



"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4 (NIV)

(My thoughts expressed here are expanded from my August 19, 2020 midweek letter). Jesus said that in this world we would have trouble. Perhaps we think that life would be more enjoyable if we did not have any troubles or trials. In fact, we probably have been in prayer today asking God to deliver us from the trials and troubles that we are facing. COVID, political unrest, health concerns, financial hardships, broken relationships, uncertain times, and challenges at work or school can cause fear, doubts, depression, and anxiety. But we are not alone! Greater is He who is in us, than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4)!

Thanks be to God that he is with us through these trials, imparting his peace (John 14:27) and giving us his strength, healing, and wisdom. If we search the scriptures, we will also find that God is the Master of turning all things into good for those who love him (Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28). James declares that followers of Christ should welcome these trials because they test our faith and develop perseverance which leads to maturity in our goal of Christ-likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18).

If God is with us, and is working all things for good for those who love him, and uses all trials for the goal of maturing us and completing us, then how is God using this season in your life? Are you trusting him more than your trials? Has your response to these times been met with perseverance? Christlike maturity? Unwavering faith and trust in the Lord?

Perhaps this "pressing time" has revealed areas in need of more Christlikeness. The wonder of having a relationship with Christ is that we can confess our weaknesses and failings to Him and find his strength (2 Corinthians 12:9), forgiveness (1 John 1:9), peace (John 14:27) wisdom (James 1:5) and the help (Joshua 1:9, Psalm 46:1) and strength that we need to press onward.

May we all, with God's help, move through this season and into the next with our hearts, minds, and eyes on Christ. Nothing is wasted, He has what we need, and He will bring us through!

My best in Christ, PC



Fusion September Newsletter

Galatians 2:20

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

School has begun for everyone whether it be in person, homeschool, cyber, or a combination! We are exceedingly proud of all of the students, teachers and parents/caregivers for how you have graciously tackled this year. Yes, graciously tackled, because it required careful thoughtfulness AND bold confident action! We serve a God who has and is doing some incredible things, and the 2020/2021 school year will be no different because of the One who is in control.

As I sit here and write this, I can't help but think of my daughter when she was first learning how to cook eggs. She was very excited with a side of nervousness. As a parent it is hard to sit back and physically let her do all the things like grease the pan, crack the eggs, season it, flip it etc. There were some messy points, she burned herself once just a little and it would have been faster if I just did it myself, but that wouldn't really be helping my daughter in the long run. Eventually, the more eggs she cooked, the more her confidence went up, and she came away smiling because SHE DID IT!

I was right there beside her the whole time coaching her through it, but I didn't intercede when things got tricky, but I gave her support, love and guidance, and made sure she was ok throughout the process. But you know what? She also was very in tune with me, and was receptive to my directions and didn't try to do her own thing.

This is very much how God loves and directs us. If God did everything for us without requiring us to participate or engage with Him and learn from experience, we would not know our need or dependence on Him. He is always right here with us, but like a loving parent who teaches and invests into their child to have life skills, God teaches us to love, trust, obey, and depend on Him, while also building our confidence in who we are because of who HE is.

The things which you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things [in daily life], and the God [who is the source] of peace and well-being will be with you.

Philippians 4:9 AMP

For information about Fusion events please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at fusionfbcg@gmail.com, or you can call or text Faith or myself.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)



Fall will be here soon, and with it comes the Shoebox Packing Party at FBC. Come join both adults and children for a great time while preparing shoeboxes for needy children around the world. We will get together on Saturday, October 10th at the church to prayerfully pack the shoeboxes for shipping. Covid 19 requirements will determine both the location at the church and the time we pack the shoeboxes. We will let you know in the October newsletter.

Each shoebox not only takes needed items to the children, they enable volunteers to share the Good News of the Gospel of Christ with the children. Many seeds will be planted, souls will be harvested, doors opened, and even churches started as a result of the love the shoeboxes carry. To learn more about the Shoebox distributions and their effects, go to: video.samaritanspurse.org/channel/operation-Christmas-child/.

