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Secure and Content

“Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:5-6)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God calls us to be content with all that he provides. He doesn't promise financial success or earthly riches. He calls us to be satisfied with the earthly bread he provides. Martin Luther, in his Small Catechism, explains what is meant by “daily bread” in the Fourth Petition of The Lord's Prayer: “Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, ...”etc. God gives us what we need in life and he is always faithful in providing for us.

The writer of Hebrews points to God's promise, *“for he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”* It follows his words of caution to not chase after riches. Riches are very captivating, yet they come and go. The Book of Proverbs warns us: *“Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist (or abstain). When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven” (23:4-5).*

But our God is not like that. He doesn't just come and go like a bird when you are birdwatching. His Word assures us that we don't have to be afraid that he'll be with us one day and abandon us tomorrow. God comforts us by reminding us that he is with us each and every day of our lives.

So, when did God say *“I will never leave you nor forsake you?”* The writer to the Hebrews points to two Old Testament passages that show us how to apply the promises given in them to God's people today. In Deuteronomy 31:6-8 we read, *“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. **He will not leave you or forsake you.**”* Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, *“Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you. **He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.**”*

The next passage is written in Joshua 1:3-5. *“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **I will not leave you or forsake you.**”*

Let those words sink in for a moment. The same promise that God made to Moses and to Joshua, he makes to us, his people, today. Our amazing God, who was with Moses, has promised to be with you in Christ! *“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him [Jesus]. That is why it is through him [Jesus] that we utter our Amen to God for his glory” (2 Cor. 1:20). “I will never leave you or forsake you.”* The “you” there is a personal promise to you from God because *you* belong to him and are part of his covenant people. You are secure and content by his Word of promise.

What’s interesting, is that this promise was given at the time of the conquest of Canaan. The writer to the Hebrews saw a parallel between the people who were led by Joshua, and the church today being led by Jesus. Of course, we’re not on our way to the earthly Canaan, but to a heavenly Jerusalem. During the conquest, Israel couldn’t trust in her own strength to find security, and today we shouldn’t rest in our earthly wealth or strength for our security either. Our security is the LORD of hosts in which case, when he says, *“I will never leave you or forsake you,”* you can respond by saying, *“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear, what can man do to me!”*

Where do you find security? It’s in Jesus, greater than Joshua, he promises to lead us into the future, as uncertain as it looks at times, especially today. Earthly riches will come and go, some people may give up on us, but Jesus will never forsake us because he has made that wonderful promise to all who believe in him for the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor. 13:14).

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

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Leaning on Everlasting Arms

by Valerie Winston

During this past week I had a recurrence of an old college track injury. As I was walking down a set of steps, my knee decided to just quit. It was a shock and there was quite a bit of pain. I eventually ended up with crutches for the rest of the week. And, of course, there will be a visit to the doctor. The day the injury occurred turned out to be one of those days. It was one of those days where quite a few things went wrong and by the end of it I was having a pity party for myself.

As I was adjusting to using the crutches and trying to get around, I found myself leaning on things. Quite often events, comments, or any little thing will make me think of a song or a lyric from one. Before the end of the week I was singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". I began to think of the lyrics and how with God I am truly safe and secure.

Sometimes we like to be independent and just do things our own way. We travel through life trying to use just our own strength. But using strength from God is so much better. It makes our journey much steadier and the path is much straighter. Not only that, we have companionship and are therefore, never truly alone.

With God we have His powerful arms around us. He is strong and will never be overcome. We have His providing arms as He guides and takes care of us. We have His protecting arms as He gathers us, carries us, and keeps us from danger. And we have His loving arms as He showers us with daily blessings. Deuteronomy 33: 27a says, "The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. So, it's okay to lean, because God will be there to keep us safe and secure in His everlasting arms.

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Blessings on your Stewardship Journey

Relying on Jesus

Many of us have experienced the fun of playing sports. One of the more exhausting sports is basketball. The pace of the game can be very demanding. During the midst of an intense game, it is a great relief to hear the referee blow his whistle indicating a time-out during which time players get their energy revived after drinking some needed water. The player almost thinks, "That water saved my life!"

