

Foursquare Focus

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Greetings,

*We are finishing up the five (5) points as to why God allows problems in our lives if He loves us. To recap, He does it to **Direct** you, to **Inspect** you, to **Correct** you, and to **Protect** you. And the final reason He allows problems in our lives is to **Perfect** you.*

You see, problems, when responded to correctly, are character builders. God is far more interested in your character than your comfort. Just remember that your relationship with God and your character are the only two things you're going to take with you into eternity.

Romans 5:3-4 says "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope." So in essence, God is not punishing you, He is merely trying to build you into the very best that you could possibly be and problems are the best way to accomplish that.

Blessings,

Pastor Kevin

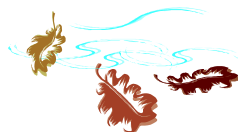
Nursery Ministry

AM Service 10-11:30 am

3rd Kristy Whittington / Nicole Payseur
 10th Angie & Courtney Tignor
 17th Mickey Harris / Barbara Laney
 24th Kerri & Erik Hester
 31st Leslie & Haley Burgin

PM Service 6 pm

Angie & Courtney Tignor
 Michelle Muse / Angie Walters
 Alana Conrecode
 Mary Harris / Donna W. Hester
 Fall Festival



Wednesday 7 pm Teresa Crews

Preschool Ministry

Sundays 10:30 am

Melanie Lowery &
 Melinda Silvers

Sundays 6pm

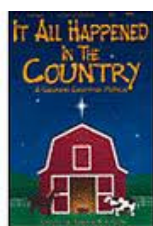
w/ Nursery

Wednesdays 7 pm

Tom Cagle



Children's Ministry



Everybody's heard the Christmas story, right? Wrong! There are lots of people out there... maybe people all around you... who don't know the beautiful story of Jesus' birth. And even if they know the story, they need to be reminded of it at least every Christmas. We are starting practice for our **Christmas musical, "It All Happened in the Country,"** on Sunday and Wednesday nights. It is important that all children be at church for these practices. If you have any questions, please see Delaine.



Parents of children in K-5th: You should have received a note about what we will be learning in **Children's Church**. Please don't forget to help your child learn his/her memory verse and ask them about their treasure hunt...

General Announcements



Calling all outdoor lovers! Join us as we go to **Carolina Adventure World** on *Saturday, October 2nd*, for a day of riding ATV's. If you would like to go, please give Pastor a call by *Friday, October 1st*, so you can get all of the details.



We are starting the **Wednesday Night Meals** back up for the fall beginning on *Wednesday, October 13th*, and we will be serving a meal each week. The cost is \$4/adult and \$2/child under 18 with a maximum of \$10/family. We hope this will be a blessing for your family to be able to eat a meal at church and attend one of our many wonderful classes afterwards. The menu will be posted on the calendar and we encourage you to sign up before the meal so that we know how many to prepare for.



A **Young Adult Retreat – "Thrive"** – will be held at Camp Courtney for anyone ages 18-29 from *Thursday-Saturday, October 21st-23^d*. Please sign up on the Life Board if interested; see Pastor Kevin or Pastor Clark for more details.



Mark your calendars! Our **Fall Festival** will be held on *Sunday, October 31st*, from 5-8pm. All ages are encouraged to join us for food, fun, games and hayrides. Listen for details in Sunday service about our **Family Pumpkin Carving Contest** – Get YOUR family involved!!

Missing the Real Thing

Joe Harding once told about a young man who heard the circus was coming to town. He saw all the posters, and so he faithfully saved his money so that he could attend. Finally the day for the circus to come arrived. The young man rushed down to Main Street and saw the parade of clowns, lions, acrobats and the band. When the parade was over, he walked up to the circus master and paid his money and went home. It was not until years later that he learned the circus was held in the big tent at the edge of town, and he had settled for the parade and missed the circus.

Dr. Harding commented that when our faith is limited to times of public worship, it is like settling "for the parade," but missing the real thing.

~ Kenneth Metzger

Keenagers



Saturday, October 16th - Mountain Trip
Tuesday, October 28th - Covered Dish Meal
 Over 50? If so, we encourage you to join us for our fellowship times! See Gary or Sandra Lundquist if you have any questions.

Hope Ministry



Our needs for October are **stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, and yams**. Please place all donations in the foyer on the Hope Ministry table. Thank you for your continued support.

