

Community of Christ

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Sundays: 9:30 am church school, 10:30 am fellowship, 10:45 am pre-worship, 11 am worship
Wednesdays: 7:30 pm prayer service • Fridays: 7:30 pm praise fellowship

Light for your Path - Linda Barrett

Just as a candle can help you navigate through a dark room, one spark of illumination can resolve many of life's questions.

Are you seeking the bright daylight of wisdom and understanding? Searching for a beacon of hope and encouragement? Then turn to the one source of pure light, which the psalm writer called, "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path," God's Word.

"My Grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory my infirmities, that the power of Jesus Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak then I am strong."
2 Corinthians 12:9-10

There are times when life seems difficult and even unbearable. We may think we don't have the ability to endure another minute longer; the truth is we probably don't. We do however, serve a God who has the way and ability to help us become able to endure anything we face in our daily life's encounters.

Today regardless of what we are facing or the limitations we have placed upon us, we know without a doubt or hesitation, "We can do all things through Jesus Christ. Who gives us strength". Realizing our weaknesses causes us to realize our very existence depends on God. Our human nature causes us to want to be in control and it is certainly very difficult to release and surrender our lives into His Care; The less of us there is and the more of God and His Word the more of Christ we will see.

It is this beautiful hope in Christ which causes our fears and uncertainty in life as well as our despondent attitudes to cease.

Prayer

I rejoice in your truth today; You are my hope. I am tired and disheartened; my soul turns quickly to you, where I find the strength and the ability to keep going onward down the path of life clinging to the rod of iron, the Holy Word of God. Fill my heart with your presence and lay aside my fears and doubts. I trust in you alone. In Jesus Christ's Name, Amen



When I fall on my face - Jed Rogers

During a communion service in Columbia, South Carolina, we were singing, "Let Us Break Bread Together". We sang with enthusiasm. One of our dear friends re-arranged some of the words and sang, "When I fall on my face, with my knees to the rising sun". I tried my best to maintain my composure as I was presiding that morning. But one by one, the small group first broke out in big smiles and then came the laughter. God must have known that our group needed an extra portion of joy that morning. Even to this day almost twenty years later, I try not to smile and chuckle during this communion hymn.

God works in mysterious ways - Jed Rogers

When I was stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi back in the 1970s, I had to attend safety classes at the Air Force Base. During one class, different students were telling jokes. Some of the jokes were not good, clean jokes. I decided to share a joke that I had heard from one of the other airmen in my technical school. "What do you call a fish with two knees?" No one responded. I then said, "it's a tuny fish". Someone said that was a corny joke. One of the airmen said he appreciated a clean joke. We visited during the break and the subject of church affiliation came up. I told this individual about our church in Ocean Springs. He decided to visit our church and was later baptized. God does work in mysterious ways.



Reminder



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July deadline: Sunday, June 19

God's Investment - Danny Belrose

Do not demean the Master
with your cries of inadequacy.
Do not belittle his sacrifice with your cries of unworthiness.
Have you not cast your eyes to the heavens,
and beheld the outline of a star?
Have you not basked
in the gold of a radiant sunset,
held a blade of grass, touched a leaf,
and seen the dew upon the roses?
Your ears have caught the songs of birds
and shared the cords of symphonies.
And are you not more than all of these?
For you are called to serve him.
He knows your limitations, your fears, your tremblings.
He has called you in weakness
that you might become strong in him.
You are called with his calling . . .
To bring light to those in darkness,
deliverance to those in bondage,
and hope to those who have no hope.
You are a sacred trust,
A recipient and translator of his love.
You are God's Investment.

Texas Sweets Pie - Linda Barrett



4 medium, thinly sliced Texas Sweet Onions
1 stick butter
1 cup sour cream
1/2 t pepper
unbaked pie shell

3 eggs, beaten
1/4 t salt
dash Tabasco
1/2 cup grated Cheddar cheese

Saute onions in butter. Combine eggs, sour cream and seasonings and add to onions. Pour into unbaked pie crust, sprinkle with cheese. Bake @ 450 degrees for 20 minutes then 325 for 20 minutes. Best to set 5-10 mins before serving.