



THE CHURCH WINDOW

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HE CHANGES

THE TIMES AND THE SEASONS;

HE REMOVES

KINGS AND RAISES UP KINGS;

HE GIVES

WISDOM TO THE WISE
AND KNOWLEDGE TO THOSE
WHO HAVE UNDERSTANDING.

DANIEL 2:21

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"GOOD MORNING FAMILY"



.....thoughts from DAVID

Painting has been on my mind a lot lately (mainly because we are trying to get the Fellowship Hall, hallway, and auditorium painted); and it has got me thinking. Painting is a lot like the Christian life – in a good way and a bad way.

Bad first. Jesus blasted the Pharisees for being hypocrites. In fact, one of His criticisms says, “Woe to you...you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean” (Matthew 23:27). It was not uncommon for tombs to be whitewashed (or painted) so they would look nice. It is too easy to pretend to be something you aren’t. At the same time, it is too hard to BE something you aren’t. Many years ago the Christian Rock band Petra sang a song called “Chameleon.” The chorus says, “Chameleon, you blend with your surroundings. Chameleon, no one knows where you come from. Chameleon, you change with every situation; compromising dedication.” It’s not good. In fact, if you claim to be in Christ and ride the fence, Jesus has words for you, “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm, I am about to spit you out of my mouth” (Revelation 3:15-16). The lesson is: don’t be a whitewashed tomb. Be genuine. Jesus came to cleanse us from the inside. Once He has done that for you, let your light shine so that what He has done IN you, others will see (Matthew 5:16).

Good. Painting DOES cover up the old. Maybe you are changing colors, maybe you are needing a fresh look – paint will do that for you. There may be some holes needing patched or blemishes repaired. Painting allows you to cover them...as if they were never there. And that is what Jesus does in the life of the one who comes to Him in faith. He covers us.

Have you ever told someone, “I’ll cover you.” What you are saying is your debt will be my debt; whatever you are going to do, I have your back.” Jesus came saying, “I’ll cover you. You sin-debt that you owe? I’ll pay it. It’s on me.” Then your response to the one who covered you is gratitude, right? What a huge debt we carry that Jesus paid. Paul says, “Jesus became sin for us so we could become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Again, Paul says, “...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves (been covered) with Christ” (Galatians 3:27).

Enjoy the new coat of paint!

Keep Looking Up!

David Jordan

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PRAYER CORNER

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<u>CANCER</u>		
Gary McClurg	Gale Grable	Virginia Rutter
Leslie Pummell	Sandie Smith	Ronnie Frakes
Shane Fitzpatrick	Eugene Wooden	Porter Hampton
Cindy Cane	Susan Matros	Deb Moulder
Amy Myers	Nate Lamb	Terri Noom
Brenda Winterscheidt	Jimmy Pruitt	DD Fry
Kris Ward Ousley	Sherry Harmon	Toby Turley
Colony Young	Aldena Jordan	Brittany Kearney
Karen Birkensha	Bruce Hudson	Steve Decker
Rita Ward	Joyce Pummell	Tammy Wagner
Cleta Halter	Steve Watkns	Bill Park
Todd Servaes	James Shelton	Kathy Black
Janice Searcy	Brian Hughes	Alex Moore

Gary McClurg
Prayers always

Shannon Calloway
Shoulder Surgery Recovery

Jenny Skrbina
KU- Tests

Kylee Dexter
Fell From Horse--Surgery

Marilyn Downer
Close friends of hers---Man-
-Dementia--Ran into A Train and was
killed---His wife has Stage 4 Cancer

Karen Pierce
Recovering from Surgery

Barb Wheeler
Successful Surgery

Gary Nelson
Hernia Surgery

Keith McClurg
Sleeve Surgery

Olivia Robinson
Preschooler with Brain Tumor

Jerry Agee
Hospitalized with Flu and Virus



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*Pray for our
Minister, Missionaries, Deacons
& Elders...
Remember to lift up Our President,
Servicemen & Nation In Prayer*

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Brian Fattig
Recovering from Fall & Deep Cut

