
Lord's Supper Supplies

Grape juice and unleavened bread may be picked up for your family's Sunday Communion time at the church from 12:00 - 2:00 on today, Saturday. If you cannot go by the building, you can use grape juice and a cracker. Always call a shepherd or member to share time in prayer. Monrovia 256-837-5255.

I Miss Us!!!!

It has been only a couple of weeks since we last met together but, I miss us. We know that where two or three are gathered in the Lord's name, he is there. Our assemblies are more than just meeting together to worship "in Spirit and in truth." (John 4.23 NIV) I miss seeing your faces. I miss seeing you loving one another. I miss asking you, "How are you doing?" I miss our Bible classes where we can take the time to talk about our week, as well as look into God's word. And I really miss having lunch with you. The food is always good, but that's not the important part. The best part of our communal meals is the relaxed time we have to sit at table together and take the time talk about the weather, sports, politics and yes, even one another. Until the time comes for us to be reunited, we will have to be content with loving one another from afar.

Even When He Is Silent

A couple of years ago I happened on a choral recording of a piece of music that is both haunting and full of hope and faith. The text for the song was written by an unknown concentration camp inmate back in the 1940s. The text consists of only one verse that was scribbled on the wall of one of the cells. Someone had the good sense to make a copy of it. In 2011 a Norwegian composer was commissioned to set that text to music.

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I feel it not.
I believe in God even when He is silent.

The lyrics are heart-wrenching. Imagine a prisoner lonely, starving, and under daily threat of painful death—still hoping. Still believing in love when faced with outrageous hate. Still

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believing in God though, day after day, his bitter longing was not met. It is hard to understand how such hope and faith could exist under those circumstances.

Job had that kind of hope and faith. He had lost everything except his wife and his ill-chosen friends. His wife counseled him to curse God and die. The counsel from his three friends was no better. This is what Job wrote:

Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him;
I will surely defend my ways to his face.
¹⁶ Indeed, this will turn out for my deliverance,
for no godless person would dare come before him!

Job 13.15-16 NIV

Jesus was (and is) the same. Even when forsaken for a moment from his father, he completed the task God had given him.

We are facing a frightening unparalleled pandemic. Because of Jesus we have hope and faith.

In Need of Prayer

Thresa Crawley, Tim and Deborah Faught: Pray that God's comfort will be theirs to enjoy after the passing of R.B. last week.

Sharon Baker: Sharon continues to recover and is taking therapy. She has been attending worship.

Jackie Beaushaw: Amy Walton's cousin.

Mert Bradshaw: Frank Bradshaw's mother.

Rowan Davis: Rhonda Slatton's grandson. He has returned to his Pre-K class.

Arnie & Brandi Elkins: Arnie continues to have a difficult time. Please pray for this family and for **Bob** and **Nancy**.

Bernie Hawley: Nancy Elkin's cousin.

Dorothy Minor: We are grateful that Dorothy is able to attend services.

(Prayer List continued)

Ann Posey: Beth Dill's mother.

Jack Williams: Lisa Mayes' father.

Charles & Samantha & daughter, Rhiannon: Rhiannon is the great, great niece of Debbie Bradshaw. Rhiannon has cancer and is entering the last few chemo treatments. Rhiannon is only four years old.

Ronnie Gerhold: Praise God. Ronnie's procedure went well, and he is doing quite well.



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Shut In

Thresa Crawley & Tim: Deborah Faught's mother and brother.

Gerald & Peggy Wilburn: Paula Hamlett's father and mother.

Kay Hamlett: Mother of Danny and Tim Hamlett.