The Shoebox team is working toward a goal of 600 completed shoeboxes. To reach that goal, we still need:

- Clothes - any size, any item
- 400 bars of soap
- 100 washcloths
- Toys - small, stocking stuffer size - matchbox cars, sunglasses, soccer balls with pumps, small puzzles, Legos, yo-yos, etc.
- 100 measuring tapes
- Screws to go with the 35 screwdrivers we have
- Hammers to go with the 23 packs of nails that we have

Please remember that the \$9.00 needed for shipping also includes in-country transportation of the boxes as well as teacher training and distribution needs. Please place any monetary donation in the offering marked "Shoeboxes," and any material donation in the OCC box under the mailboxes.

At times like these, when we tend to draw together, God wants us to reach out. Mark 16:15 says, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Help us send out "Little Missionaries" on their journey to take God's Good News to children around the world.

BIBLE STUDY



- Thursdays: 9:30am **ZOOM** study of Ezra led by Pastor Carl
Small Groups starting up soon!

Let's Dig In together

The
CHOSEN

VIDANGEL  ORIGINAL

THINK YOU KNOW HIM? LOOK AGAIN...

CHECK OU THIS GREAT SERIES ON VIDANGEL OR YOU CAN WATCH
SEASON ONE ON YOUTUBE

THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER

I feel it is important to write this month about hope, trust and faith and how these things can play out in our lives.

Arthur Jackson, in an *Our Daily Bread* article for August 19, 2020, told the story of George Mueller, an orphanage director and missionary, who ran an orphanage in Bristol, England. He says 300 children were dressed and seated for breakfast and a prayer of thanks was offered for the food. But there was no food! He goes on to say that this was another opportunity to see how God would provide. Within minutes of Mueller's prayer, a baker who couldn't sleep the night before showed up at the door. Sensing that the orphanage could use the bread, he had made three batches. Not long afterward, the town milkman appeared. His cart had broken down in front of the orphanage. Not wanting the milk to spoil, he offered it to Mueller. God has told us in His Word that He will take care of us (see the example of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22:8).

Sometimes we need to be reminded of God's promises because we all need encouragement. I love Gospel hymns because they usually proclaim a truth the writer experienced first hand. It is usually a testimony of how God worked in their own life.

A hymn that comes to mind is "God Will Take Care of You." The words and music were written by Civilla and Stillman Martin who worked together in an evangelistic ministry. They were guests at the Practical Bible Training School in Lestershire, New York, where Stillman was helping the president of the school prepare a songbook.

Rev. Stillman was invited to preach at a church a good distance from this school. His wife woke up Sunday morning feeling very ill and said she could not go with him to his preaching assignment. Pastor Martin considered cancelling his preaching assignment, since he would be away from his wife for a long period of time and she might need him. Just then, their young son spoke up and said, " Father, don't you think that if God wants you to preach today, He will take care of Mother while you are away?"

That day, the service was unusually blessed of God with several people making decisions for Christ during the service. Late in the day when he returned, he found his wife had greatly improved and had written these words based on the comment from their son earlier in the day:

Be not dismayed what-e'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

REFRAIN: God will take care of you, Thru ev-'ry day, O'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Thru days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

No matter may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean weary one upon His breast, God will take care of you.

Everybody needs hope and encouragement. You and I are the hope dispensers because we have given our lives to Jesus and we have God's Word which never changes. We know that God's Word changes lives. No other so called "Holy Book" can do that. Not the Book of Mormon, Jehovah

Witnesses Bible, the book of Buddha or Hindu or any other book someone comes up with. Only the Christian's Bible changes lives because it is God's Word to us.

The Gideons have lots of testimonies from people who were thinking of suicide or even tried but did not succeed. Even Ravi Zacharias, who just passed away a few months ago, one of the greatest apologists of our time, tried to take his life at the age of 17. While in the hospital, he was given a Gideon Bible, started reading it and found within its pages the answer to the questions he had about life. He wound up leading all of his family to Christ. You just don't know how much influence a word for Jesus kindly spoken how many people it will reach. Remember God's Word never returns to him void. (Isaiah 55:11)

Another testimony that I like comes from the country of Brazil. The Gideons from the states had gone down to help our brothers and sisters with some distributions of God's Word. They were on a large college campus when a young well dressed student came up to them and started acting like a smart alec and telling them what they could do with their testaments. He took the one given to him and through it on a nearby roof. He went on his way and the Gideons continued their distribution. Later that day they began smelling tar near them and looked around and saw a man covered head to foot with some tar on him. He said he was putting tar on a nearby roof when he says God hit him in the head with the testament. He said his life was messed up and he was thinking of ending it, but he had read in the testament that you could be saved. He asked how do you do that? Some of the Gideon brothers who spoke Portuguese took him aside and led him to the Lord.

