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SEPTEMBER 2014: A Faithful Body: “So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children’s forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’” (Joshua 14:9) “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers who have borne witness of your love before the church.” (3 John 4&5)

It is evident that our God calls us who make up the body of Christ to faithful in the areas of our lives. This is not merely a simple statement or an easy task. There are so many areas in our lives where we need to grow and become more faithful, and there is a relentless enemy of the Christian who never grows weary and will jump at any opportunity or weakness that he finds in us. Satan hates a Christian who is seeking to live a faithful walk in his or her Lord.

As a Christian the overriding principle where all others gain strength, is our being faithful in our relationship with our Lord. This primary relationship is the solid ground upon which all other areas rise or fall. We will either be primarily focused inwardly, seeking the best for me, or we will be primarily focused outwardly, being a faithful steward of the manifold grace of God.

The testimony which Moses bore of Caleb was; “you have wholly followed the Lord my God.” (Joshua 14:c) I believe Caleb’s faithfulness was due to his understanding that the Lord, his God would always be faithful to His word regarding His people. Remember that he was one of a few who were permitted by God to enter the Promise Land. He still had that firm assurance, even at the age of 85, that God would give him and his sons the strength to drive out the giants. These were of the same race of giants that the spies had seen 40 years earlier. Eight of the spies convinced the Hebrew people they could not defeat these giants. Their fear destroyed their belief that the God who brought them out of Egypt could not defeat a few giants. Joshua and Caleb held to their understanding that God was more than able to deliver them into their hands and lead His people to victory. Joshua, Caleb, Nehemiah and so many others who followed God’s leading were able to do so because they were constantly living in God’s faithfulness. In other words, they saw time and again, God was completely faithful in every situation.

This is much like when Jesus told His disciples; “You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit shall remain.” (John 15:16) We are not innately born with or possess the ability to bear fruit which is fit for God’s kingdom, nor do we have it in us to be faithful to God. We must first be a child of God. Our sins have been forgiven and the power of the Holy Spirit is working in our lives to bring about the ability to see God as completely faithful, and we will be able live out faithfully our Christian walk.

This will be reflected in how we help those who are dear to us, but also toward those who are strangers. It is indeed a joy to see the body of Christ begin to live out the truth of God’s word in our lives. We need to always remember though to check our heart and mind attitudes to be sure we are truly walking in a manner which points others to Christ Jesus, not driving them away. We all must admit that there are times we do not reflect Jesus in our lives, and this is precisely when we need to come back to a fresh experience of our Lord’s grace, love and mercy. It should always be said that God’s people should, at all times honor Him in our relationships. Praise God that we can be faithful, because our Lord is always faithful! Your fellow servant, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

September 7	Joshua 14:6-15 “Faithfulness Generates Great Possibilities”
September 14	Nehemiah 7:1-6; 73 “Faithfulness Brings a Conclusion”
September 21	Colossians 1:1-14 “The Faithfulness of Jesus Creates Faithfulness in Us”
September 28	3 John 1-14 “Faithfulness’s Outward Working?”



Prayer List:

Shut ins:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Moore, Martha Lou
Goulder, Gordon	Smith, Mary Frances
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine

Ill / Recovering

Jill Gross (Pat’s Daughter) - Wanda (Pat McCains Sister)	Cancer/Radiation
Will Kimes	Chemo
Ann Locke	Skull surgery
	Cancer

Sick

Culver, Anthony	Lineberger, Rachael
Culver, Michael	Locke, Mike
Curtis, Cooper	McCain, Pat
Goulder, Bobbie	Moncla, Luke
Griffin, Melanie	Moss, Charlie
Hill, Dana	Otis, Mike
Hill, Joy	Patrick, Carolyn
Hubbard, Kristi	Pugh, Kaleb
Huffman, Linda	Stitt, Sam
Legler, Don	Tyler, Jean
Lewis, Adam	Wells, Whit

Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Heathman, Matthew
Donahoo, Tim	Hill, Debra
Dooley, Rod	Hunt, Boyce
Hair, Colton	Smith, Brad

Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Carson, Rebekah
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If you know of anyone who needs to be added or removed please let us know!

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle

Sept 7	Barbara Heath In Honor of Kevin Heath
Sept 14	Denise Moore In Honor of Kaitlyn Moore
Sept 21	Amanda Heath In Memory of Norma Spencer

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

<i>September 12</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore</i>
<i>September 17</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Trotter</i>
<i>September 20</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hugues</i>

CHILDRENS SERMON

<i>Sept 7</i>	<i>John Moore</i>
<i>Sept 14</i>	<i>Nick Goulder</i>
<i>Sept 21</i>	<i>Margarette Alsbrook</i>
<i>Sept 28</i>	<i>Leslie Alsbrook</i>

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

September 7	Amanda Heath
September 14	Rhonda Goulder
September 21	Margarette Alsbrook
September 28	Molly Huffman

September Menu

Sept 3 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs

Sept 10 Mexican Night

Sept 17 Breakfast Bar

Sept 24 Family Night -
Fried Chicken

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Joey Sides	13	Jesse Bridges
	Angela Hernandez	14	Cooper Curtis
5	Joe Sides	15	Jonathan Glass
	Kevin Heath		Kaitlyn Moore
	Kristian Ray Donahoo	17	Austin Starnes
6	Nev Trotter	19	Amber Starnes
7	Alec-Thomas Ruffin	22	Amanda Heath
	Hillary Hill		Anthony Billings
	Juanita Campbell	24	Lindsey Rowland
8	Katie Williamson	27	Ina Yarbrow
9	Ashley Curtis	28	Richard Moore
12	Chris Gravley		Sarah Smith
	Dustin Goulder	30	Larry Crum

Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-674-3851 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Chris Gravley. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Chris at 901-674-3851.

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday Night Youth Groups, Adult Bible Study and Supper @ Six is back in action!!!! Please keep this in your prayers for guidance and support.

PLEASE NOTE: Officers of the Women's Ministry will be installed on Sunday Sept. 14.

PLEASE NOTE: The Women's Ministry will be having an outing to Well's Kitchen on Thursday Sept. 18th at 6:30 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: College Students addresses:

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STORY TIME Saturday September 13th @ 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the playground! Snack will be provided.
Need someone willing to do Storytime Sept-Dec!

PLEASE NOTE: We need articles for the Brighton Light! Tell me what's going on in your Circle, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, etc.