Youth Ministry



Saturday, October 9th - **"Judgment House"** at Hopewell Baptist Church in Blacksburg, South Carolina. Meet at the Youth Center at 5pm; we will return by 11pm. Each student will need money for food along the way and \$5 for offering (collected at the door).



Saturday, October 16th - **Corn Field Maze** in Shelby. Please be at the church by 6pm; we will return by midnight. Students will need money for food at Wendy's in Shelby on the way there and \$7 for maze ticket.

Sunday, October 31st - **Fall Festival**. Come on out and join us – the fun will last from 5-8pm and will include food, fun, games and hayrides. Stay tuned for more information...



All youth and college-age students will meet together on **Wednesdays** from 7-8pm. Our **Sunday evening** schedule immediately following worship is as follows:

Middle School Students – Upstairs w/ John & Tish Pappas

High School Students – Downstairs w/ Clark & Leslie Burgin

"Uprising" (young adults in 12th grade and college-age) – Upstairs w/ Chad Owens

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. ~ Clark

Women's Ministry



We continue to meet on Tuesday mornings at 10am in the FLC for **Bible Study** – all ladies are welcome to join us.

We will be resuming our **Monthly Meetings** on *Monday, October 11th*, at 6:30pm in the FLC.

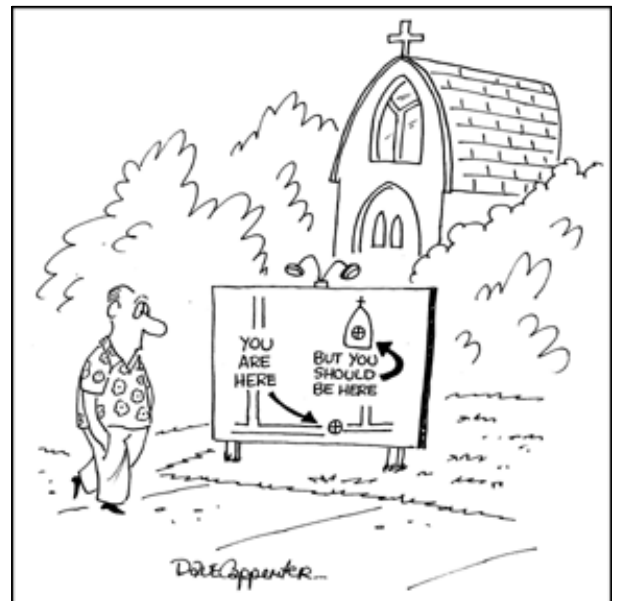
Please bring your favorite sweet or salty pick-up and join us for this time of devotions and fellowship. Please see Summer Collins with any questions.

Strength from God

I believe that God can and will bring good out of evil, even out of the greatest evil. I believe that God will give us all the strength we need to help us to resist in all times of distress.

But He never gives it in advance, lest we should rely on ourselves and not on Him alone.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
 executed for resisting Hitler



A Little Prayer...

*Dear God, I surrender myself totally to you.
 Please see what you can do with me. Amen.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Prayer 5-6pm	27	28 Women's Bible Study 10am Keenagers Covered Dish Dinner 5:30pm (FLC)	29 Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	30	1	2  ATV Trip to Carolina Adventure World
3 Prayer 5-6pm	4	5 Women's Bible Study 10am	6 Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	7	8	9  Youth - Judgment House 5pm
10 Prayer 5-6pm	11 Women's Ministry Meeting 6:30pm (FLC)	12 Women's Bible Study 10am	13 5:30 Dinner Menu: Grilled Pork Chops, Oven-Fried Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Bread, Dessert Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	14	15	16 Keenagers - Mountain Trip  Youth - Corn Field Maze 6pm
17 Prayer 5-6pm	18	19 Women's Bible Study 10am	20 5:30 Dinner Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	21	22	23 Young Adult Retreat at Camp Courtney
24 Prayer 5-6pm	25	26 Women's Bible Study 10am  Keenagers 5:30pm (FLC)	27 5:30 Dinner Menu: Breakfast for Dinner - Eggs, Grits, Sausage, Biscuits 'n Gravy, Dessert Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	28	29	30
31  5-8pm	1	2 Women's Bible Study 10am	3 5:30 Dinner Menu: Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Dessert Prayer 5-6pm Christian Classes 7pm	4	5	6