

FBC NEWSLETTER

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*Preparing people for
Wholeness in Jesus through
The Word of God.
Readying the remnant
For the rapture.*

Praying Against the Spiritual Evil For the Children of Our Communities

"If we send our children off to 5 days week at 8 hours a day, and only spend 15 to 30 minutes with them ourselves as parents, the fully trained student will have absorbed their teachers ways, their beliefs and customs – not that of their parents. Parents should then be careful who they choose to have alongside them to help disciple and educate their children if they are going to follow God's commands which are to be held in our hearts. Teaching them diligently to your children, and talking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Daren Barnett

Scripturally our main focus is to teach them of God so that they grow knowing Him~ not just of Him.

Heavenly Father,

There are those children in our communities that will never hear Your name spoken unless it is being taken in vain.

There are those who are having hope withheld because their parents have had it withheld from them. There are those who believe that they have grown wiser and that they do not need You in their lives and when the plans that they made for themselves falter they wonder how a loving God could let such things happen. People plot their lives in vain and they leave the stain of their sin upon their children and their children upon those that they bear.

Father, we lift up those who have lost sight of what is most important in life, of who have become so busy that they do not enjoy spending time in this life raising their children and teaching them Your ways., We lift up those who see no need to come and bring into the sanctuary their children so that they can meet the one who can give them life, who will fill them with hope and show them the way to everlasting. Lord, may You give them eyes to see and ears to hear. Amen

Upcoming Battles

Nov. 6 -10 - Solidarity Week

Nov. 13-19 - Transgender Awareness Week

NOV. 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance



Wednesday, November 12th we will be packing the shoeboxes. If you have any items you would like to bring to pack, please do.

We will be collecting all boxes

Sunday, November 16th.

1st 100 attendees on us!

"Soul on Fire"
at the Flame Theater

2:00pm | 11/02/25
125 S Broadway
Wells, MN 56097

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Today, Nov. 2nd at 2pm - Wells theater

November Birthdays

02 -- Trevor Weringa
03 -- Carrie Jacobsen
07 -- Bucky King
08 -- Anna Nepp
10 -- Gladys Pettit
16 -- Diane Getta
17 -- Andrew Hervey
17 -- Jerrid Sebesta
20 -- Andrew Krause
24 -- Russell Pettit
27 -- Dwight Hervey

Fellowship Hall Servers

02 - Phyllis & Sally
09 - Brian & Carrie
16 - Bi-Annual Dinner
23 - Raeleen & Diane
30 - Doug & Cari

December

07 - Potluck
14 - Steve & Nancy
21 - Jesus' Birthday
28 - All Share

Bi-Annual Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, November 16th

Please note that the meat, potatoes, Gravy and dressing WILL be provided.
Please bring vegetables, salads or Dessert to complete the meal.

Thank you!

November Anniversaries

19 -- Pastor Daren & Cameron Barnett ~ 1999
27 -- Larry & Nancy Jenkins ~ 1965

Upcoming Events

04 - Stewardship Meeting @ 7 pm
05 - Bible Study at FBC @ 7 pm
09 - Time for Prayer during fellowship
 - FBC Women's Meeting during fellowship
11 - CED Meeting @ 7 pm
12 - Operation Christmas Child Box packing @ 1pm
 - Bible Study at FBC @ 7 pm
13 - Women's Bible Study at FBC @ 6 pm
15 - Men's Breakfast at FBC @ 8:30 am
16 - Potluck/Election & Budget Meeting
18 - Spiritual Ministry Meeting @ 7 pm
19 - NO Bible Study
23 - NO Movie Night
26 - NO Bible Study
27 - Thanksgiving
30- Medical Missions during fellowship

Pastor's Pen

I recently heard a podcast giving statistics about the number of Christians in Nigeria that have been persecuted and martyred. It made me think about what it would be like for us if it began to happen here in the United States. Truth be told – persecution is on the rise even here.... It comes in various forms like familial push back about one's faith in Christ (or at least not their "version" of it), legislative actions like hate speech laws, conversion therapy illegalization, labelling someone Islamophobic, holier than thou, far right, bible thumper – you get the idea. Of course, then as we see across the world, in other parts of it, people are beaten, ravaged, burned, beheaded, killed for confessing Christ. I am not sure American Christians are ready for all that yet... but if trends are any indicator of it coming to our soil, we better get ready!

To help us do just that, here is a simple devotional for us to read, study, and put into practice in preparation for persecution:

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." **(Matthew 5:10)**

Persecution is not a sign of failure—it's often a mark of faithfulness. Jesus never promised a life free of hardship; in fact, He warned that following Him would invite opposition. But He also promised that we would never face it alone. Whether it's ridicule, rejection, or outright hostility, persecution tests the depth of our trust in God. It reveals whether our faith is rooted in comfort or in Christ. The challenge is not just to endure persecution, but to respond to it in a way that reflects the heart of Jesus. This begs a question: How can we respond to persecution in a godly way?

