

The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

June 26, 2024

“And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.”

Galatians 6:9

Patience is hard. We want everything quickly-fast food, drive thrus, 30 second commercials, microwaves, high speed internet, among other things. Our culture has conditioned us to expect results quickly, or move on. Sadly, this has infected the church as we look towards church growth and discipleship; we want results now. That’s why Paul’s words here are so important to remember. In some final instructions, Paul is talking about sowing and reaping. In verse 8, he says those who sow worldly things will reap worldly things; those who sow spiritual things will reap spiritual things, i.e. eternal life. When we contemplate these verses, something significant appears. Sowing worldly things usually produces quick results, while spiritual things take time.

I think about a hobby of mine-woodworking. When I’m making a cutting board, it doesn’t take very long to produce one. Even if I’m making a end-grain, or even a more decorative one, it generally takes just a couple of hours total time (the longest part is waiting for the glue to dry and the mineral oil to soak into the board!). This is not so with spiritual matters. We may plant a seed but never get to see it grow. We may work the ground but never see the full fruit of our labor. Yet Paul is reminding us to be patient. When we focus on Christ and the work he has set before us, we have faith that our work is not in vain. In due time-in God’s time-we will reap our reward. In the meantime, we remain patient. We keep putting our hand to the plow. We keep spreading seed. We keep working the soil. We keep submitting ourselves to the Father’s will and committing ourselves to his work.

I’m reading a fascinating book on the rise of the 1st century church called *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church*. The author, Alan Kreider, talks about the importance of patience for the church as it grew in the churn of the Roman empire. Several prominent church fathers spoke of patience as one of the highest virtues. He believes this was a hallmark of the early church. In the same way, we are called to hold the “long view” of discipleship in our minds. We can’t promise quick fixes; we can’t focus on the short-term results; we can’t develop microwave disciples. Our time here on earth is but a short moment within the scope of eternity. So, don’t be discouraged or disheartened; continue to sow seeds of faith. Continue to make disciples one moment at a time. Continue the work of Christ each and every day. And let God do the work of growing people in Him.

In Christ,

Matthew Hall

New Prayer Requests

Benny Egger - Rush ICU

Kate Raybuck - Ankle Surgery/Blood Clots in Lungs

(Kristi Brown's Sister)

Ray Blevins - Hospice *(Julian & Carolyn Wall Son in Law)*

Continue to pray for:

Shirley Dooley, Otha Barham, Francois du Plessis,
Billy Anders, James & Glenda Smith, Brenda Huffman,
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, Lavarus Rue, Matt Hicks,
Robert Phillips, Larry Vick

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

July Birthdays

5th - Cathy Ellis

6th - Wanda McBrayer

10th - Melissa Brown

11th - Ashley Powell

12th - Patricia Parnell

21st - Dixie LaBruyere
Jimmy Wells

25th - Pieter Both

28th - James E. Smith

August Birthdays

4th - Peggy Baldwin
Beth Hall

5th - Jake Joyner
Mindy Mendiola

24th - Butch Shannon

25th - Semmes Martin

28th - Suzanne Grafton

29th - Leigh Ann Smith

30th - Barbara Miller

31st - Jim Autry
Polly Little

Sunday, June 30 - 5th Sunday

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Church Wide 5th Sunday

**Potluck. Bring a dish to share. The church
is providing Chicken Tenders.**

Wednesday, July 3

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness

Thursday & Friday, July 4 & 5

Church Offices are closed for Independence Day

Sunday, July 7

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Monday - Thursday, July 8 - 11

5:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 14

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

Tuesday, July 16

6:30 P.M. Executive Team Meeting

Friday & Saturday, July 19-20

United Methodist Women on Faith

Conference here at PSDUMC

Friday - 5:30 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Saturday - 7:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Vacation Bible School

July 8 - July 11 5:30 pm - 8 pm

During VBS we will have a Coin Competition between the boys and girls. Start saving those extra coins (even bills) and see which group can collect the most.

**The winners get to see either Pastor Matt or Ms Katie
have a bucket of ice water dropped on them.**



To My PSDUMC Friends,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, calls, texts, “hugs” and support all these years as Ken continued to fight cancer until he died in April.

You have always been there for Ken, me, Renee and Meredith through all of the difficult times. I will never forget the care and concern you have shown us. May God bless each of you.

Love , Dixie

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Vera Coker

Ron & Jennifer St. John
Malaea Mendiola

Betty Young

Sandy Thomas
Ron & Jennifer St. John
Mark & Ginny Adkins
Grady & Vicki Coleman
Malaea Mendiola
Gary & Robin Thompson

Emma Atkinson

Elva Britt

Ken LaBruyere

Larry & Sandi Pupa
Brian & Leigh Ann Smith
Bobby & Angie Sherrill
Mendiola Family
Neldia White
Mark & Ginny Adkins
Sandy Thomas
Ginny Shurlds
Billy & Teresa Anders
Jim & Dianne Quick
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lane
Mrs. Liz Adams
Bessie Kent
Richard Dixon
Kevin Peterson
Regena Ford
Beverly & Joe Marks
Elva Britt
Gail Adams
Wayne & Cathy Ellis
Gary & Robin Thompson
Irby & Cindy Lang
James & Glenda Smith
Grady & Vicki Coleman
Harry Mayer

Volunteer Opportunities

June 30th - Sunday (5th Sunday)

Acolytes: Nancy & Eddie Crews
Greeters: Malaea Mendiola, Sandy Thomas
Scripture Reader: Kristi Brown
Sunday Snacks: _____

July 7 - Sunday

Acolytes: Katie Autry, Jessica Hall
Greeters: Regena Ford, Margaret Yates
Scripture Reader: Leigh Ann Smith
Communion: Kristi Brown, Beth Hall,
Nancy Crews, Robin Thompson
Sunday Snacks: _____

July 14 - Sunday

Acolytes: Neldia White, Carrol Barham
Greeters: Nancy Crews, Robin Thompson
Scripture Reader: Mariah Rue
Sunday Snacks: Cathy Ellis

July 21 - Sunday

Acolytes: Jeffrey Rhett, Sandy Thomas
Greeters: Cindy Lang, Luci Wolvers
Scripture Reader: Nancy Crews
Sunday Snacks: Nancy Crews/Cindy Lang



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To:

The 2024 Bible Challenge

June 26 - 1 Kings 10-11 / Acts 8:26-40

June 27 - Ecclesiastes 1-3 / Acts 9:1-22

June 28 - Ecclesiastes 4-6 / Acts 9:23-43

June 29 - Ecclesiastes 7-9 / Acts 10:1-23

June 30 - Ecclesiastes 10-12 / Acts 10:24-48

July 1 - 1 Kings 12-13 / Acts 11

July 2 - 1 Kings 14-15 / Acts 12

July 3 - 1 Kings 16-18 / Acts 13:1-25

July 4 - 1 Kings 19-20 / Acts 13:26-52

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