

OVERCOMING SATAN'S HINDRANCES

This is the title of chapter 3 of the small group study, *Encounters with God*, in 1 & 2 Thessalonians by the Blackaby's. You may have already completed this study, but it is a good reminder that will encourage our efforts to serve the Risen Savior. They tell the story this way; and I quote:

"I think the devil's work is about **pressing**" a woman shared with her friend over tea. "Pressing?" her friend asked.

He **presses** us with too many obligations and time commitments and responsibilities – and we call it **pressure, or stress**. And then he **depresses** us with too much sorrow and anxiety. He tries to **impress** us with temptations and evil thoughts. He **oppresses** us with burdens that seem too heavy to carry. He **compresses** our vision for the world by getting us totally preoccupied with emergencies so that we get tunnel vision and focus only on the urgent and not the important. And all the while, he tries to **suppress** every effort to share the gospel with others. **Press, Press, Press.**"

"So what do we do?" her friend asked.

"Press back." she said.

"But how?" her friend asked.

"I give him a good dousing of Jesus." she said.

"How on earth do you do that?" her friend asked.

"First, I tell the Lord in a loud voice exactly how much I want Him to destroy the devil – and I get pretty graphic in describing ways I want Jesus to beat up on him. And then, I put on my loud praise voice, telling anyone and anything in earshot how great and glorious a Lord I serve. I give loud thanksgiving for what I believe Jesus is doing and is going to do. And, you know, I find that the devil gives up pretty quick. The old devil might have hindering power, but I have hallelujah power."

May our praise and thanksgiving for the God we serve strengthen our resolve to be a soldier of the cross and weaken Satan's desire to hinder us and lessen our resolve to be faithful.

~Randy Fagg



FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (7-14-19)	\$ 10,950.00
Year to Date Requirements	\$ 403,315.36
Year to Date Receipts	\$ 443,136.31



"BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY"

It is important that all students feel confident and ready for the first day of school! We have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students and their families in Anderson School District 2 by partnering with others in collecting needed school supplies to be given out on August 9. There is a materials list in your Sunday School box as well as a teacher's wish list. As a church we are asking each Sunday School Class to collect supplies that are on the list or give money to support this effort. All your contributions will go directly to the area that you designate. Please have your supplies in by Thursday, August 8th.

SUMMER AT FIRST

Please join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** every Sunday in July following worship. Enjoy cookies and lemonade while visiting with friends.

Our **Summer Sermon Series** for July is entitled *Living in God's Amazing Grace*.

Again this July, we will acknowledge the heat of summer with **No Tie July!!**



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 21

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:55 a.m.

Worship Service

Monday, July 22

7:00 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Study/Youth Building

Wednesday, July 24

11:00 a.m.

Children's Summer Explorers

Thursday, July 25

11:00 a.m.

Sunday School @ The Maples/Norman Smith

Friday, July 26

Children leave for Look Up Lodge

JULY/AUGUST YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Wednesday night Bible study starts July 31 and will meet through August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the youth building. Snacks and drinks will be served.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday School classes are reminded that their teacher assignments for next year must be given to Randy Fagg before August 4, 2019. It will soon be time to prepare the 2019-2020 Leadership Report.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER EXPLORERS

How to study the Bible: Poetry

On July 24 the Children's Summer Explorers will come to the FLC and learn how to study biblical poetry by looking at Psalm 66. We will walk to the Hortons' at noon to eat and swim. Lunch is provided. Please pick your child up from the Hortons' (502 Brown Avenue) at 2:00 p.m.

MEN'S ROUNDTABLE BIBLE STUDY

On Monday nights in August there will be *Men's Roundtable Bible Study* in the Youth Building at 6:30 p.m. for men of all ages. Dinner will be provided.

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

JULY 21, 2019

Worship Service T. Dale Lynch
Living in God's Amazing Grace Sermon Series
Grace to Let Go
Romans 12:1-2

Offertory Prayer Patrick O'Dell
Counting Committee Mandy Gravina, Gale Pruitt
& Tammy Moon

Usher & Safety Team Jeremy Stone, Chuck Strickland
Joey Lance & Chris Rogers
Audio Visual Dan Harvel & Greg Tysl

Deacon Greeters for July 21, 2019

Greg Tysl Scott Jones
Jeremy Sauceman Harold McDowell

Deacon Offertory Team for July 21, 2019

Patrick O'Dell Harold McDowell
Jay Blake Joseph Brice

Extended Session for Sunday, July 21, 2019

Nursery: Karen Carwile & Harrienne Lynch
2's & 3's: Mike & Mykael Bibb
4's & 5's: Ashley Burriss & Kennedy Cobb
Ext. Session Coordinator: Jennifer Rogers (934-5862)

Children's Sermon: Katie Williamson

THANK YOU NOTES

Our FBC family received two thank you notes recently. A letter came from Calvary Home for Children thanking our congregation for their generosity and support of the children in residence there. We also received a card of thanks from Charles and Cecile Bannister. Please stop by the information board next to the office to see these and other items of interest.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Austin and Rebecca Finley on the arrival of a baby girl on July 16, 2019. Kathleen Elaine Finley (Kate) arrived weighing 9 lbs. and 6 oz. The proud grandparents are Doug & Robin Finley. Best wishes to all of the family on this joyous occasion!

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LADIES GETAWAY OPPORTUNITY

Becoming 2019 is a girls weekend designed to encourage and inspire women to become more creative and purposeful in all things heart and home. The atmosphere is casual; come as you are, connect, and have fun. The desire is to return home refreshed and inspired. Breakout sessions include: Home Décor, Simple Hospitality, Photography (**Led by our own AMBER TYSL**), Gardening, Floral Arrangements, easy meal planning/freezer cooking (learn instant pot), de-cluttering and organization, and many others topics. This year's event will take place July 26-28 at the Lake Junaluska Retreat Center. Tickets and accommodation info can be found on thebecomingconf.wordpress.com, or you can contact Amber Tysl for more details. Her cell # is 556-9021. This event will bring together a number a talented speakers and bloggers, all who are passionate in their areas of expertise. *Becoming 2019* will breathe life and give purpose to your everyday moments.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16-24 Alaskan Mission Trip
July 24 (Wed) Summer Explorers 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
July 26-29 Look-Up Lodge
August 30 (Fri) Feed the Bears at BHP



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Remember to pray for
Our Alaska Mission Team!