

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

April 3, 2016

"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Boast In The Lord

Boasting is bad. Right? Of course. We teach our children not to boast. We are annoyed the braggart. Disgusted by the bluster of the blowhard. And repelled with the bombast of the know it all. In fact, the Bible says in several places "do not boast..." (Ps 75:4; Prov 27:1; 2Cor 10:15; Jas. 3:14). Yet, in the text we have been considering, Psalm 34:1-3, David claims the right to boast.

*I will **ble**ss the Lord at all times; His **pr**aise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its **bo**ast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, **ma**gnify the Lord with me, And let us **ex**alt His name together.*

The Hebrew word translated *boast* is *Halal*. It means "to make a show; to celebrate." It involves "shouting or jubilation." It is used 165 times in the Old Testament and is often translated *praise* or *glory*. W. E. Vine says, "the word *halal* is the source of Hallelujah, a Hebrew expression of 'praise' to God, which has been taken over virtually into every language of mankind."

David's boasting was not in himself. Nor in his accomplishments, accolades or achievements. It was not a carnal, fleshly boasting, which the Bible condemns (Gal. 6:13). Neither was he boasting about his future goals. "Do not boast about tomorrow" is a clear warning from Scripture (Prov. 27:1). And he was not boasting in the abundance of his wealth, which is also condemned (Ps 49:6).

David was boasting in the Lord. He was celebrating God's goodness. Mercy. And loving kindness. He was shouting for joy for the Jehovah's protection as he faced enemies, accusation and physical threats on his life.

This kind of boasting is not born of arrogance or a false sense of security. In fact, paradoxically, it is boasting based in humility. It speaks to a surety of the soul and assurance by the Almighty power of God. It is anchored to His promises. His provisions. His providence.

Fast forward 1,000 years and we read of another great man of God who also claimed he could boast. The apostle Paul said that he could boast in the cross of Jesus Christ (Gal. 6:14). He did not boast in his own works, but in the grace of God (Eph. 2:8-9). In fact, Paul even boasted of his physical infirmities because they became a demonstration of God's power, strength and grace in his life (2 Cor 12:9-10) Like both King David and the apostle Paul, our lives may not always go as planned. We may meet opposition from unexpected sources. We may suffer hardship, heart ache or hurt. Yet, we can humbly boast of our relationship with the Lord. Our reliance on His care. And our trust in His promises.

We can celebrate our salvation in Jesus. We can shout "Hallelujah, I am saved." We can boast of our blessings in Christ. We can rejoice in our relationships with fellow Believers. We revel in the righteousness of the Lord, instead of our own self-righteousness. This kind of godly boasting will ennoble your spirit. Renew your soul. And refresh your mind.

Boasting in the Lord encourages others. Comforts those who are mourning. Uplifts those who are down-cast. Inspires confidence in the faint of heart. Transforms the troubled soul. Enlightens the unsaved. Radiates light in a darkened world. Dispels depression and despair. And fortifies our faith as we fix our eyes upon our heavenly home. How about it? Take time today to do a little boasting. In the Lord, of course!

-Ken Weliever, thepreachersword.com

We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.



Speaker:
NICK ANGEL
Sunday AM Notes 4-3-2016

**The
Humble
Servant**
Luke 10:25-37

Serves because of a _____

Serves the _____ of _____

Serves _____

Serves without _____ of _____





Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday PM Notes 4-3-2016

THE SONG
OF
MOSES

EXODUS 15:1-18

GOD IS _____ THAN ALL THINGS.

GOD IS _____ THAN ALL THINGS.

GOD IS THE _____ OF _____.

GOD WILL _____ AND _____

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Times of Worship & Bible Study

Sunday:

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship Service: You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.

5:00 PM Worship Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship

Weekly Attendance

Last Sunday AM Worship.....105
Last Sunday PM Worship.....86
Last Wednesday Bible Study.....88

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-Ted Bennett (Jason's dad)... recovering from a heart procedure from this past week. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.

-Wayne Wilkinson (father of Jim Wilkinson)...Has been diagnosed with cancer and has been undergoing treatments. Please prayer for his recovery and for Jim and his family.

-Adam Womble...work associate of Tim Phillips who was involved in a serious car accident and suffering severe head trauma. Please pray for his recovery and 2 young daughters.

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Our expecting mothers: Spring McDonald & Katie Angel.

-Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)... still struggling with his health.

-Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan...young man struggling with his health.

-Barbara Leonard...shut in and struggling with her health.

-Christian Shadburn...20 yr. old Christian in Bowling Green battling cancer.

-Robin Hill..... battling cancer.

-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)...Battling Melanoma.

-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)... Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's mother)... Battling leukemia..

-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.

-Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.

If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.

Pleasant Plains News

Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Song Practice - TBD** at the Angel's home after evening service. **First few minutes will focus on learning new songs, and then we will spend the rest of our time singing some of our favorite songs. Everyone is welcome!**

✓**Men's Bible Class - May 7th** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 5 will be covered.

✓**Ladies Class - April 5th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson 5 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - April 24th** directly after evening service at the Angel's house. Lesson 4 of "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

Area Gospel Meetings & Events

Special Bible Lessons at the Medina Church of Christ...

Doug Seaton will be speaking April 6-8 at 7pm, April 9 at 2pm, and Sunday at 9am & 5pm.

●**Gospel Meeting with Harold Carswell, Jr at the Northside Church of Christ in Jonesboro, AR...**April 17-22. Weeknights at 7pm.

Daily Bible Reading For This Week: **Leviticus 13-19**

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**