work on. As with most things in life, the more often you do it the more comfortable you will become with it. Don’t get me wrong, telling others about Christ is not easy, but it is necessary, and Christ has made it your responsibility. Think about the people in your life who need to come to Christ. Think about how you might share Christ with them. Ask God for wisdom and courage. Then go do it and count on God for the results. Remember, it is not about you, it is about Him.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR RELECTION

E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

Kids CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level

Youth E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

Adults **FALL QUARTER** – Sunday Mornings at 9:40

LOCATION: B8-10 – Lane Kemler- began Sept. 7th.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE: Numbers & Deuteronomy

Recount how the nation of Israel wandered in the wilderness for four decades and how God taught them to be His people as they approached the promised land.

LOCATION: B11 – Dave Delcamp – begins Oct. 26th.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE:

How to Handle Life's Interruptions

Life does not always go as expected. Interruptions are going to happen, but how do we respond when they do? In this study, we look at different types of interruptions with the goal of developing a Christ-centered attitude when those interruptions come our way.

Nov. 2 – Bible & Missions Conference - Missionary Panel (FAC)

Please note-Regularly scheduled E2 classes will be canceled this day.

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

Kids MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level

Youth YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

Adults LOCATION: Worship Center

LADIES FALL STUDY - DARING JOY - by Nicole Zasowski

Began Oct. 2nd at 9am - Rm B8-10 – 7-week study. (No class on 10/9)

Experience God's heart for your joy. Led by Chris Knepley.

WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY - REVIVE US - by Robby Gallaty

Began Oct. 1st at 6:30pm - Rm. B8-10. Begin with a clear definition of revival. Spread revival to your church & community. Led by Barry Wills.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

Ephesians 1:3-6 *Blessings For The Body (Part 1)*

While under house arrest in Rome, Paul writes a letter to the Ephesian Church in AD 60—about five years after he left Ephesus.

Why did Paul write this letter? To promote ...

- _____
- _____

The Book of Ephesians is about the Church—the Body of Christ. In chapters 1-3, Paul presents The Riches of the Church. In chapters 4-6, Paul presents The Responsibilities of the Church.

What are these spiritual blessings—these spiritual benefits—these spiritual riches that God has given to the Body of Christ? Paul reveals the first three riches in verses 4-5.

1. God decided that the Body of Christ would possess _____ and _____

When God sees the Church, He sees the Body of Christ as He does His Son. So, Paul is not talking about our practice. Rather, he is talking about our position—our standing in Christ (cf. 5:25-27).

2. God determined that the Body of Christ would possess _____

It describes a father declaring that his natural-born son is now officially a mature adult with all the rights and privileges of the household. As a member of the Body of Christ, God does not treat you like a little child. Rather, He treats you like as an adult son—capable of creating a beautiful life and reflecting His glory!

What is the goal of all this? God's _____ (cf. vv. 6, 12, 14)

Application

- Toward God—_____
- Toward Others—_____ and _____

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



October 27 – October 31

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

On Sunday, October 26th, we heard the message “Blessings for the Body”, part 1, with Pastor Doug Lyon. On Sunday, November 2nd, Dr. Charlie Dyer, Professor-at-Large, Moody Bible Institute, will share at our Bible & Missions Conference during all Services.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever
Hebrews 13:8