

MONDAY 2.10.25 - Matthew 6:13

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

I visit with people who are struggling. Maybe they, or a loved one, are sick and life seems short. Maybe they have a wayward son or daughter. Maybe there is more month than there is money. When events seem out of control there is one thing that seems to bring comfort and peace like nothing else. That is knowing that God loves you and is not out of control. Coming to the place where you say "God I do not understand why you have allowed this to come into my life, but I know you love me and are in control. I put the situation into your hands." "Your will be done".

How about you? Are there things in your life that you need to give to God and say Lord I don't understand but I am giving it to you. "Your will be done." I pray that you will do that, and in so doing you will experience God's peace as you never have before.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 2.11.25 - 1 Corinthians 10:13

During one of the storms that flooded our community I had a neighbor who chose to ignore evacuation orders, staying in his home to ride out the coming flood. As the waters rose, surrounding his home, he called out to the authorities to be rescued, but it was too late for any truck or boat to reach him. Thankfully, a National Guard helicopter arrived just in time to rescue him as his home washed away. Had my neighbor heeded that first directive so much worry and life-threatening danger could have been avoided. Temptation is like those flood waters, dangerous and quickly overwhelming. We all face it, but thankfully God is always with us. He never leaves us to face the storms of temptation alone. He is ALWAYS faithful to provide for us a route to safety. We are so much better off if we do our part by obeying His first directive.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 2.12.25 - John 17:20-26

"I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me, and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:20-21)

In His prayer for believers, Jesus doesn't pray for uniformity of practice or unanimity of thinking or union between all religious organizations. What He does pray for is unity—a oneness which only the Holy Spirit can bring about, and that can't be gained through committee or consensus. It can only be achieved through faith in, and love for, Jesus. Unity prevails whenever there is a deep and genuine experience of Christ. Paul of Tarsus, Luther of Germany, Wesley of England, and Moody of America would find unity even though they are widely separated by time, space, nationality, education, and denominational connections.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 2.13.25-2 Chronicles 30:12

Unity is a special bond that people need. People desire to belong to something larger than themselves. While we can, of our own accord, join a Scouting organization, a ball club, a civic club or even a church, this verse speaks of something deeper. The King sent word to all the Israelites to come and worship at a designated time "because they could not perform it earlier." That does not sound particularly special. But in verse 12, we learn that the Spirit of God commanded the King to organize the worship time.

And as to who felt compelled to attend, the 'hand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to' attend.

What God joins together, man cannot separate. Jesus prayed that He would be one with the Father and that we should be one with Him. The spiritual unity that comes by the Spirit and belonging to God is so special that nothing in this world compares.

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FRIDAY 2.14.25 - Psalm 133:1-3

David here uses vivid imagery calling attention to the beauty of God's people dwelling in unity. It is sweet-smelling evidence of their calling and sanctification. It is a refreshing and renewing unity.

It is interesting that David calls unity of God's people "good and pleasant." There are things in life that are good, but not pleasant, such as we experience in major surgery which, we know, will be good for us in the end but difficult. Then there are things that are pleasant, but surely not for our good! The world would woo us into all sorts of pleasures that, God's Word tells us, are destructive! But unity is good AND pleasant!

Note, also, that David is exhorting readers to "Behold!" Unity should be evident to God's people AND it should be seen by those outside! What a witness to the world of God's love in us!!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

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** **SPRING QUARTER** - begins March 2nd.
LOCATION: B8-10 - Lane Kemler- begins March 2nd.
EXPLORE THE BIBLE - 1,2 Peter & Jude - These books were written primarily to address suffering caused by persecution and to combat false teachings.
LOCATION: B11 - Dave Delcamp - begins March 2nd.
BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE - part 1
All Signs Point to Jesus - The Gospel of John points to many signs that highlight who Jesus is, and as we look at these signs you will be drawn to a renewed awe and worship of Jesus Christ.
LOCATION: B1&2 - Chris Domenico - Begins March 2nd.
EVERYDAY EVANGELISM
Pursuing Hearts, Not Arguments - This six-week study will equip you with practical, effective ways to share the gospel. The way to do that is by engaging others with love, respect, and truth.

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
CANCELED ON SUNDAY, 2/9
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
CANCELED ON SUNDAY, 2/9
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center

WINTER E2 SMALL GROUPS

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: Join us for 11 weeks of food, fellowship, and Bible Study! Titled End Times & Spiritual Warfare. Began January 15th; meal at 6:00pm and Study begins at 7:00pm.

REVELATION - WOMENS STUDY: Join us for a 10-week Women's Bible Study following Jen Wilkin's book, "*Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom*". In this study you will become confident, assured, and inspired by the teachings in Revelation. Thursday Mornings at 9:00am in room B8-B10 Starting February 20th.

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

John 17:6-19 Jesus Prays For The Apostles

Twelve times in verses 6-19, Jesus mentions the "world." By world, Jesus does not mean the physical planet that we call earth. Rather, it is a reference to the system in the world that is opposed to God. The requests made by Jesus revolve around the believer's relationship to the world. The believer is ...

1. _____ The World (17:6-8)
2. _____ The World (17:9-11)
3. _____ The World (17:12-14)
4. _____ The World (17:18)

Jesus prays for the believer's ...

- P _____ (John 17:15 cf. 8:44, Rev. 12:9)
- P _____ (John 17:17 cf. James 1:22)

Application

The antidote to the lies of Satan is the truth of Scripture. So, a believer needs to be soaked and saturated in the Word of God. How do you do that?

- R _____ the Word (Joshua 1:8a)
- R _____ on the Word (Joshua 1:8b)
- R _____ to the Word (Joshua 1:8c)

"The Bible was not given for our information, but for our transformation." ~ D. L. Moody

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



February 10 - February 14

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:

Monday's and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message from, February 9th "Jesus Prays for the Apostles", with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on February 16th, "Jesus Prays for You", with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12