



GRACE

HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:

There is a quote by Charlie “Tremendous” Jones that is located on the bottom of a picture of Mr. Jones hanging in the library of Lancaster Bible College. The LBC library is named “The Charles and Gloria Jones Library” and the picture hangs in his memory. The quote reads, “Remember, you are the same today as you will be in five years, except for two things: the people you meet and the books you read.”

I saw the same quote online with these words added, “Choose both carefully.” Choose carefully the people you meet and the books you read. Why? We can answer that by throwing a few clichés out there that we are probably quite familiar with. “Garbage in, garbage out.” “No one who plays in a manure pile comes out smelling like a rose.”



God has not called us to be the same person in five years. We’re not even to be the same person tomorrow or next week. We are to become more like our precious Lord and Savior Jesus each and every day. How do we do that? Charlie “Tremendous” Jones has given us some sage advice for this journey. Let’s look at two points in his quote and note what God has to say.

“Remember, you are the same today as you will be in five years, except for the people you meet.....”

- Proverbs 14:9 – “Fools mock at sin, but among the upright there is favor.”
- Proverbs 1:7 – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”
- Proverbs 15:2 – “The tongue of the wise uses knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaim foolishness.”
- Proverbs 13:20 – He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.”
- Ecclesiastes 10:12 – The words of a wise man are gracious, but the lips of a fool shall swallow him up.”

God’s Word speaks loudly concerning two types of people; the wise and the foolish. This isn’t to say we don’t invest into the lives of others who may be living foolishly, but we must be mindful and ever vigilant concerning those who we would permit to invest into our lives. Do you have a more mature believer pouring into your life? If not, pray and ask God to provide someone to do just that. Someone who will lead by example, ask the tough questions, offer wise and biblical counsel, love when love is needed and provide a kick in the shorts when that is the required remedy.

The second point in the quote says, “Remember, you are the same today as you will be in five years, except for the books you read.....”

- 2 Timothy 3:16 - 17 – “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”
- Psalm 119:11 – “Your word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”
- Psalm 111:2 – “The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.”
- Proverbs 15:28 – “The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.”
- Psalm 119:97 – “O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.”

Are you studying God’s Word each day? After you spend time in God’s Word are you taking time to read other books as well? Husbands and wives, read through a biblically based marriage book at least once a year. Parents, take time to read through a biblically based parenting book from time to time. Check out biblically based books on finances, social issues, etc. Read books with your children. Read books to help you understand God’s Word more fully.

A stream that is not moving is stagnant and stagnant begins to stale and stink. Commit now to putting into practice what Charlie “Tremendous” Jones has challenged others to do. Beyond that, desire to glorify God through your personal

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"....then they said, 'Let us arise and build.' So they put their hands to the good work." Nehemiah 2:18

relationships and your study of His Word and the reading of wisdom He has granted to other men and women.

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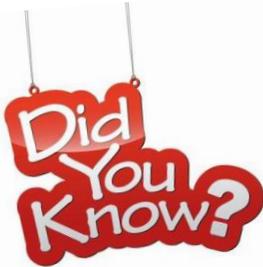
“Choose both carefully.”

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Pray for our shut-ins, send a card, make a phone call, pay a visit (call first), pick up groceries / medicines. Addresses and phone numbers are in the church directory

Wilma Davidson
Julie Lindsey
Gerry Gladfelter
John Klock

Carol Sarver
Russ Hearton
Rita Brewer



Yulia Zuback, Debbie Sasson, Garry Gladfelter and Helen Gladfelter became members of the GBC family during the March and June Quarterly Business Meetings. Welcome these folks to our family!

Parker Bankowski, Kaden Wagaman, Ellen Wolf, CJ

Adams, and Colton Ogurcak were baptized so far during 2019.

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Sunday: 8:15 Contemporary Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Traditional Worship
6:30 Against the Flow Youth
6:30 Evening Worship Service
Wednesday: 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer for Adults
Pioneer Clubs / Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner
Senior Pastor

Rev. Jon Barrett
Assistant Pastor



Gideons' International Representative

Bob Apple, Gideons' International Representative, will be speaking on Sunday, July 7, during the 8:15 and 10:45 Services. A love offering will be taken.



The Gideons' are a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ.

Bob will also be holding an additional Sunday School class for anyone interested in attending where he will show slides and speak. This would be an entirely different presentation from that which he will share during the Church services. The primary emphasis would relate to a recent Bible distribution in Nigeria and witnessing opportunities.

Note: This is not a replacement for Sunday School, just an additional class for the day for anyone who would like to attend.