You never know how God will get our attention. According to John 3:16-17, God doesn't want anybody to go to hell, but loved us enough to send His son Jesus to save us.

I think we can all agree we are living in challenging times. The September 2020 issue of American Family Association Journal has an article about the effects of the pandemic we are experiencing. It is causing many people to be depressed and discouraged because of loss of job, finances, mental health problems and much more.

This article says that suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. It is the number 2 cause in young people ages 10-24. Freddie Prinz, a comedian, was going through a divorce in 1977 and at the age of 23 took his life. He left a note and said "I have no hope." Marilyn Monroe, Jeffrey Epstein and Robin Williams all did the same thing.

Many of these people had relationship problems that they couldn't overcome. One actress I read about took her life because another actor, Rex Harrison, wouldn't leave his wife for her.

Suicide among men is four times higher than among women. More than one in three people who die from suicide are under the influence of alcohol.

So what do we do? Show kindness to the individual. Ask them if they would like to talk with you or do they have any prayer requests? Ask them how we can help. Give them a copy of God's Word. The Gideon Testaments I give out have a "helps section" in the front that covers topics such as: afraid, anxious, bereaved, depressed, discouraged, facing a crisis and teachings about life's problems.

If someone is suicidal give them these numbers to call: National Suicide Hotline – 1-800-273-8255 or Billy Graham Evangelistic Association – 1-888-388-2683 or bring up the National Alliance on Mental Illness at nami.org.

Contact people you haven't seen in a while. I miss seeing the people from the second service, so I give them a call. Let us hold up before the Lord our pastors who are on the front lines and other professionals that would have contact with a lot of depressed people.

We need to remember that God is in control and that he will never leave us or forsake us (Joshua 1:9 and Hebrews 13:5). Look for ways to help people whether it is financially or in need of food. Remind people that Jesus is coming soon and He will make all things right, stay in the Word and don't forget that GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!!!

Keep Looking Up

Mark Punchard Sr.

Not by Bread Alone

by Kirby Page (pg. 33 in our hymnal)

Man does not live by bread alone, but by beauty and harmony,
truth and goodness, work and recreation, affection
and friendship, aspiration and worship.

Man does not live by bread alone,
but by the splendor of the starry firmament
at midnight, the glory of heavens at dawn,
the gorgeous blending of the colors at sunset,
the luxuriant loveliness of the magnolia trees,
the sheer magnificence of mountains.

Man does live by bread alone,
but by the lyrics and sonnets of poets,
the mature wisdom of sages, the holiness of saints,
the biographies of great souls,
the life-giving words of Holy Scripture.

Man does not live by bread alone,
but by being faithful in prayer,
responding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
taking up the cross and following the living CHRIST,
finding and doing the loving will of God now and eternally.

W2 Group

This group of Widows
and Widowers meet
on the last Sunday of
each month after
2nd service to
support and love
each other. Usually a
light lunch is served.
All are welcome!

Can You Guess The Hymn?

O what emptiness
without the Savior
Mid the sins and sorrows
here below!
And eternity,
how dark without him,
Only night and tears
and endless woe!
What though I might live
without the Savior,
when I come to die,
how would it be?
O to face the valet's gloom
without Him!
And without Him
all eternity!



"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:58

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Submitted by Whitney Myers



"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

Psalms 32:1

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Three Patriarchs, Zion National Park, Utah, USA Submitted by Whitney Myers



**"Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord."**

Psalm 33:12

Submitted by Whitney Myers: GETTYSBURG SUNRISE

I STAND BY THE DOOR

I stand by the door.