The Christian life can be compared to a basketball game. As Christians saved by Christ's atoning work on the cross, we remain on earth to be Christ's ambassadors in order that others might come to saving faith also (2 Corinthians 5:20). But it gets to be exhausting. No one seems to appreciate our efforts to be kind and loving. In fact, sometimes we're made fun of when we try to explain our relationship with Jesus. It's like being tripped on the basketball court with no ref to call a foul. We need the whistle to blow, so we can get to the sidelines to be refreshed. That's why it's so important to be reading and studying the Bible. The Word of God is like that water bottle during time-outs of the basketball game. It clears our heads. It reminds us of our goal and revives us so we can get back into the "game" of living the Christian life.

In our lives, we don't always win, but we don't dwell on our losses. As Christians, we experience failures. Mistakes, failures – SIN – are part of being a Christian. It's important to remember that Christ, knowing our sinfulness, lived the perfect life in our places. He took our mistakes, our failures, our SIN to the cross, and we are free from the burden of carrying our sin around.

The Apostle Paul knew about discouragement; he experienced failure. He was often tired and friendless. He was stoned and whipped by his own people! Still he wrote, "*Let us not become weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up*" (Galatians 6:9). He knew firsthand how difficult this command is to fulfill. In fact, it's impossible. We can't do it on our own. Only in Christ's strength can we find the energy to keep on "doing good." To that end he prayed, "*May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ*" (2 Thessalonians 3:5).

So, don't give up! When you get tired, find your spiritual water bottle, your Bible. Health experts tell us to drink a minimum of eight glasses of water a day. Even eight minutes a day spent in reading God's Word, accompanied by prayer and meditation on your reading, could do wonders for your spiritual vitality. Persevere in Christ's energy!

**GOD'S GRACE,
THROUGH FAITH,
ENABLES YOU TO GIVE THE
FIRST PORTION OF YOUR INCOME.**

"Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the first fruits of all your
produce..."(Proverbs 3:9).



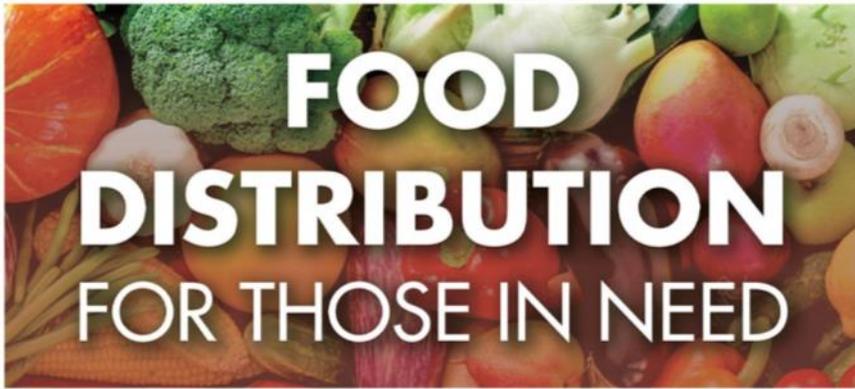
Stewardship Corner

On our own, we are helpless. God provides everything we need. "*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...*" (James 1:17). King David wrote, "*The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made. All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD...*" (Psalm 145:9-10). Everything good that we receive comes from God. In order for us to be His faithful stewards, He enriches us both physically and spiritually. God first creates us and then He recreates us through His life-changing Word and Sacraments, so we use our gifts in ways that enable us to be His stewards, who seek to please Him with all that are and have.

REMEMBER TO PRAY

If you have a prayer request, please call the pastor in the church office (708-562-5590). We are praying for you! Please notify the office when circumstances of your request change or when the Lord answers your prayers. We want to rejoice with you and thank the Lord.

