

Editorial Thought...

Finish The Race...

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2 Timothy 4:6-8 - ESV)



Daniel Seay

In my over 45 years of ministry, I've been around long enough to know some men and women, whose lives at one time were totally sold out to God a few years ago, who have now since walked off the track in the middle of the race. They have given up. They've lost their longing for God and for all that He is. They're AWOL from the Christian life.

The fear of following in their footsteps haunts many of the God fearing. Like the disciples at the Last Supper, we can wonder whether "Is it I?". That worry should concern you, too. The possibility is real for all of us, unless we allow our hearts to be completely gripped by God . . . today... *right now*. The faithfulness of our walk with God in the next year and the next decade, if we are allowed by God to be here that long, depends on our willingness to stay current with God. In a word,-to stay in relationship with Him.

We should never want to lose our grip on God's grace and the greatness He has over our lives and the supreme privilege we have to be in relationship with Him and to serve Him faithfully each and every day. We are welcomed into His presence at every turn. That passion should compel us. It should keep us very honest and very humble before God.

The last thing we should want to do is crawl across the finish line a defeated, derailed Christian, or worse,-have given up the race before our life is over. We should want to break that tape with our arms held high and our faces turned toward the sun and call out loud and confidently with the apostle Paul, "I have finished the course; I have kept the faith" (2nd Timothy 3:7).



News And Notes

Our Prayer List

Rob Harris, Family of Bud Daniel, Austin Clark, Gwen Gann, LouAnn Gann, Josh Wallace, Josh Werner, Billye Werner, June Brant, Rozalyn Boggs, Donna Spader, Alice Jones, Daker Elesser Diana Nordin, Dick Cox, Barbara Shank, Gary Scoggins, Andy Huffman, Jeannette Pope, Betsy Pippin, Our Elected Officials and all World Leaders.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."
[James 5:16b]

Statistics

For The Week Of August 23rd, 2015

Sun3ay Class	18
Sunday AM	24
Sunday PM	22
Wednesday PM	5
Contribution	\$484.00
YTD Budget (34 x \$735)	\$24,990.00
Difference Year-To-Date	-\$1127.02
Savings Account Balance	\$2,027.69

2nd Corinthians 9:12 – 'Your generosity is doing great things'

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday: Rob Harris (19)
Anniversary:-Flessner's (1)

COMING EVENTS

Annual Kickoff Sunday: September 13th

- New Classes And Monthly Themes Begin -

- Fellowship Lunch At Noon -

Carpenter Place Pantry Pickup – 9/17/2015

- List Is In The Foyer – Let's Be Ready! -

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Susan (Susie) Moore was entered in KU-Med in KC this past week for surgery and tests. Also, Sharon Dodig (family friend of the Harris family) is being treated for advanced cancer symptoms. Please pray for both of these, and their families and friends, that God may add a special blessing to their lives.

"INVITE A FRIEND" DAY

Please take several of our *Invite A Friend* flyers (in the foyer) and pass them out to your friends with an invitation to come to our kick-off Sunday, September 13, 2015.

Agenda For Sunday, August 30th, 2015

Theme:

SEEK WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

Today's Topic:

"Finish The Race"

AM Class: "DENOMINATIONAL DOCTRINES" -

Moderator: Chase Harris / In The Blue Room

10:30 am: *Complete The Course*

Text: Hebrews 12:1-3 / 2nd Timothy 4:6-8

1 pm: *Question & Answer / Review*

- HOW CAN WE "RUN" BETTER -

Wed. 7pm: *Visitation and/or Maintenance Work*

Wade McCallie, Coordinating

Special Prayer Requests

Pray Special And Specific Intercessory Prayers For:

June Brant	Gwen Gann
Jeannette Pope	Ruth Kinnick
Diana Nordin	Allen Sullivan
Billye Werner	Rob Harris
Janice Seay	Debrah Fingerbinder
Chris Folster	Roy Bays
Ray and Imogene Hearn	The Family Of Robin Wilson
Sharon Dodig	Sophia Cannady
Josh Werner	Jeanie McDonald
Susie Moore	Vickie McCallie

ANNUAL KICKOFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2015

MARK THIS DATE!

NEW CLASSES BEGIN

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2015

START OUR NEW YEAR RIGHT