I neither go too far in, nor stay too far out,

The door is the most important door in the world--

It is the door through which men walk when they find God.

There's no use my going way inside, and staying there,

When so many are still outside and they, as much as I,

Crave to know where the door is.

And all that so many ever find

Is only the wall where a door ought to be.

They creep along the wall like blind men, with outstretched, groping hands;

Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door, yet they never find it...

So, I stand by the door.

____Samuel Shoemaker

If you haven't already filled out one of these, please do so. We need to fill important positions on our boards. If you feel the Lord calling you to serve or you feel the Lord calling you to nominate someone to serve, please print this page and fill it out and place it on the desk in the office. You can also mail it in to FBC 1015 Chambersburg Rd Gettysburg, PA 17325



The Nominating Committee is searching for members who would like to be considered for the following FBC boards and church positions

KINDLY FILL IN YOUR NAME OR THE NAME OF SOMEONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE AND DROP IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE, CHURCH OFFICE OR SUBMIT TO LAURA MEALS. FEEL FREE TO EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO LAURA MEALS AT: laurameals5785@gmail.com

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- TREASURER _____

POSITIONS BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2021
CHURCH VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF NOMINATIONS WILL BE HELD AT
THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



20 Questions



1. On what day of creation did God create man?
2. What was the name of Adam's third son?
3. What is the first of the Ten Commandments?
4. At the time of the census conducted by Moses in the first chapter of Numbers, which of the twelve tribes of Israel was the smallest?
5. Who was the mother of Samuel?
6. What kind of bird brought Elijah food while he hid in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan?
7. Which of the following is NOT a book of the Old Testament -- Ezra, Enoch, Amos,
8. What is the last word in the Old Testament?
9. How many books are in the Old Testament?
10. In what language is the Old Testament written?
11. What relation was Jacob to Abraham?
12. How many sons did Jacob (Israel) have?
13. From which country did Moses help the Israelites escape from their lives of slavery?
14. Which tribe of Israel looked after the religious aspects of life?
15. On what day of the year could the High Priest enter the Holiest Place, the inner most part of the temple where the covenant box was kept?
16. Which of the following was not a judge-- Abimelech, Laban, Deborah
17. Israel split into two kingdoms after the reign of King Solomon, with Israel in the north. What was the name of the southern kingdom?
18. Who was the king of the southern kingdom when the northern kingdom fell to Assyria?
19. The southern kingdom eventually fell also, but to which great power?
20. After the exile, the Israelites returned and started to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, but which other prophet along with Zechariah was sent to encourage the completion of the partly built



Dave Poe - 1

Sherry Weber - 3

Nancy Jay - 5

Phil Gigous - 6

Jim Cooke - 6

Steve Bjorkman - 7

Jeremy Rice - 12

Jerry Kollars - 12

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Vickie McCloskey - 12

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ANSWER TO HYMN: If I Gained The World

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.

AUGUST

Answers to 20 Questions

1. In what city was Jesus born? BETHLEHEM
2. How many books are in the new testament? 27
3. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert? LOCUSTS
4. Who were the first apostles called to follow Jesus? PETER AND ANDREW
5. How many people did Jesus feed with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish? ABOUT 5,000
6. After Jesus was arrested, which apostle denied him 3 times? PETER
7. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby? SIMEON
8. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after the crucifixion? JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA
9. Paul was shipwrecked on what island? MALTA
10. What is the shortest book in the new testament? 2 JOHN
11. Who is the author of the book of Revelation? JOHN
12. Matthew was a ____? TAX COLLECTOR
13. To what city was Saul traveling when he encountered a great and blinding light? DAMASCUS
14. Who was the first person to come upon the injured man in the parable of the Good Samaritan? PRIEST
15. Finish this verse: "In addition to all this, take up the ____ of faith with which you can stop the fiery arrows of the evil one." SHIELD
16. Whose example does Paul say Christians should follow in Chapter 5 of Ephesians? CHRIST'S
17. After Jesus fed 5,000 people with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread, how many baskets were left over? 12
18. What does Paul say may "abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgement." LOVE
19. What tribe is Paul from? BENJAMIN
20. According to the beatitudes, who will be filled? THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS