

PRAYERS

Chris (Anita’s daughter in law) – She was sent to TX to see other Drs. Tests, so far, indicate her cancer may have returned.

Congregation News:

Next Sunday, our hunters will be in town and David Carter will be teaching Bible Class while John Brockman will be leading the singing.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Life is fragile--handle with care!

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning Service:

11/04/18

11/11/18

Bible Class	Tom Bright	David Carter
Announcements	Tom Bright	Colby Crawford
Song Leader	Paul Darling	John Brockman
Opening Prayer	Paul Darling	Colby Crawford
Lord's Supper	Paul Darling	Tom Bright
Closing Prayer	Tom Bright	Paul Darling
Sermon	Tom Bright	David Carter

Bible Classes

Sunday Morning

Wednesday Evening

Adult	Tom Bright	Tom Bright
Children	Colby Crawford	Linda McBrayer
Toddlers	Cindy Bright	
Babies	Anissa Crawford	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 5th – Tom Bright
November 8th – Austin Crawford

Building Cleanup

Bright

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Bulletin Submissions

If you would like anything added to the bulletin such as prayer requests, news, or events, please make submissions by Friday night to: tlbj@sbcglobal.net

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November 4, 2018

The Harvest is past, Summer is Ended

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved..." (Jeremiah 8.20.) These were the words of Jeremiah to the people of Judah in a time of crisis. The nation's disregard of God and His word had brought them to the edge of oblivion. On the horizon, the Babylonian war machine was set for a savage thrust against Jerusalem. Yet, the people refused to turn to God. They still hoped against hope that deliverance would come from elsewhere. The summer months had dragged slowly by and no deliverer appeared. Poignantly, Jeremiah dramatized the desperate hopelessness of their situation: "...summer is ended and we are not saved..." . What words could be more fitting for us? Summer is gone... harvest is past and Autumn is upon us. What happened to the long golden days of summer? How could they have passed so quickly? The words of Jeremiah seem urgently appropriate to our own situation:

1) **Summer Is At An End.** Another season has come and gone. This year is three-fourths over! The fleeting seasons remind us how brief life really is! The Bible describes its brevity in a number of powerful images: a fleeting cloud (Job 7.9), a fading flower, (Job 14.2), a flickering candle, (Job 18.6.) In answer to the question, "*What is your life?*" James answers, "*Just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.*" (James 4.14). Given the fragile and frantic nature of life, it is crucially important that we use the time we have to make ready for eternity!

2) **Summer May Be At An End For Us Nationally.** Modern America has made the same basic mistake as the people of Jeremiah's day. We have sought deliverance where there was none... We have vainly looked for Science to usher in a millennium; we have expected Education to eradicate poverty and crime; we have hoped that Medicine and Psychiatry would eliminate disease, and guilt and fear. But our hoped-for saviors have failed us. Thoughtful people are alarmed at the growing evidence of the precipitous decline of our national condition. Our culture seems driven toward dissolution and chaos. We have forgotten that, "*Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.*" (Proverbs 14.34). There is not much time left. If our nation is to be saved, it is vital that we repent and return to God.

3) **Summer May Be At An End For You Spiritually.** It may be that you have squandered countless opportunities without giving serious thought to the needs of your soul. You may have long promised yourself that you will commit your life to God and begin living for Him! But the golden days of opportunity are slipping away and still many are not saved! "*Behold, now is the acceptable time: behold now is the day of salvation.*" (2 Corinthians 6.2) Good intentions are not enough! God demands obedience! (Heb. 5.8-9; Acts 2.38; John 8.35.) What a perilous and dangerous moment to come to the end of summer without God and without salvation!

There is much to consider in the thought-provoking lines of the hymn by Tillit S. Teddlie:

Swiftly we're turning life's daily pages,
Swiftly the hours are changing to years;
How are we using God's golden moments?
Shall we reap glory?
Shall we reap tears?

BANNED PHRASES

Lake Superior State University, located on the upper peninsula of Michigan, each year publishes a list of words which "should be banished from the Queen's English because of misuse, overuse and general uselessness." Among the words recently banned are "staycation...Joe the plumber...bailout...going green...and carbon footprint." In past years these words or phrases were banned: "yadda, yadda, yadda... you go girl... victimless crime...spousal unit...ongoing...bling...been there, done that ...baddabing, baddaboom...and get-r-done".

I love some of those phrases that are distinct among those of us in the Lord's church. As long as they are not used in vain repetition, they have a certain charm and even nostalgia. They include "help the preacher have a ready recollection...seperate and apart...please stand, if it is convenient...bring us back at the next appointed time...if you are here this morning and need to respond...the back of the pew in front of you...dinner on the grounds...potluck (or covered dish) dinner...mark in your hymnbook...and as together we stand and sing" (Yes, I use that last one nearly every Sunday).

But there are a few words and phrases I would like to see eliminated from our thinking and speech:

1. **Later**, as in "I'll become a Christian later...or I'll get involved, later...or I'll become a soul winner, later."
 2. **We can't**, as it applies to budgets, programs, goals and any God-honoring dream or plan.
 3. **They**, as spoken by a member of the church regarding the local congregation and in place of "Me, we, I, and us."
 4. **The Bible doesn't say we can't**, as a means of skirting around clear Bible principles or areas, like our singing where God has made His will specifically known.
 5. **I'm not good enough to live the Christian life.** Who is? This is true, but also irrelevant (consider *Philippians 4:13* and *(Ephesians 2:8-9)*).
 6. **That's not really my thing**, as in "I don't want to be involved, and I'm not gonna do it--regardless!"
 7. **I didn't get much out of...** as in "worship...Bible class...the sermon" or any other spiritual activity that requires effort and input and which, when given, helps a person to get so much out of whatever he or she is doing.
 8. **I know I should...but**, as it applies to anything. If we know we should, why don't we? Especially when it comes to doing God's will. Keep in mind what is said in **James 4:17**.
- You might have your own lists of words or phrases to suggest. Feel free. Let us seek to banish those sayings(and mindsets) that suggest doubt, defeat and discouragement!

Welcome to our Assembly. . .

Whether you are a first time visitor or a long time member of this congregation, we are happy to have you with us this morning. For those visiting, please make yourself comfortable. A good deal of information about this church and its activities can be found on this sheet. We encourage and invite anyone interested to participate in the activities offered throughout the week. If you have any questions about the facilities, our worship service, or want more information about the church, feel free to ask anyone present. Someone will be glad to help you!