Put Your Hands  Together



Saturday, October 10th 11am - 1pm

Saturday, October 24th 11am - 1pm

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- Oatmeal / Cereal
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- Canned Meat
- Canned Soup / Ramen
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Meals (Stew, Macaroni, Ravioli & Chili)
- Juice (Plastic Bottles)
- Snack Crackers
- Snack Size Cookies
- Fruit Snacks

October is

Pastor
APPRECIATION MONTH

Dear God, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We want to thank you for our pastor. We want to thank you for the great sacrifice that our pastor makes to ensure that we grow spiritually. Lord, continue prospering him and his work. Grant him wisdom that he may know how to teach the word in a way that brings people closer to your son Jesus Christ. Please help him to operate in knowledge and understanding when he counsels people who are going through different challenges in life. In Jesus' name, we believe and pray, Amen.

Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures gives. Romans 15:4

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue “ between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

October

1 Psalm 72	18 Ruth 2:1-23
2 Psalm 85	19 Isaiah 58:1-14
3 Psalm 94	20 Amos 5:1-27
4 Psalm 97	21 Micah 2:1-13
5 Psalm 111	22 Micah 3:1-12
6 1 Corinthians 11:17-34	23 Micah 4:1-13
7 Exodus 23:1-13	24 Nahum 5:1-15
8 Leviticus 19:1-18	25 Zechariah 7:1-14
9 Leviticus 19:19-37	26 Zechariah 8:1-17
10 Leviticus 25:1-17	27 Matthew 23:1-15
11 Leviticus 25:18-34	28 Matthew 23:16-36
12 Leviticus 25:35-55	29 Matthew 25:31-46
13 Numbers 27:1-11	30 Luke 3:1-20
14 Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Reformation Day
15 Deuteronomy 15:1-18	31 John 8:31-59
16 Joshua 22:1-20	
17 Joshua 22:21-34	

Set aside time to read the bible on a daily basis.

Find a quiet place to read and reflect on each day’s reading.

Begin with prayer, asking God for guidance and blessing.

For the Record

Nothing to Report



Birthdays

09 - Ed Mulvihill	24 - Lucretia Hardy
09 - Renee Phillips	26 - Chris Thomas
09 - Leonard Bettin	27 - Julie Hadler
15 - Irene Niko	27 - Doretha Brown
15 - Susan Redis	28 - Steven Deombeleg
17 - Macey Railing	30 - Doreen Schulz
21 - Jacob Blair	

A Month of Prayer

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month. Please pray for both their known and unknown needs.

1. The Tense Family
2. The Thomas Family (Chris, Katie, Braydon & Carson)
3. The Thomas Family (Rick, Paris Zariah & Regan)
4. Lisa Tipples
5. Lance Turner
6. Wayne & Debbie Valentino
7. Thy & Sarah Vu
8. The Washington Family
9. Marilyn Weeks
10. Randy & Michelle Weeks
11. Johnny Welch
12. Dorothy Westphal
13. Philbert Wilcox Sr.
14. Philbert Wilcox Jr.
15. Brett Willis
16. Valerie Winston
17. Vern Witt
18. Harold Zedler
19. Annetta Zimmerman
20. Ron & Barb Arndt
21. Susan Arnold
22. Taylor Balslew
23. Leonard Bartels
24. The Bell Family
25. Jennifer Bettin
26. Jeffrey Bettin
27. Leonard Bettin
28. Karen Bimler
29. The Blair Family
30. Bud & Lois Boese
31. Elaine Boettcher



October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:30am - Worship H.C. 11am - Bible Study	5	6	7	8 6pm - Elders Meeting	9	10 Food Pantry
11 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday Scrip Orders Due 9:30am - Worship 11am - Bible Study	12	13	14	15 Dining for Dollars at Buona	16 No School - Teacher In Service	17 End of Season Garden Work Day
18 9:30am - Worship H.C. 11am - Bible Study	19	20	21	22	23	24 Food Pantry
25	26	27 School Picture Retake Day	28	29	30 No School - Teacher In-service	31

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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*