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PASTOR'S CORNER - "REDIRECTING OUR EMOTIONS"

PASTOR RUSTY MOSLEY

“Why so down cast, O my soul?!” ...asks the Psalmist. God wants His people to know that it is very often, maybe daily, that we allow our emotions to dictate our lives, usually without being aware of it. This is always the case, even during times of relative societal stability. Life is always hard. As Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble.” However, it seems and feels so much more pertinent right now in our chaotic world, especially with the terrible COVID distancing which is so painful to endure! We were not meant to be alone or separate from each other.

Let me encourage us all, with God's help, to consider our need to bear down even harder in our effort to rely on God by considering the following practical suggestions. Often, we unconsciously let ourselves become a product of how our subconscious has been reacting recently to the difficult circumstances of our practical life. We FEEL the negative reactions we've been experiencing subconsciously, in reaction to the specific details encountered over the last day or two, in the various areas of our life. We feel it subconsciously, but we don't stop to think about it. We just move on, with our day.

What we do NOT feel, is how the truths of the Bible should be making us feel! ...such as the truth that God is taking care of us right now. (John 10:28) ...or that He is so in love with us, right now! (John 15:9; Zephaniah 3:17) ...or that He is working all things for our good, to those who love Him! (Romans 8:28) These are the things that should be dictating our feelings! (Philippians

4:4) With His help we can and need to keep proactively leaning more heavily on these truths than we do on our fears from our circumstances. However, we keep forgetting and leaning more on our circumstances. This results in us experiencing what ever our latest circumstances TELL us to feel.

Well, God has news for us! That is not how He wants us to live. Far from it. Hallelujah! He wants us to live daily, even moment by moment, (as Psalm 42 coaches us) by actively redirecting our feelings away from our circumstances (along with the devil's whisperings about those circumstances), and to redirect them instead toward the truths of the Bible.Jesus rose from the grave! (Matthew 28:9) ...God, our adoring Father, has adopted us and is crazy in love with us! (Galatians 4:5)



Let us, today and every day, be people who live proactively FEELING the glorious truths which God has promised to us. Let us be animated by the truth, motivated by the truth, and comforted by the truth. Jesus has overcome the world for us! (John 16:33b) He loves us dearly and is guiding our lives today. So, let us rejoice! Amen. ■

ON-LINE WORSHIP CONTINUING

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Our Session just met a few weeks ago and decided that we should probably wait at least another month before attempting to return to gathered worship. However, we did decide to begin assembling a small team of members to plan how and when to implement a process to safely

regather for Sunday worship. Dr. Steve McNabb has volunteered to be on this team and we look forward to the exciting but challenging task this team will have in leading us as a church in this effort.

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Jul 26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1
2 9:30am Sunday School via Zoom 10:30am Online Worship	3 9:30am Sunday School via Zoom 10:30am Online Worship	4 7:00pm Study on Revelation via Zoom	5 5:30pm Mission and Evangelism Meeting	6 12:00pm Diaconate via Zoom	7	8
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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

John Davis, chair of the Congregational Care Committee, presented gifts to the first responders in our congregation. This small gathering was to show our love and support to those who serve in the police department: Jeff Sackhoff and Monte Matthews, and the fire department: Luke Williamson. Those honored were blessed to have family members attending this ceremony as well. Our church family thanks you for your service to our communities. God bless you!



GRACE GARDENS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

As promised, Grace Gardens will have its own Facebook Page by mid-August. Contact Debbie McConkie if you'd like to submit something to the page after it is up and running. Thank you for your support and patience.



MISSION AND EVANGELISM

- ◆ Do you have something near and dear to your heart? Is there a group that you would like to see our church reach out and help? If you have any ideas of projects that we can support in the city of Conway or in Faulkner County, drop a note in our project idea box. We would love to hear your ideas!
- ◆ Be sure to look for our new church banner coming soon. Rusty, Casee, Josh and Ken Hunter are hard at work on the new design.
- ◆ The Conway Ministry Center has slowly started opening their doors again. A couple of things already in motion are meals for the homeless and counseling at the center. They are still in need of donations so if you would like to contribute, **place your donations in the two tote bins located in the hallway at church**, contact Ken Hunter or call the church for information. **Items can be dropped off Wednesday or Friday from 8:30-2:30.**

CURRENT ACTIVITIES AT GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ◇ If you would like more information about the Mission and Evangelism Team activities or if you would like to join the team, please contact Ken Hunter or call the church for more information.
- ◇ Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Ministry Center Storehouse Client Choice Pantry. It continues to operate each Thursday despite having to make modifications due to the Coronavirus situation. **If you would like to help, you can place your donations in the two tote bins located in the hallway at church**, contact Ken Hunter or call the church for information. **Items can be dropped off Wednesday or Friday from 8:30-2:30.**
- ◇ We also have a week night **study of the Apostle John's book of Revelation**. Look for an email invitation at 6:45 p.m. each Tuesday. Click on the link in the email and it will pull up the Zoom meeting on your computer or device.
- ◇ Starting this Sunday, **Aug. 9** we will offer a **new Sunday school class** taught by Eloise Stowe. It will last approximately four weeks and will cover the end of times and compare Reformed Theology and Dispensational Theology. There is some material that you can either download by going to <https://thehighway.com/covenant-vs-dispensational.html>. Also, there will be copies of this material available in the box at the front door of the church beginning later in the day on Thursday April 6th.

A NOTE FROM THE BROWN'S

We are grateful for the love, food, calls, cards and drop by since Jean's illness. Still not diagnosed. Great Church Family!
- Charlie and Jean

BIRTHDAYS:

8/11 - Joe Pruett, 8/19 - Lyle Rupert; 8/22 - Rodney Rice; 8/24 - Bernice Chapin; 8/27 - Sue Dablock; 8/28 - Tibor Beczo; 8/31 - Hannah Williamson

CURRENT PRAYER LIST AS OF (8/1/2020):

Don Adams, friend of Joe and Sue Dablock; Jean Brown; Bill Conner; Charlie Rose Cullum, friend of Annette Sackhoff; Leslie Cummings, niece of Jane Hawk has breast cancer; Bo Denton; Lavon Dunn; Paul Ellis, son of Herman and Betty Ellis; Harold Fultz, cousin of Annette Sackhoff; Nancy Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Betty & Fred Knight, friends of Pedersen family; Maddie Kittler's dad (for safety as nurse at UAMS in ER); Martha Lierley; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Netta Seifert, friend of Joe and Adele Pruett; Randle Tomlinson, micro pacemaker; Ken Upham not doing well, pray for their family; Jeff and Jenny Whitehead, friend of Joe and Sue Dablock.

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