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# Reflections

## The Bumps Are What You Climb On

A little boy was leading his sister up a mountain path and the way was not too easy. "Why, this isn't a path at all," the little girl complained. "It's all rocky and bumpy." And her brother replied, "Sure, the bumps are what you climb on." That's a remarkable piece of philosophy. What do you do with the bumps on the path of life? This is the way Warren Wisersbe begins his book. *The Bumps Are What You Climb On*, which he subtitles *Encouragement for Difficult Days*.

Even members of the church often encounter more than their share of "bumps" on the pathway of life. Sickness, financial concerns, grief, depressions and other problems seem to litter their course. They may be wondering why God doesn't remove the stones and straighten the path. But, you see, if God did that we might never get to the top of life's mountain because "the bumps are what you climb on."

Psalms 91 is a great portion of scripture for when the going gets tough. It begins: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." (v. 1) Eleven different kinds of dangers are mentioned (wars, snares, sickness, terrors by night, etc.), yet God says that He can protect us from them all. One of this Psalm's greatest promises has to do with stones on the path. "They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." (v.12) God doesn't promise to remove the stones from the path, but He does promise to make them stepping stones and not stumbling blocks. He promises to help us climb higher because of the difficulties of life.

When your pathway is strewn with life's rocks, don't try to pick them up and remove them,--they are too heavy for you. And don't allow them to force you to give up and turn back. Instead, allow God to help you use them as stepping stones to climb higher.

Via The Chestnut Dr. Contact

We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.

There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing *is acappella* or *without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19)

We partake of the *Lord's supper* or *Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 20:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

### HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

### BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

### REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

### CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

### BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

### WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

### FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

### For Your Convenience:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.



## Prayer List

- ❖ **Robert Underwood** is having problems with his back and might need surgery.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is waiting for approval for more surgery.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is at Royal Care Nursing Home in Avon Park, Room 119 and welcomes visits and phone calls. His cell # is 664-9129. Please call after 9pm and anytime on weekends.
- ❖ **Delbert Mason** needs our prayers with his continued recovery.
- ❖ **Bob Parnett** is doing better with his stomach problem.
- ❖ **Ruth Tubbs** has a summer cold.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder but it is showing signs of improvement.
- ❖ **Edison Green** saw the pulmonary doctor and said there was no reason for concern with the cyst.
- ❖ **Carmie Green** will be going to KY to see a specialist on Tuesday.
- ❖ **Patty Massey** has an abscessed tooth.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

### EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Mealdine Principi**, a former member, is out of ICU and in a regular room now.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, has developed more tumors, **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Maire, **Becky Gates**, **Jim Lawrence**, a friend of John Roberts, and **Jayne Davis**, friend of BJ & Carolyn Thomas, are all undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Mary Bellow**, mother of Anne Gunter, is in Kenilworth for a while with a broken arm.

### MISSION EFFORTS

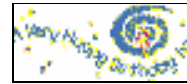
- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil.

### PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our pantry is getting bare in places. Instead of putting a list in the bulletin, there is list on bulletin board in the hallway. Please check off the items that you will bring. Remember, we can only give out what we have. Since we are in the hurricane season, we need a good supply on hand. Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated by those using our services.

## Our Record: July 08, 2007

Bible Study	72
Sunday AM Worship	108
Sunday PM Worship	NA
Contribution	\$2365
Wednesday Bible Study	38
Building Fund	\$0
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 07/12	44



Carolyn Coleman	07/16
Carol Johnson	07/16
Lori Barnett	07/20
Robert Adams	07/21



Fred and Tottie Hupp	07/29
Mike and Lydia Tubbs	07/29

### Visitors for July 08, 2007

Kelsey Keefe	Gene and Judy Page
Taylor Hedrick	Billy and Lynsey Varnodove
Teresa Cherry	Jerri Waller
Cam and Charlotte Usher	Cheyene Pugh
Yarday Bonwin	Heather McPhersen
Amy Cross	

### How to Make a Minister Effective!

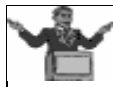
- **BUILD HIS SPIRITUAL POWER** by praying for him.
- **BUILD HIS REPUTATION** by speaking well of him.
- **BUILD HIS WISDOM** by consulting with him.
- **BUILD HIS LEADERSHIP** by cooperating with him.
- **BUILD HIS PULPIT POWER** by hearing him.
- **BUILD HIS MORALE** by encouraging him.
- **THE GREATEST THING WE CAN DO** for our preacher is to follow the Christ he preaches.

A great minister will build his congregation and a great congregation will build their minister. A church is as responsible for what she does to her minister as is the minister for what he does to the church.

James W. Phillips

### A Religion to Die By

A father on his death bed called his sons. They gathered around him and to one he said, "Goodnight, son;" to the other he said, "Good-bye, son." The second boy noticed the difference and asked his father, "Father, why did you say goodnight to John and good-by to me?" The dear old man who loved both of them said, "Son, John is a Christian; I will meet him in the morning of eternity, so it is just "goodnight" to him. But you son, are not a Christian. I will never meet you again unless you change. It is good-bye son, through all eternity.



## Preaching Schedule

AM Jason Waller  
PM Jason Waller

## Ladies Class Schedule



The Ladies Class will meet for their monthly Birthday celebration at 10:00am on Tuesday.

### Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, the clothing room is open for the community. **On the last Thursday of each month the time will be changed to 4-6pm.** If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



### Searching For Truth

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.

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### Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Your help is needed. There are some months that still need people to be willing to do this.

### Mission Trip

**Don Ware, James Ware and Harry Johnson are on a mission trip to Guyana. Be praying for this mission trip that many people will be reached for Christ.**

### From the Elders

If anyone has anything that they want discussed when the elders meet, present it to the elder in charge. From July – September that will be Dave Marcum.

### Are You a Diabetic?

Would you like to be apart of a Diabetic Support Group with your brothers & sisters at your Sebring Parkway Church? Just a group to pass along information and to help each other with Diabetes. If you are interested, please contact Ann Gunter, Tottie Hupp or Carolyn Thomas to get this GROUP started.

### Your Help Is Needed

The clothing room is in need of plastic bags. Please bring any that you have and leave with Betty or the office staff.

## The "Other Guy"

Most of us have a double standard as we analyze the affairs of others compared to our own personal business. We hear of a divorce and just can't imagine how people could allow themselves to drift so far apart. We can't understand why some people are always sick, or always in trouble, or always late, or always absent, or always broke. We wonder why some people can't control their children or their wife or their husband. We wonder why they can't stay off the bottle or out of the drugs. We are appalled that they become involved in adultery or that they would neglect or abuse their children. We shake our head sadly and say to ourselves, "How disgusting...I'm glad I don't have **that** problem."

Apparently the Corinthian brethren were guilty of this kind of smug attitude. In the tenth chapter of First Corinthians, Paul used the ancient Hebrews to teach a sobering lesson. He explained that they were given adequate opportunity to be godly and spiritual people, just as we are. But God was displeased with them because they lusted after evil things, they were idolaters, they were fornicators; they tested the Lord, and murmured. We say, "Shame, shame." "Tsk, tsk." How could they stoop so low? But wait a minute; Paul's aim was not to ridicule the ancients. His intention was to **warn us**? He said, "Now these things were **our** examples, to the intent that **we** should not lust after evil things...neither be **ye** idolaters...neither let **us** commit fornication...neither let **us** make trial of the Lord...neither murmur **ye**, as some of them murmured...wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (vv. 6-12)

"Me...commit adultery? Me...lust after the world? That happens to the other guy, not to me." My friend, if Paul said anything in those verses he said this: "**It could happen to you**, if you were tempted." Look at your life as others see you. Are you even now being seduced by the things of this world? Are you neglecting your children because of "pressing matters?" Has the romance died in your marriage? Is God beginning to take second and third place in your priorities? Judge yourself as you would judge "the other guy" and be on guard lest after preaching to others you yourself be rejected (I Cor. 9:27).

Mike Schneider

### Why Didn't I?

I went to see my friend today. We talked about clothes, about politics, about children and about food.

I wanted to talk about Jesus, about love, about faith, about eternity.

Why didn't I?

