

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

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

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Praise The Lord!

Randy Aly tells the story of an elderly sister who dearly loved the Lord and often her cup of joy overflowed. Her favorite expression was, "Praise the Lord!" Sometimes in worship services during the sermon, she would just shout out, "Praise the Lord!" This display of emotion disturbed the preacher's train of thought and bothered him. So, he thought how he might kindly discourage her outbursts. The woman was very poor, and therefore the minister had an idea. He offered her a parcel of groceries every month only if she would only refrain from saying, "Praise the Lord!" during his sermons. Since she greatly needed the groceries, she did her best to earn them on the minister's terms. For many Sundays, she kept perfectly quiet during the sermon. One day, however, the minister preached on forgiveness of sin, with its attendant blessings and joys. And as he preached, the old woman thought less and less of the groceries, and more and more of the joys of salvation. Finally, she could stand it no longer. To everyone's surprise, she cried out: "Groceries or NO groceries – PRAISE THE LORD!"

This sister's attitude was exactly like the great man of God, David, in the Old Testament. Regardless of the circumstance, situation or challenge David had a heart for praising God. 39 times in the Psalms we read the expression "praise the Lord." This is our second post from Psalm 34:1-3 which contains five words that glorify God. *"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."*

Last time, we discussed the expression "Bless the Lord." Today, we want to consider what it means to have the Lord's praise continually in our mouth.

The word "praise" denotes the quality or attribute of a thing or a person. There are several Hebrew words for praise, including *halal*, from which we get the word Hallelujah. This word, *Tehillah*, which is used 57 times in the Old Testament can be used to represent a song of praise, laud God's glory, or speak of His praiseworthy deeds.

David was the recipient of God's gracious and wonderful works. Whether David was experiencing good times or difficulties he could always see God's goodness and focused on praise instead of problems. David praised the Lord in the congregation of His people (Ps 111:1) The assembly was not just a place to go, but an opportunity to offer praise to the Lord. It was a heartfelt expression of David's love for the Lord and his daily walk with Him. Moses reminded Israel before entering the promised land of the wonderful works of God and how He was worthy of their praise, "He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes" (Deut. 10:21)

Likewise, David's praise was not restricted to one day of worship, but a daily recognition of God's praiseworthiness. In the Psalms we read of special ways in which the Lord's praise was on his lips. He praised the Lord for his wonderful works of creation. The sun, moon and stars sing the praise of God. Their beauty is a constant reminder that the Lord has been good to mankind. He acknowledged and thanked God for making man in His image and crowning him with glory and honor. Indeed, we have been given a spark of the divine nature. We are made just a little lower than the angels and higher than the animal kingdom. David praised the Lord for His providence. For his protection. For his provisions. The Psalmist acknowledged God's daily presence in His life. He knew that God was near. That God cared. And that God hear His prayers. He praised God for the relationships that He has given to us. Friends, family, and brethren who share our faith make life enjoyable, provide fulfillment and offer help through life's trials.

Take time to read the Psalms. Practically every page is filled with praise. Indeed the Lord has been mindful of mankind. Praise the Lord!

-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 3-27-2016

15 Reasons Jesus Came Reason 15

15) Jesus Christ came into the world because the _____.

(John 20:21)

- The Father sent Jesus to be the _____ for our _____. (1 John 4:10)
- The Father sent Jesus to _____ the _____. (John 3:16-18)
- The Father sent Jesus to _____ us by _____ from our _____ . (Acts 3:26)
- The Father sent Jesus to _____ us as _____. (Gal. 4:4,5)



Speaker:

JASON RENNETT

Sunday PM Notes 3-27-2016

What Is Faith?

Faith is _____.

Faith is _____.

Faith _____

Faith is _____ **on our** _____.

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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.....101
Last Sunday PM Worship.....##
Last Wednesday Bible Study.....80

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-Richard Waddell...underwent out patient surgery to remove skin cancer this past Wednesday. Please continue to pray for his recover.

-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.

-Melessa Sain & Baby Hagan...born March 3rd weighing 8 pounds and measuring 21 inches. Momma and baby are both doing well! Please continue to keep them in your prayers!

-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 - April 2nd** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 4 will be covered.

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

✓**Young People's Gathering - *TONIGHT*** directly after evening service at the Angel's house. Lesson 3 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 6-12**

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)**