

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I've got a matter that weighs on me. It really does... has for a while now. And now it weighs on you too in some way because now you'll be weighed down with trying to figure out what weighs on me. There you go! You're welcome! You'll be saying, "I wonder what's wrong with Bro. Buddy? What's weighing on him? What's he talking about? What is it?" You might even obsess over it to the point of saying... "I know what it is!" "I know what's weighing on him!" "It's this or it's that!" "It's what old so-and-so said or did!" "It's all this church stuff! I think I know what's weighing on him!" Uhm... no! You don't! And you don't really need to, although I always crave your prayers for what weighs on me (and on others too). But that's not the point of this or the reason I'm even telling you about it. I'm not so different from you or anyone else. We all have things that weigh on us... I'm just like you. The point is I've got a matter that weighs on me. It really has for a while now. I've prayed... a lot about it myself, and fervently. I've fretted over it, and pleaded with the Lord over it like Paul who prayed three times (and intently) that the Lord would answer his prayer and just take care of it and instead he heard the Lord say to him in 2 Corinthians 12:9, *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* It's true! And His grace is sufficient! And he will take care of it! I'm fully confident He will, in His timing. But it still weighs on me.

What do you do when matters weigh on you, and weigh you down? What do you do? We know the admonishments of Scripture like Hebrews 12:1, *"... let us (as believers) lay aside every weight..."* That's good, but what about when you can't seem to shake it? Well, Hebrews 12:1 goes on to say in that case, *"... let us run with patience (endurance) the race set before us."* Or how about this one in 1 Peter 5:7... I actually consider this one of my life verses... *"Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."* The idea there is that we are, as believers, to cast what weighs on us on Him because He cares so much about us that He will carry for us what weighs on us. I love that. I need that. And you need that too. And that's why I don't need you to be weighed down with what weighs on me. I might say, "Don't worry about it!" Because the truth is I have someone... the One and only One who takes what weighs on me and hoists it upon His very own shoulders and carries it for me. That's good!

Huh? And He will do the same for you and what weighs on you. He really will! And though I'm weighed down at times with things, I already have someone who lifts the weight. And by the way, He is also the One who can answer the prayer to what weighs on me. I love this simple little song called "The Cares Chorus,". "I'll cast all my care upon You. I lay all of my burden (what weighs on me) down at Your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do. I'll cast all my care (what weighs on me) upon You."

Listen to this. It's good... *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,"* (II Corinthians 4:17) Ah! I feel lighter already! Amen! ***I love you, Bro. Buddy***

YOUTH NEWS—REMIND+

For the newsletter this month I would like to announce that our Youth Camp this year will be from June 27th through July 1st at Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center, hosted by M3. We as a church have 30 spots reserved (including sponsors) that we will need to fill. This is the purpose for this article, to challenge the church and our students to help fill these spots, that we might reach more kids.

This is an emphasis for the year I desire to have here in 2022, that we reach out to more students and share the gospel. Considering the previous couple of years, I believe people today are far more open and in need of real hope in their lives, and there is not a group of people that have been more impacted by the pandemic than teenagers. The field is ripe for harvest, we need to reach out with the grace of Jesus and draw others to Him. Now do I believe fulfilling the Great Commission is to invite kids to youth camp? No, I do not. However, like most things in life being a witness for Christ is something we all need to grow in and I believe out reach events are a way to ease the often intimidating call into our regular lives as believers. This is my goal, that we would prepare ourselves to reach people who are in desperate need of Jesus. ***In Jesus Name, Trey Johnson***

MUSIC NOTES

Happy February everyone!! The choir is working on our Easter music, so it's the perfect time to join us if you have always wanted to. We meet right after Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 7:30. Come and see what a great time of work and worship we have each Wednesday night.
In His Name, Nancy

WMU

WMU will **NOT** meet on February 3 due to weather. We will meet on March 3, 2022 to prepare for Annie Armstrong Mission Offering, which is scheduled for March 6-13, 2022. We will be looking into what projects we may be doing during the year. There will be more news next month.
In Jesus' name, WMU



CHILDREN'S CORNER

We have Children's Church for kids 2nd grade and younger during church, except for the first Sunday of every month, which is Family Sunday. Every Sunday we have Children's Activity packets in the foyer. In Children's Church the kids learn about the Bible, God's Word.

We have Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. for Everyone from the youngest to the oldest. We have Bible based curriculum for children, teens, and adults. Currently in Sunday School, the 3rd-5th grades are studying Jesus' life with His disciples.

In AWANAS every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. during the school year, we currently have 38 children attending, from K-5th grade, and visitors joining the fun every week. The Cubbies are 3-4 years old, the Sparkies are K-2nd grade, and the TNTs are 3rd-5th Grade. They all memorize verses to earn patches for their AWANA vests or shirts. All of the kids memorize verses to recite to our listeners and earn AWANA Bucks, so they can buy fun things from our AWANA store, which will be open on Feb 23rd. We hope you and yours can join us and bring friends, to learn about God's will. Already active at Church? Pray for the workers, to lead the children in His path.
In Christ's love, Children's Ministry Team

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FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

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| Feb. 1 | Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM |
| Feb. 2 | Mid-Week services — Prayer Meeting,
AWANA, & Youth, 6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM |
| Feb. 8 | Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM |
| Feb. 9 | Mid-Week services — Prayer Meeting,
AWANA, & Youth, 6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM |
| Feb. 10 | Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM |
| Feb. 13 | Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg., 12N |
| Feb. 14 | Deacon's Meeting, 6:00 PM |
| Feb. 15 | Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM |
| Feb. 16 | Mid-Week services — Prayer Meeting,
AWANA, & Youth, 6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM |
| Feb. 17 | Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM |
| Feb. 20 | Business meeting following AM service |
| Feb. 22 | Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM |
| Feb. 23 | Mid-Week services — Prayer Meeting,
AWANA, & Youth, 6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM |
| Feb. 24 | Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM |



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