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Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 5,103.00	\$ 4,982.47	+ \$ 268.78
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 148.25		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Trip</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,653.37</i>
<i>Youth Camp</i>	<i>\$901.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,727.23</i>



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today: Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344

Next Week: Michael Daley: 843-505-0998



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

All Welcome

Wednesday Night Services @ 7pm

ABIDE—MPB Bldg.

Pastor’s Payer Service—Old Social Hall

Youth Group—Mobile Classroom

NO WNS NO Children’s Groups

Other Groups & Committees will resume at later dates.

From
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:



What Do You Do When Things Are Tough?

(Acts 4:18-37)

Intro: Well, it appears that the virus is not enough trouble for us. We seem to be piling more trouble on top of another. We have police brutality, violent protest and threatening weather out in the Gulf. On top of this, the Supreme Court voted five to four against churches in California being able to fully open up their church gatherings going against their first amendment right. So, as I said, piling things up one on top of another.

So, the question I want to ask is, what do we as the people of God do when things get tough? That is what my message is about because right now things are quite tough and the church needs to carry on in spite of the fact that things have gotten tough. So, again what do we do when things are tough? Well, our present set of verses show up what the early Believers did when things got tough for them. Their example is a good one for us to follow.

I. First, what we should do is to proclaim. (vs. 18-20,29). *As we open up with the verses in our text, we discover that the Apostles Peter and John were under arrest for preaching about Jesus Christ our Lord. The religious leaders had threatened them to stop preaching in Jesus' name ever again. However, Peter and John replied that no matter what the religious authorities told them they could not and would not stop preaching about Jesus because they had witnessed His miracles, heard His teaching, experienced His love, grace and redemption. There was no way they could stop talking about the person who had done all these things for them and for whosoever will.*

So, it is today with all the tough and difficult things that are going on, what are we to do? Well, I can assure you that what we don't need to do is shut up. Yet that is what a lot of church people are doing. We are letting the political leaders or the scientists, or so called experts tell us or determine for us what we need to do.

However, what the world needs is not uncertainty, which is what we are often getting from all the voices out there speaking, because there are so many varying voices.

However, with Jesus, there are no uncertainties. For the disciples of Jesus walked with Him and talked with Him and they verify for us all that He did on our behalf. We, too, have through His Word and His Spirit, experienced the reality of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, instead of shutting up, we need more than ever to speak up so we can give people in these tough, uncertain times a reality that will not only see them through the present times but for eternity. So, let us keep on giving them Jesus.

II. Second, what we should do is to participate. (vs. 23-24). *After the religious leaders threatened Peter and John, they released them. The first thing that the two men did was to head straight back to where the people of God were gathered together. Together they spoke of what happened to them. Then together they knew what they should do and together they sought the Lord about the matter. You see the Apostles Paul and John knew that dealing with these tough times was going to require much more help than what the two of them could do. They knew that if all of the Christians worked together they could get through the difficult times they were facing. In other words, there is strength in numbers, and God has equipped all of His people so that they each compliment one another. This is why it is important that we get back together so we can support and encourage each other.*

Are you willing to get back together and participate so that we can compliment one another in the work of God?

III. Third, what we should do is to focus on the priority. Many of you probably thought this point would be that what we should do is pray. Well, that will be my next point. The reason why it will be my next point is because before they pray, they needed to know what they were going to pray about, and what they were going to pray about was what they knew to be their priority.

What was that priority? Well, the answer to that is actually found in my first point. They were to focus on proclaiming, preaching and declaring the Word of God. They knew that no matter how tough times got, the one thing they had to keep on doing was to give the people the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and all that the Word of God taught.

Tragically, the church has often forgotten the clear message of the Word of God about the fact that God is our Creator. Right here together in these verses the Church opened up their prayer by acknowledging that God is the Sovereign Lord and the Creator of all things. Yet the way we have so yielded ourselves to the experts of the world or the political leaders of the world, you would wonder whether or not we really believe that He is the Creator of all things. For if He is and we do believe that then He is the One who has the answer and solution to the issues of the world. Therefore, let us rise up and focus on our priority and give the world what they need because we have it, the precious Word of God which will give them the eternal message of redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord.

IV. Fourth, what we should do is to pray. After coming back together and discovering about the threat to the priority that they knew God had required of them to preach the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Holy Word, they knew that the only chance of fulfilling that priority was to receive power from on high and the only way for that to happen was to pray and pray they did.