Sunday, July 28
6:30 p.m.

DISCIPLEMAKERS REACHING THE CAMPUS / REACHING THE WORLD



Maria and Kevin Noyes will be sharing during all services (8:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.) on Sunday, July 14

Commitment to God and Country

Fourth of July celebrations spread across our country marking the importance of our nation's independence. The Declaration of Independence started more than a new governmental endeavor sparking a war. It began a test of commitment for the signers of the document.

The following internet article explains the price these 56 men paid for penning their signature to our nation's most important document.

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the revolutionary army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the revolutionary war.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Christians through the years have suffered for their loyalty to God. Their devotion cost them social position, jobs, possessions, family, and lives.

Of the eleven disciples, only John died of natural causes. The other ten were martyred in various forms. Believers in the Middle Ages were tortured for their faith. John Bunyan, author of Pilgrim's Progress, wrote his epic story in prison. Corrie ten Boom was the only one of her entire family who left a German concentration camp alive. Believers in the Middle East today lose their lives rather than denounce God.

Weapons have changed. Circumstances have changed. Geographical places of battles have changed. The war between good and evil remains constant. Military personnel still lose their lives defending their country against evil powers. Are we willing to sacrifice all fighting the war against wickedness?

Our country was founded on Biblical principles that today are being eroded. As Christians, will we be willing to "mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor" to uphold God in our country?

~Submitted by Joan Patterson



Keep our children and youth in prayer as they attend special activities this month:

Against the Flow Youth enjoying the day at Dorney Park on July 11

Junior Camp for grades 3 -7 at High Point Camp the week of July 15

Teen Camp for grades 7 – 12 at High Point Camp the week of July 22

Child Evangelism Fellowship of York
GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP
"Winning Life's Battles"

July 29 - August 2 at Grace Baptist Church
Registration forms are located in the Library and on table in the back of the Sanctuary

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As Larry and I pack up and prepare to return to Texas, our hearts are joyful in the Lord, but heavy to part from you. We wanted to tell all of you just how much being a part of this church family has meant to us.

Under Pastor Steve's wise and Bible-based leadership, we have learned a great deal about God's intent for our life. We better understand the scriptures, we are more intentional and joyful about our service, and we see and love others differently.

And we have grown to love you, dear brothers and sisters, and will miss you. You have befriended us, dined with us, studied and worked with us, and laughed and cried with us. Being likeminded has created a wonderful relationship that we will cherish. Caring for the property, teaching and working (and playing!) together has bonded us for common purpose in Christ.

And yet as Pastor reminds us, our lives are not our own. Nearly 5 years ago, when the Lord asked us to uproot and move to York, we did not understand why we must leave church, family, and friends in Dallas. Yet his plans are perfect, and he wants his best for us.

Now he asks us to return to Dallas. Many of you have

commented that we will be back home, and won't that be wonderful? What we are learning is that home is wherever the Lord tells us it is and we are to be grateful for it. It is now as difficult to leave you as it was to leave our family. Yet we know that distance and time will not separate those who serve God.

You now have friends in Texas, and we fully expect you to call on us if you are in the Dallas area!! Hosting you or missionaries in your partnership will let us serve from afar and stay connected.

We pray you are blessed, you serve with glad hearts for everything He asks of you, and that you make the name of Jesus famous wherever you go.

In Christ,
Larry and Terri Nuss

TO YOU, SOLDIER

To you, who have sacrificed so much
to be there on the battlefield
for me,
for my country—
I humbly thank you.

To you, one who has the courage
to fight in the midst
of constant danger, threats
and terrible bloodshed
for me,
for my country—
I humbly thank you.

To you, who are willing
to endure to the end
to complete the course to which
you have committed yourself
for me,
for my country—
I humbly thank you.

To you, who may now
carry the wounds of war,
wounds that have suddenly
turned your world upside down
for me,
for my country—
I humbly thank you.

To you, a soldier who is
all deserving of honor,
respect, a grateful heart
and recognition for your
sacrificial service
for me,
for my country—
I humbly thank you.

God has been there with you each day,
seeing all the turmoil you have faced,
all the loneliness you have felt,
the hurts you have experienced,
the heartrending absence of
family and friends.

God alone sees all that concerns you
and He hurts for you
just as He felt the
agony of His only Son
who became the ultimate sacrifice—
nailed to a cross two thousand years ago.

God sees, God cares, God loves you
and He will never forget
just as I will never forget,
nor will your country forget
all the sacrifices you have made.

You are one special soldier
and I humbly thank God for you.

~Submitted by Paul Buser

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