

CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- Macon Family - Lee, Joey's Father, passed away suddenly. Please keep the family in your prayers and make a point to send words of encouragement.
 - Stickers - If you would like a WSRCoC sticker please see Lee.
 - Bible Class Teachers - Lee and Greg are in the process of getting ready for next quarter. Please make sure to sign up for a class if you would like to teach.
 - Continue to remember Tina Copeland, Forrest, Pat Campbell, Margaret Hines, Geraldine Wilkins, June Poyner, Dot Debice, OP Boling and the sick and shut-ins in prayer.
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SERVICE ROSTER

Week of May 24, 2015

Sunday

Announcements	L. Snow
Singing	G. Kendrick
Table & Giving	F. Youngblood
Assisting	M. Sizemore
	W. Phillips
	G. McMurray
	R. Wilson
Sermon AM	L. Snow
Sermon PM	L. Snow
Closing Prayer	D. Johnson
Counting	W. Phillips

Wednesday

Invitation	L. Snow
Invitation Song	J. Macon
Prayer	G. McMurray

RECORDS - May 17, 2015

Sunday AM	48
Sunday PM	36
Wednesday	36

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SCHEDULE:

Sun.	9:30AM - Bible Class 10:30AM - Worship 1:00PM - Worship
Wed.	7:00PM - Bible Class
Mon.-Thu.	9:AM-2PM - Office Hours

LIFE LINES

OF THE WARM SPRINGS ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 24, 2015

3 THINGS TO REMEMBER DURING LOSS

"Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; he flees like a shadow and does not continue." - Job 14:1-2
Isn't life beautiful? Job even likened it to a flower, but the end of that passage takes a quick turn for the gloomy.

As the English poet, Philip James Bailey, once stated, "The sole equality on earth is death." Regardless of economic statue, fame, race or religion, we will all face death at one point or another and every one of us will pass from this life, provided we don't live until His return.

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment," - Hebrews 9:27

And while this is fact and we can look to other people who have lost loved ones (David, Adam & Eve, Noami & Ruth or even Mary, the mother Jesus Christ) but looking to those people and their trials and losses doesn't necessarily equate to consolation for our hearts.

However, there is one Person to whom we can look for that much needed strength, Jesus Christ.

Let's look at three things that we ought to keep in the forefront of our minds whenever we suffer any sort of loss (not just the death of a loved one).

God Loves You

It was rightly said by the Creator and Savior of the world,
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." - John 3:16

It is amazing to me to think about how God, who is so High and Mighty, took the time to suffer such tremendous loss so that I could see how much He loves me. Have you ever realized how many times the Bible writers personalized that sacrifice (Romans 5:8, Romans 8:32, Ephesians 5:2, Galatians 2:20)? It is vital that we realize that divine gift was given for YOU!

"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:6-7

God Will Encourage You

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.” - 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Not only did God Almighty feel it necessary to show us His love by dying on the cross, He is also presently active in the hearts of those who face discomfort. No matter the cause of the grief (death, loss of a job, relationships breaking up or even the loss of a pet), God is willing and able to help us through that time, but how?

Many wish to feel the presence of God wash over them in a physical way. Others want to hear His voice speaking in their ears words of comfort and joy. But, I believe that these are not only not happening today but are deficient compared to how He actually does this counseling. Jesus stated,

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” - Matthew 11:28-29

The way in which we find the rest of comfort of God is through learning of Him and His great love for us! How do we do that? Through deep study of His Word (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

God Will Make Good of Your Pain

I think one very important point when facing loss is to understand that God did not have an active hand in what you are feeling. That being said, He did allow it to happen...and most likely for an immense reason! He wants to make good come of all pain.

Think about His pain watching part of the Godhead, His son, Jesus Christ, writhing in pain on the cross. Why did He allow that to happen? Because He had planned to produce good from it (i.e. the salvation of mankind).

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” - Romans 8:28

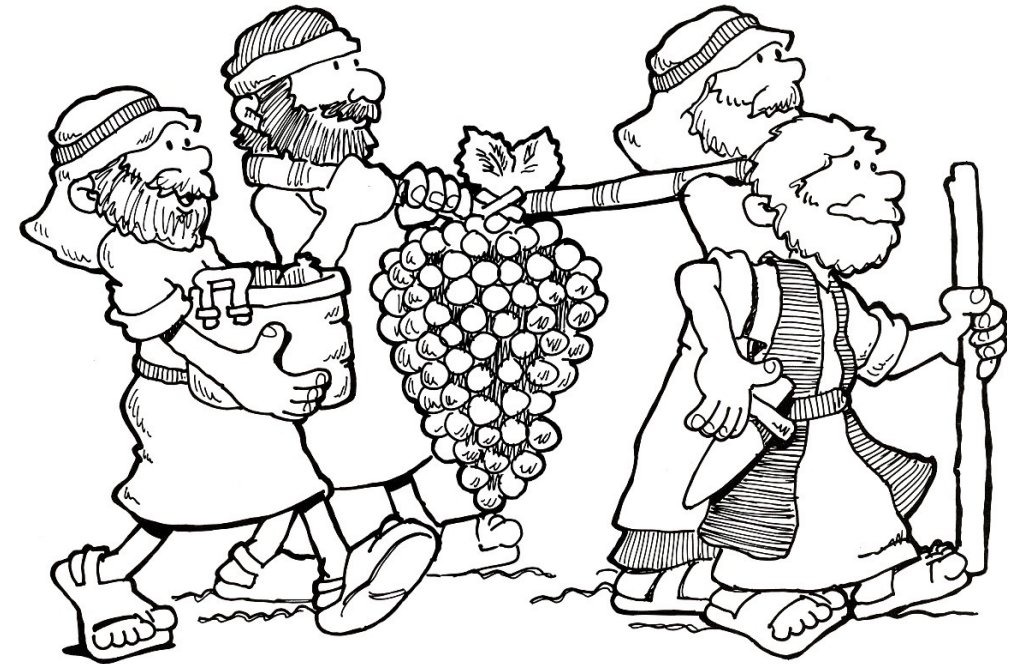
“Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God.” - Luke 12:6

Therefore, if we will search Him out, learn of His love and look for the good which can come of any situation, we will be able to have peace with God! But, remember, that true peace can only come through obedient faith in Jesus Christ which leads one to access salvation via obedience to the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8)!

- Lee Snow (leemsnow.com)

KID'S CORNER

COLOR THIS PICTURE OF THE SPIES BRINGING BACK GRAPES FROM THE PROMISED LAND!



PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON PREVIEW

10:30 AM - **FEARLESS** - Learning to Overcome Challenges for God

How does the Lord want us to look at challenges and obligations He has given us? We'll look at Numbers 13-14 to see how Israel was supposed to address the challenge of the Promised Land.

1:00 PM - **THE RESULT OF UNBELIEF**

The Hebrews writer said that Israel's problem in Numbers 14 was that they had "unbelief" in their hearts. But what is unbelief and what comes from that heart problem?