We. Too, know what our priority is. It has not changed one bit since Christ gave it to us. We are to carry the Gospel message to every living creature. With the pandemic going on, we need more than ever to carry out this mission. However, the task is greater than us all, especially in these difficult days. We need the power of God to enable us therefore we need to pray like never before. So, let me ask you, are you praying that God will embolden us to carry out His priority in the world?

V. Fifth, what we should do is to presume. So, of course, the question is what should we presume? We should presume that when we ask God for His help and His power to carry His work in the world that He will indeed answer our request.

This group of early Believers believed that indeed God would answer their request and answer He did. He answered by shaking them up and then pouring out His Spirit and His power. So, let us presume that God is going to answer our request for help to do His will and let us expect it to happen.

VI. Sixth, what we should do is to provide. The last thing we see the church doing in these verses is to provide financial offerings to the work of God. By their tithes and offerings, they were able to take care of one another and able to promote the work of preaching the Gospel message. These days that are difficult and hard are all the more why we should give like never before so that we can also care for one another and keep His work going.

Concl. In conclusion, what I wanted us to see from this message is that just because times are hard is no excuse to do nothing. As a matter of fact, it is times like these that the people of God should shine by our continued effort to keep on giving to the world the only real hope is the message of the Gospel of Jesus.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

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May 20, 2020

How intriguing it is to redesign ministries and mission due to a virus. Through conversations, I have learned that you have done an amazing job in navigating this season and shepherding your congregations in new ways. Y'all are truly awesome!!

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your help in promoting the Dru Graves Migrant Ministry this year on St. Helena Island. The ministry is in its 51st year and has been richly blessed by our churches in the Savannah River Baptist Association.

This year we will not be able to bus the migrant workers to St. Helena Baptist Church for service, so we are gearing up to send small teams with ministry items to each of the 7 camps which will hold between 800—1000 people. Because of the virus, our churches have not been open and we have not been able to put together and collect Health kits or collect clothing or food items. We have created 2 ways that churches and individuals can support our efforts to bring the Gospel to the migrant workers. You can either donate the items, or you can send a donation to Savannah River Baptist Association designated to the Dru Graves Migrant VBS. 100% of these funds will be used to buy items for the Migrant families.

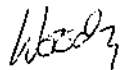
We will be taking items to the camps the week of June 15th to the 18th. If you would like to donate here is a list of items needed:

- Summer clothes for all ages (we are always in need of men's long sleeve shirts). So clean out your dressers and closets and donate them to MVBS.
- Food items such as pinto beans, masa flour, rice, canned fruit cocktail, etc.
- Laundry detergent, deodorant etc.
- Soccer balls and other sports related items for our younger workers and teens.
- Toys for the children such as small stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons, bubbles, balls and other small toys (please no toy guns, etc.)

If we can't have services our prayer is to give each family a Health kit. A Health kit contains a towel, washcloth, body soap, tooth brush, tooth paste and a comb or brush. Please put these items into a zip lock bag. We prefer that you get darker colored towels if possible. It's a tall order to collect or make 800 Health kits. But we also know through your donations we can reach that goal. We can do this with your prayers and support. I will gladly come and pick up donations.

If you have questions please contact Vicki Farrow at 843-263-5160 or me.

In His service,



GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Dev. Ministries
Church Finances*

Unspoken

*Olivia & Juan Garcia
Jessica Cleland
David Meador
Steve Crosby*

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

Family of

Surgery / Recovery

*Chelsea Lake (1/17)
Jennifer Resh (1/6)
Alice Reynolds (2/12)
Skylar Saygen (3/2)
Dustin Roberts (5/20)
Freddie Malphrus (6/4)*

Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)
Sidney (8/15)
Douglas Denegel (9/16)
Mark Tuten (1/21)
Becky Goretzka (5/20)
Gail Sims (5/18)
Gene Cooler, Jr. (5/28)
Gary Malphrus (6/3)*

Other Health Needs

*Danny Breland (9/19)
Cookie Daley (11/19)
James Harris (12/10)
Jane Gorman (12/19)
Robert Sauls (5/18)
Jane Waitt (5/20)
Robert Sauls (6/4)*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Becky Jones-Anderson
Royce Malphrus-RNC
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Expecting / Births

*Sophia Sineath & Baby
Courtney Humbert
Brantley Lawson*

Please Continue To Remember

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
Redden Tuten
Vera Floyd*

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Ann Blocker
Charles Maney*

*Gary Way
Lanell Smith
Dot Tindal
Frankie Malphrus
Betty Robertson*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Isaac Martin Malphrus
Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard
Matthew Mills-CA-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force /
Oklahoma City. OK
Michael Sottile - Deployed
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC*



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Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30AM
Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM
Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Supper 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00PM

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