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Grow in Your Faith

From the Pastor's Desk

Be a Rolling Stone

2 Peter 3:18

Ever heard the phrase “A rolling stone collects no moss?” Or how about the statement “Objects in motion, stay in motion; objects in rest, stay in rest?” Or “For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction?” What do these phrases have in common? They all express the need to move in a forward direction or risk the danger of becoming stagnant.

This is also true of one's walk with Christ. If a person who walks with the Lord remains still, he may end up with moss growing on and around his feet and legs. He may be one who finds comfort in his surroundings and wishes to allow the greenery to overtake him. If he remains stagnant he may find himself at full rest accomplishing little to nothing for God and be comfortable with what he has not accomplished. If he gives little effort to the cause of Christ, then little will come back to him because that is the only effort he has put out and wishes to give no other efforts to further the Kingdom of God.

The opposite is true as well. If a person is active for the Lord and seeking to serve with all his heart, mind, and strength then he is one who is like the rock that collects no moss. He is one that stays in motion for the Lord and is active in all he does. The one who serves greatly receives greatly from God whether that reward is given here on earth or in heaven.

We as believers in the faith are encouraged by the Apostle Peter in 2 Peter 3:18 to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Apr. 7, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Apr. 14, Noon – Business Meeting

Preceded by a Baptist Potluck Dinner

April 22 – Passover begins

Apr. 27, 9 a.m. – Church Spring Cleaning Day

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study

Christ.” Growth by its very definition is the opposite of stagnation.

The Christian who wishes to be strong in the Lord is one who must grow in the Lord, but growth does not come to those who do nothing with their faith. One's faith must be exercised for constant growth to occur, if one does not exercise his faith then he runs the risk of becoming stagnant and unproductive in his walk.

Let me encourage the reader with the following principle of faith, we as Christians must be Rolling Stones for Christ in which we do not allow the moss of inactivity to overtake us in our daily lives.

Blessings,
✠ Pastor Jim

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Fellowship Events

On April 14, there will be a Business Meeting right after Sunday Service. This will be preceded by a good old Baptist Potluck Luncheon.

If you can bring an entrée, salad, or dessert to share, please do so. There is usually plenty of food to go around.

Visitors are welcome to join members for the luncheon.

Property and Space Patrol

Logging operations have begun in the woodlot behind the parsonage and will continue for another week.

The church has been cleaned twice this past month.

The church roof sustained damage over the past three wind storms and has been inspected by the insurance adjuster and roofing company. We are waiting to see what the insurance company will do.

The roadways were plowed of snow twice.

We are seeking quotes for re-siding the church exterior over the next two months. This would be the alternative to repainting the exterior.

✝ Pastor Jim

Are they welcome here?

An alcoholic friend of Philip Yancey once said to him:

“When I'm late to church, people turn around and stare at me with frowns of disapproval. I get the clear message that I'm not as responsible as they are.

“When I'm late to AA, the meeting comes to a halt and everyone jumps up to hug and welcome me. They realize that my lateness may be a sign that I almost didn't make it. When I show up, it proves that my desperate need for them won out over my desperate need for alcohol.”

Let's make sure that people know how welcome they always are, that our table is really big and that there is always a place with their name on it at our table.

Sent by June Cairns

The Passion of Christ

From the RBC Our Daily Devotions for March 30, 2024 comes this poignant story. Read from Isaiah 53:4-7, 10-12 and then read this insight written by RBC writer Alyson Kieda.

Before Jim Caviezel played Jesus in the film *The Passion of the Christ*, director Mel Gibson warned that the role would be extremely difficult and could negatively impact his career in Hollywood. Caviezel took on the role anyway, saying, “I think we have to make it, even if it is difficult.”

During the filming, Caviezel was struck by lightning, lost forty-five pounds, and was accidentally whipped during the flogging scene. Afterwards, he stated, “I didn't want people to see me. I just wanted them to see Jesus. Conversions will happen through that.”

The film deeply affected Caviezel and others on the set, and only God knows how many of the millions who watched it experienced changed lives.

The passion of Christ refers to the time of Jesus' greatest suffering, from His triumphal entry on Palm Sunday and including His betrayal, mocking, flogging, and crucifixion. Accounts are found in all four gospels.

In Isaiah 53, His suffering and its outcome are foretold: “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed” (v. 5). All of us, “like sheep, have gone astray” (v. 6). But because of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, we can have peace with God. His suffering opened the way for us to be with Him.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to anyone who is celebrating another orbit around the Sun. If that is you, please let the editor know.



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the following people who celebrate a wedding anniversary this month:

4/28 Pastor Al & Rachel Page

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hillside on the Web

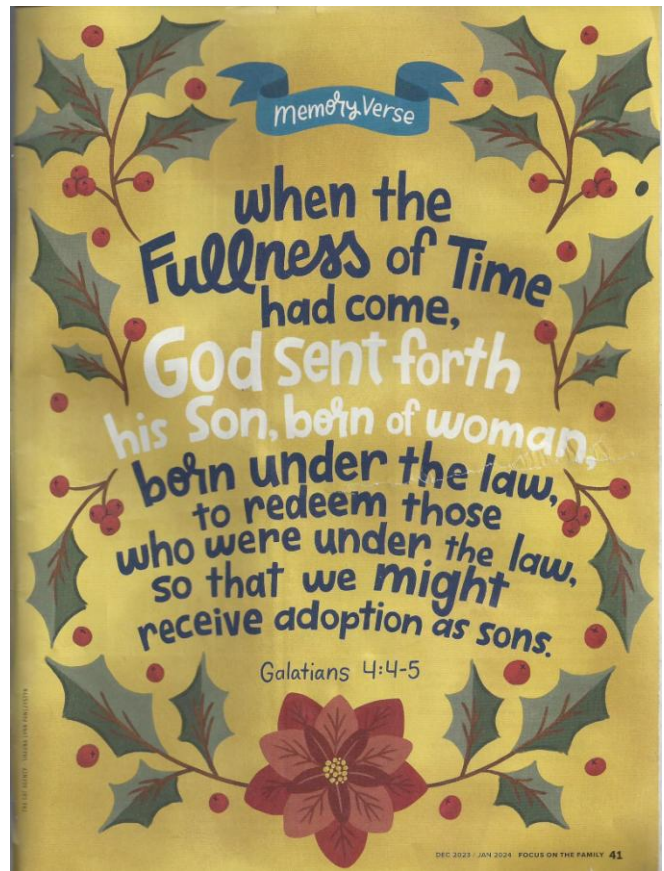
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Submissions for Next Issue

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