

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

October 9, 2024

“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

John 15:4

Have you ever heard of the term “the third rail”? You’re probably familiar with it in politics, particularly any ideas related to social security reform. One of my favorite quotes from the tv show *The West Wing* is part of a conversation between the president and one of his advisors as they discuss saving social security from future bankruptcy. In it, the president says “Social security is the third rail of American politics. Touch it, and you die.” That sentiment had its origin in the early 1980s when House speaker Tip O’Neil used those words in a showdown with President Ronald Reagan as Reagan was looking to overhaul the program in order to save it from bankruptcy. Since then, the “third rail” has been used not just regarding social security, but also to any extremely controversial issue that might cost a politician his job.

Do you know the origin of that phrase? It actually comes from the realm of electric trains. Electric trains on their own cannot operate on regular train tracks; instead, there must be a “third rail” installed either in between the tracks or beside the tracks that is energized with electricity (this is particularly true in subways where there are no overhead power lines). In order for the electric trains to operate, they must stay in constant contact with that third rail. And because it is always energized, anyone who accidentally touches that rail will instantly be electrocuted. You don’t want to fall down on that track!

In his devotional, *This Day with the Master*, Dennis Kinlaw relates this idea of the third rail with trust. Specifically, he refers to the rail that energizes the electric train as the biblical picture of trust. Here’s a portion of his thoughts on that:

“When Christ takes the sin out of your heart, you can jam yourself up against him and hook onto his life, and in your life will flow the very power of God. That power will enable you through the Holy Spirit to resemble the Lord Jesus, who is the source of all righteousness. This third rail enables people like you and me-dumpy, grimy, and unromantic though we may be-to become new creatures, vibrant, radiant, and effective in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

The third rail of faith, the Holy Spirit, is necessary for us to become more like Christ. It is God’s gift to us, allowing us to live full lives of faith and trust and modeling for the world the words and actions of Jesus. Will you “plug-in” to this third rail today?

In Christ,

Matthew Hall

New Prayer Requests

Victims of recent hurricanes

Continue to prayer for:

Shirley Dooley, Otha Barham, Francois du Plessis,
James E. Smith, Sharon Stephens, Charlotte Chaney,
Shane Helton, Adrian Hill, Brenda Ferry, Neal Martin,
Justin Dean, Jamie Rawson, Ceil Coleman,
Tom Sanderford, Jake Warren, Mitch Raybuck, Joe Kieronski,
Robert Phillips, Larry Vick, Nora Goodsell,
Daniel Comeaux, Orvie "Shag" Shannon, Shane Stanford,
Ike Ethridge, Magda Odendoal, Jim Land

If you have a prayer request and/or an update
please let the office know.

October Birthdays

3rd- J.L. Young
4th - Sylvia Autry
7th - Ravynne Wilson
8th - Matthew Wolvers
11th - Mark Adkins
17th - LaVarus Rue
18th - Shirley Dooley
21st - Lin Ge
23rd - Ginny Adkins
Mary Dobbins
Julian Wall
25th - Eddie Crews
27th - Cindy Lang

November Birthdays

7th - Christine Carson
12th - Marissa Mendiola
18th - Max Autry
20th - Rayleigh Floyd
28th - Danny Hall
30th - Sally Rhett
Cooper Richardson

Sunday October 13

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups
3:00 P.M. CHARGE CONFERENCE
4:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal

Monday, October 14

1:00 P.M. Women of the Church

Tuesday, October 15

10:00 A.M. Study of Psalms/St. Andrews

Wednesday, October 16

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Youth and Children
6:00 P.M. Study of Psalms/St. Andrews
6:00 P.M. Faith and Fitness

Sunday, October 20

9:30 A.M. Worship
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups
4:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 22

10:00 A.M. Study of Psalms/St. Andrews

Wednesday, October 23

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Youth and Children
6:00 P.M. Study of Psalms/St. Andrews
6:00 P.M. Faith and Fitness



Fall Festival

October 30th

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Food - Games - candy
In the gym

We need **volunteers and candy** for this event. Please see Ashley Rue or Amy Floyd if you can help.

MEMORIALS:

Glenda Smith	Dixie Labruyere Ron & Carol Burton
Ken LaBruyere	Ron & Carol Burton
Benny Egler	Ron & Carol Burton

Volunteer Opportunities

October 13 - Sunday

Acolytes: Polly Little, Suzanne Grafton
Greeter: Robin Thompson
Sunday Snacks: Malaea Mendiola, Cathy Ellis

October 14 - Monday

Meals on Wheels: No Deliveries

October 20 - Sunday

Acolytes: Ashley Rue, Katie Autry
Greeter: Luci Wolvers
Sunday Snacks: _____

October 21 - Monday

Meals on Wheels: Gary & Robin Thompson

October 27 - Sunday - Children's Sabbath

Acolytes: Karin Both, Sandi Pupa
Greeter: Cathy Ellis
Sunday Snacks: _____

October 28 - Monday

Meals on Wheels: Marjorie Walker

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:

Nov. 3rd - All Saints Day

Daylight Saving Time ends

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Nov. 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holidays

Church offices are closed



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The 2024 Bible Challenge

October 13 - Nahum 1-3 / Acts 23:1-15

October 14 - 2 Chronicles 33-34 / Acts 23:16-35

October 15 - Zephaniah 1-3 / Acts 24

October 16 - 2 Chronicles 35 / Habakkuk 1-3/ Acts 25

October 17 - Jeremiah 1-2 / Acts 26

October 18 - Jeremiah 3-5 / Acts 27:1-26

October 19 - Jeremiah 6 / Jeremiah 11-12 / Acts 27:27-44

October 20 - Jeremiah 7-8 / Jeremiah 26/ Acts 28

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