Stay Anchored in Truth: Be sure you know what you believe and why. Persecution often targets uncertainty, so meditate on Scripture daily, letting God's Word shape your perspective and know what to expect. Don't forget that the Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit **(Ephesians 6:17a)**, and swords are defensive weapons used to stave off the enemy.... Remember, Jesus responded to Satan's attacks with Scripture. **(Matthew 4:1-11)**

Respond with Grace, Not Retaliation: Jesus taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. **(Matthew 5:44)** I know this is easier said than done; however, imagine if you saw your enemies and or God's enemies from Jesus' point of view. How we respond to them could change everything! Besides I am sure you know that grace disarms hostility. And remember the example of Stephen, while being stoned, he prayed for his persecutors. **(Acts 7:60)**

Rejoice in Your Identity: When the world or those who belong to it, they are identifying with the god of this world, that is the devil. Not only do they reveal who they belong to, but their persecution of you also likewise confirms your identity as a child of God, that you belong to Christ and not this world. Remember, you're not alone – prophets, apostles, and Jesus Himself were persecuted. The apostles rejoiced after being flogged, "counted worthy to suffer disgrace for the Name." **(Acts 5:41)**

Lean into the Church community: Isolation magnifies suffering, but fellowship strengthens resolve. Share your burdens with trusted believers who will pray for and encourage you to "stay the course!" Think

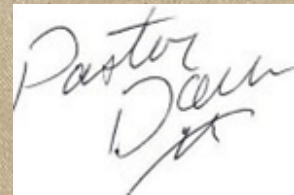
Pastor's Pen Continued

about Paul who often wrote from prison, yet was sustained by the prayers and support of the church. Remember what Peter wrote: "Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." **(1 Peter 5:9-10)** After all "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." **(1 Corinthians 12:26)**

Keep an Eternal Perspective: Earthly suffering is temporary; but eternal glory is forever. Your reward is not in escaping persecution, but in enduring it faithfully, even overcoming it's evils with good! Apostle Paul, who knows both sides of persecution was led by the Holy Spirit to record "Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." **(Romans 8:18)**

I do not like to put words (especially prayers) in the mouths of others; nevertheless, this is an excellent prayer when you are being persecuted (at whatever level it may be):

Father, when I face persecution, help me to respond with grace and truth. Remind me that I am not alone, and that You are my defender and strength. Give me courage to stand firm, wisdom to speak with love, and peace that surpasses understanding. May my life reflect Your glory even in the fire. Amen.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dan" with a stylized flourish at the end.

How is the Dirt in Your Life

By Mike Jenkins, Spiritual Ministry Team Member

In Matthew 13:6-9, Jesus told the parable of a farmer sowing seed. The seed that fell on good soil produced a good crop of a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Most of the time, I think this is talking about sowing the Good News of Jesus Christ to an unbeliever and they get saved. Which is true, but in Matthew 13:23, it says that the person with good soil that hears the word and understands it produces the good crop. I believe this means the person that understands the word, goes out and teaches others the Good News, then those people go and spread the word (multiplication). There are all kinds of seeds from the Word of God that need to be sown into your life. How is the dirt in your life? Is it ready to have some good seed sown into it?

A farmer spends a lot of time and money preparing the ground for the next year's crop. It needs to be tilled, de-clodded, and smoothed out so that when the seed is sown, it will have the best chance to germinate and get a good root system. What are you doing to prepare your heart (ground) for the next seed that will be sown into your life? You can't always pray for everyone else, sometimes you need to pray a personal prayer just for yourself.

One of the things that we need to do is have a personal prayer time with the Lord every day. I sometimes refer to a personal prayer as a selfish prayer, just between you and the Lord, Jesus Christ. A good way to practice this until you have developed your own prayers, is to take prayers that are in the Bible and make them personal. Even the Lord's Prayer (the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 9). "My Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give me this day my daily bread and forgive me of my sins, as I have forgiven those who have sinned against me, and lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil. Amen. There are many other prayers in the new and old testaments that can be personalized. If you are reading the Word and come across one, just stop, make it personal and pray it into your life.

You need to learn to talk or pray to Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord as a friend. Yes, He is great and mighty, and we are just humans, but remember He loves you and you love Him. He wants to talk to you and bless you. He says, "Ask me for wisdom, it is better than riches." As we are in the last days, we are going to need strength, confidence, wisdom, discernment, and many other things like - good health.

Heavenly Father, in Jesus name, strengthen our faith, help us to know You better. Help us to tell others about Your great love for us. Show us when Satan is trying to deceive us, please and cultivate our lives so we can receive Your Word and understand it. Amen.

Now take all the "our, us, and we's" out of the prayer and use "my, me, and I". Get it?