### Congratulations

Roger and Susan Gurganus are now grandparents. Cline Carlton Pritchett was born on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## SHEPHERDS

**Harry Johnson** ..... 655-3386  
(Evangelism/Membership  
Directory/Membership  
Fellowship Clothing Room)

**Dave Marcum** ..... 385-8899  
(Treasurer/ Administration)

**Olin Shinholser** ..... 382-1060  
(Worship Services/ Education)

**Paul Talbert** ..... 385-3756  
(Building & Grounds/  
Benevolence/ Membership  
Services)

## DEACONS

**Bill Benton** ..... 453-6002  
(Treasurer/Visitation)

**Chris Fowler** ..... 386-4661  
(Youth Director/ Services  
Director/ Substitute Teacher  
Assignments/Sound Room)

**Roger Gurganus** ..... 453-3939  
(Building & Grounds  
Maintenance (Outside)/  
Transportation/ Communion)

**Tracey Stalter** ..... 471-9736  
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/  
Membership Directory/ Pews)

**BJ Thomas** ..... 385-7270  
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/  
Benevolence, Clothing Room)

**Don Ware** ..... 382-0194  
(Special Mission Efforts/  
Timothy Class)

## MINISTER

**Jason Waller** ..... 385-0488

## No Regrets

**THERE ARE NO REGRETS FOR--**

Doing good to all.

Speaking evil of none.

Hearing before speaking.

Holding an angry tongue.

Being kind to the distressed.

Asking pardon for all errors.

Being patient toward everybody.

Giving thanks.

Selected

**SCHEDULED TO SERVE**

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP**

**THIS SUNDAY**

**Prepare Communion:**

June Hackbart

**Greeters:**

Ron Horton                      Robert Capps  
 Bill Sweeton                     Rachel Capps

**Pick Up Cards:**

Forest Ritenour & Joshua Fowler

**Pick Up Communion Cups:**

Victor Oregon & Hayden Parker

**Sound Room:**

BJ Thomas

**Secure Building This Week:**

BJ Thomas

**Announcements:**

Dave Marcum

**Song Leader:**

Don Gunter

**Opening Prayer:**

Bill Benton

**Lord's Supper:**

**Preside:**

Robert Capps

**Serve:**

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Bob Parnett | 4. Tracey Stalter   |
| 2. Leon Tubbs  | 5. John Roberts     |
| 3. Herb Ellis  | 6. Nicholas Stalter |

**Closing Prayer:**

Roger Gurganus

**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader:**            **Opening Prayer:**  
 Paul Talbert                Tracey Stalter

**Lord's Supper:**        **Closing Prayer:**  
 Robert Capps                Cliff Blain

**Wednesday Evening**

**Song Leader:**            **Invitation:**  
 Jason Waller                 Jason Waller

**Closing Prayer:**

Bob Parnett

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Prepare Communion:**

June Hackbart

**Greeters:**

Ron Horton                      Tracey Stalter  
 Bill Sweeton                     Nancy Stalter

**Pick Up Cards:**

Victor Oregon & Nicholas Stalter

**Pick Up Communion Cups:**

Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler

**Sound Room:**

Bill Benton

**Secure Building Next Week:**

Bill Benton

**Announcements:**

Roger Gurganus

**Song Leader:**

Chris Fowler

**Opening Prayer:**

Carl Martin

**Lord's Supper:**

**Preside:**

Dave Marcum

**Serve:**

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Clem Smith    | 4. Bob Parnett  |
| 2. Telles Oregon | 5. Troy Talbert |
| 3. James Ware    | 6. John Ware    |

**Closing Prayer:**

BJ Thomas

**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader:**            **Opening Prayer:**  
 Chris Fowler                John Roberts

**Lord's Supper:**        **Closing Prayer:**  
 Dave Marcum                Tracey Stalter

**Wednesday Evening**

**Song Leader:**            **Invitation:**  
 Troy Talbert                 Jason Waller

**Closing Prayer:**

Gordon Smith

Announcements: Dave Marcum

Song: 898 Paradise Valley

Song: 823 Lead Me Gently Home

Opening Prayer: Bill Benton

Song 383 Jesus, Keep Me Near  
 the Cross

Communion

Offering

Song: 537 Here We Are But  
 Straying Pilgrims

Lesson: Jason Waller

Invitation Song: 948 I Am Resolved

Song: 568 Jesus, Rose of Sharon

Closing Prayer: Roger Gurganus

**Reminder**

If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.

Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.

Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL**

If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:

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**Sebring, FL 33870**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age Range:

0 - 10 yrs     11 - 17 yrs

18 - 50 yrs     51 - ?? yrs

**MEET WITH US**

Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM

Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM

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 reward you  
 get for a  
 lifetime of  
 listening when  
 you'd prefer  
 to talk.**