

#### WATCH AND DISCUSS GROUP

We have been meeting at the building on most Sunday evenings at 5PM to watch and discuss all episodes of the TV series, "The Chosen."

This month, we will be meeting TODAY, November 5th and finish season 3 next week, November 12th.

#### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!



Last Wednesday, Dan and Dottie delivered breakfast to the teachers and staff at Memorial Elementary School in Pitman. Each month, we will be bringing breakfast to a school in the Pitman district as a way for Pitman Road to say "thank you" for all they do!

Below is from a card that we received in the mail: "Thank you so very much for the special breakfast for our staff here at Memorial. We all enjoyed it very much. Even more than the treat, the thought was so appreciated. - Kiersten Miller and Staff"

# Ladies HYMN SING

What a wonderful ladies' hymn sing we had here at our church! We had close to 80 women attend! Thanks to all who attended and all who helped in one way or another! We were all blessed to work, sing and fellowship with each other! We were most of all blessed giving praise and thanksgiving to our awesome God! - Brenda and Tina





### GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Of course you can donate anytime to Camp, but this is the official kick off to the holiday

giving season! More details to come.

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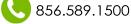


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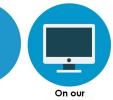
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#### THERE'S AN A.P.P. FOR THAT!

[A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE]

#### **ENDURING TOUGH TIMES**



**Joey Peacher**Preaching Minister

While the Israelites journeyed through the wilderness for forty years, God guided them where to go with a pillar of cloud. When the cloud moved from the Tabernacle, the people packed up all their belongings and moved. Whether the cloud stayed for one night or one year, the Israelites stayed where they were in the wilderness patiently waiting for the next part of the journey. (Num 9:17-23) Okay, maybe the Israelites waiting in the wilderness is not the greatest example of patiently waiting because the book of Numbers is filled with accounts of how much they grumbled and how much that angered God. Yet, despite their complaining, despite the desperate situation in a barren land, they stayed put until God moved. They endured heat, thirst, monotony, and death far away from the promised land, but they stayed put and watched the pillar of cloud.

Stay put. Endure. It's what Paul wrote to Timothy when everything in him wanted to leave Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3f). Timothy was disillusioned. The church had come between him and God. There are lots of reasons for Timothy's disillusionment, all of them from within the church. The people of God had become the source of struggle for Timothy, but Paul doesn't write a scathing letter of correction to the Ephesians and try to

change them to suit Timothy. He says some things to help refocus Timothy. Paul reminded him of his faith nurtured by his mother and grandmother. He called him to rekindle the gift he had been given and to do the work of an evangelist. He needed to be grounded in the gospel (I Tim. 1:15, 2:5-6, 3:15; 2 Tim. 2:11-13). This is gospel grounding for endurance and focus. For Timothy to endure, there were things to do and things to avoid.

- 1. Get your eyes off of "them" and focus on what you can do better (4:12)
- 2. Focus on the basics of Scripture reading publicly (4:13)
- 3. Face reality with what you have--the gifts you have been given (4:14)
- 4. Be absorbed in ministry, rather than seduced by despondency (4:15)
- 5. Watch your life and doctrine/teaching (4:16)

And then Paul's candid admonitions of what to avoid.

- 1. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge (1 Tim. 6:20).
- 2. Have nothing to do with senseless and stupid controversies that breed quarrels (2 Tim. 2:23).

The church may not always be what we want it to be. Just like our biological families, the church is a living organism made up of imperfect people, but it is the temple of God, and we abandon it or deface it at our own peril. (1 Cor 3:16-17) Yet Paul's advice to Timothy about how to endure tough times can apply to other areas of our life too. We may need to stay put through a difficult season of marriage or stay the course through economic struggles or wait until God takes us home. During these difficult times, the ancient words of Paul, like a pillar of cloud, can give us something to keep our eyes on.

Ancient words. Timely counsel. Then and now.

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descendant of David--that is my gospel." (1 Tim. 2:8)

\* Some from Grady King, Hope Network



#### HARRY'S CAFÉ - HONORING HARRY STEWARD

Last Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, we remembered and honored Harry Steward with the official opening of Harry's Café. As the plaque on the wall reads, "The example that Harry set is an inspiration to remember the importance of fellowship in our walk with God." Thank you, Jim Steward and Mr. Handyman for creating this beautiful addition to our foyer.





## JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

#### Sundays at 9AM here at Pitman Road

November is the last month of our current classes! Join us for these last four Sundays of the quarter.

#### "10 Things" with Dan Cooper (for couples)- Rm. B4

(11/5) Financial Support

(11/12) Domestic Support

(11/19) Family Commitment

(11/26) Admiration & appreciation

#### "John's Letters" with Andy Mychajlowycz - Rm. B2

(11/5) Confidence in prayer

(11/12 & 11/19) Churches working together as they are led by the Holy Spirit (a two-parter, focusing on "the spirit" and "ecumenicalism - it's all God's church")

(11/26) A choice from among five topics - the importance of showing hospitality; relation with the world; the antichrist; passing from death to life; spiritual death and the second death.

## PACK THE PULPIT

#### PACK A BAG

We need enough groceries to fill 50 boxes! The official bags and lists are in the foyer. Packed bags will be due by Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, which will be "Pack the Pulpit Sunday". You do not need to wait until Pack the Pulpit Sunday to bring in completed bags. Packed bags can be dropped off to the building during office hours any time before the deadline.

#### **BRING IN A PIE**

We need 50 pies! (Please, no frozen pies.) If you would like to donate a pie, please let Dottie know as soon as possible. Pies need to be brought in on November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This is the day that people will be picking up their baskets.

#### NO NEED TO BRING A TURKEY

This year, we will be getting the turkeys delivered.

## Second Sunday Socia

#### SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL POTLUCK

Sunday, November 12 after worship service

Join us for food, family, and fun!

**Please bring any dish to share.** However, if you would like to participate in the theme, bring a dish that says, "Thanksgiving dinner." Drinks provided.

Make sure that your food is prepared, heated, cut, and ready to serve. Each member is responsible for putting their own dish out at the beginning of the meal. Please clean any platters or serving utensils that you have borrowed from the church, and take your dish and leftovers home before you leave. Thank you!



## THANKSGIVING CARDS

Thanksgiving cards for our members who have moved, missionaries, military, those needing encouragement, and

continuing financial supporters will be available in the lobby for us to sign from **now until NEXT Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.** If you don't have time today, you can also stop by any time this week during office hours or sign them next Sunday.



#### O.C.C SHOEBOXES

All packed boxes are due by **NEXT Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.** Please pay the \$10 shipping fee

Please pay the \$10 shipping fee online or place a check made out to "Samaritan's Purse" in the

designated envelopes (available in the foyer.) No cash, please. Questions? Contact Tina Broyles.



Our church offices will be closed from Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24. This also means that we will not have Table Talks on that Wednesday.