Karen Pierce
Surgery

Trudy Brant
Strained Back

MISSION of the MONTH
Insight Resources International

Shirley Faulk
Covid- Nursing Home in Isolation

Wova & Lena
Heading Back to the USA--Need Housing

Alan Wheeler
Upcoming Surgery

Kay Wheeler
Fell

Harvest
Safety for All

Michele Steele
Gall Bladder Surgery

Gale Grable
PRAISE! Good Report

Paul Kelley
Making Progress

Rhoda Kelley
Vertigo

Janice Searcy
Admitted to KU--Cancer

Alex Moore
Cancer--Police Officer



Reading Through The Bible



October 2023

	Old Testament	New Testament
Day #1	Proverbs 19	Matthew 14
Day #2	Zechariah 5 & 6	Matthew 15
Day #3	Zechariah 7 & 8	Matthew 16
Day #4	Zechariah 9 & 10	Matthew 17
Day #5	Zechariah 11 & 12	Matthew 18
Day #6	Proverbs 20	Matthew 19
Day #7	Zechariah 13 & 14	Matthew 20
Day #8	Malachi 1 & 2	Matthew 21
Day #9	Malachi 3 & 4	Matthew 22
Day #10	Genesis 1-3*	Matthew 23
Day #11	Proverbs 21	Matthew 24
Day #12	Genesis 15 & 17 & 22	Matthew 25
Day #13	Genesis 25 & 27 & 28	Matthew 26
Day #14	Genesis 45; Exodus 1 & 2	Matthew 27
Day #15	Exodus 3 - 5	Matthew 28
Day #16	Proverbs 22	Hebrews 1
Day #17	Exodus 6 & 7	Hebrews 2
Day #18	Exodus 8 & 9	Hebrews 3
Day #19	Exodus 10 & 11	Hebrews 4
Day #20	Exodus 12 & 13	Hebrews 5
Day #21	Proverbs 23	Hebrews 6
Day #22	Exodus 14; Deuteronomy 5 & 6	Hebrews 7

*We have completed reading through the Old Testament. For the remainder of the year, we will finish reading through the New Testament. Beginning on Day #10 we will begin reading through a brief account of the highlights of Biblical History and some highlights from the Psalms (in November & December).

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Lingering with Lawania

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From the Editor: We'll let "Lawania" take a break this month...
Because I received this in the mail this month and I had to share it with everyone....Enjoy!

As a bagpiper, I plan many gigs. Recently, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Kentucky back-country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost; and being a typical man, I didn't sto. God instantly put a message on my heart. He loves this little toad that he created just like he lovesp for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearses was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and saw the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played, "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I was opening the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "Owww--weeee!" I never seen nothing' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for over twenty years!!!
Submitted by Rita Needham in Springfield, MO

AND NOW MORE OF A SERIOUS NOTE...

On a stairway in front of my church, I noticed a toad huddled against the wall. God instantly put a message on my heart. He loves this little toad that he created just like he loves all of the creatures he has created. He has given this little toad instructions of how to prosper in life. He told him that when darkness comes to look for the light. There is life in light. But, he might have to struggle to get to the light. In this toad's case, he has to climb the stairs and get to the top where the light is. Each step is a chore, and he has nine of them. If he gets to the top and has patience to wait, God will provide for him. He will cause living food to actually fly to where the toad is and land in front of him. God gave him a tongue that will unreel, grab the food, and roll it up into his mouth. We can learn from this toad (who generally stay in the same area for up to 10 years.)

If he does what God told him to do, God will take care of him and he will prosper. The same is true for us. We need to walk in the light with JESUS. We have to overcome struggles sometimes to do that. He gives us prayer for Him to interact with us and help us.

In writing this story on of my favorite sections of scripture comes to mind: Matthew 6:25-34. Look it up and hold it close to your heart.....

Submitted by Dale Phillips Oklahoma City, OK

Thanks for reading and look for Lingerings again next month.....

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Oct 1	Leslie Crockett	Shawn Wheeler Jim Wheeler
Oct 8	TBD	Vince & Angie Rutter
Oct 15	Diane Searcy Chelsey Jackson	Joanie Lance
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Oct 29	Karen Stobbs	Carrie Dreier