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Time of Services:

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class

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Wednesday Devotional Speaker: Bill Money

Urgent Prayer:

Psalm 12:1 is David's urgent prayer: ***"Help, Lord, for the godly are disappearing; the faithful have vanished from among men."***

It captures a feeling many of us share — when righteousness seems outnumbered, wicked voices grow louder, and the light of the faithful appears to flicker.

History and current experience can reinforce that feeling. Attendance declines, once-unthinkable crowds now rare — it's easy to ask, Have the faithful vanished? But Scripture calls us to step back and see with Heaven's perspective. David wasn't alone in his despair. Elijah once believed he was the last faithful man left, yet God reminded him of seven thousand who had not bowed to idols. Our view is limited. God's kingdom is global, not tied to one nation or era. While faith may seem to wane in one place, it is flourishing in others — and God's work continues.

God promised through Daniel that His kingdom would endure forever. That promise requires citizens — and they have not vanished. Revelation shows a countless multitude from every nation standing before God's throne. Paul reminds us that when Christ returns, there will still be believers on the earth (1 Cor. 15:51). God's people will not disappear.

So we must not give up. We are not defeated. God has no plan B for expanding His kingdom — He works through His people. We keep sowing the seed, speaking of Jesus, inviting, sharing, and shining. The darker the world becomes, the brighter faithful light stands out.

This is both a call to strengthen one another and a moment for self-examination. Have we slowed spiritually? Compromised? Blended in? Jesus told

us the narrow way would be traveled by few — numbers have never been the measure of faithfulness.

The godly have not ceased — because you are still here. And in your place, in your faithfulness, you are making a kingdom difference. We are not alone. And I’m thankful for you.

Condensed version of R. Shouse's Jumpstart 3984 via Janice Casey

Money will buy a bed, but not sleep!

“Up” Rules from God

- 1. Wake Up! Decide to have a good day. **“Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalms 118:24**
- 2. Dress Up! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. **“The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart.” I Samuel 16:7**
- 3. Shut Up! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. **“He who guards his lips guards his soul.” Proverbs 13:3**
- 4. Stand Up!... For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. **“Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...” Galatians 6:9-10**
- 5. Look Up!... To the Lord. **“I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13**
- 6. Reach Up!... For something higher. **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6**

Family News

- **Toby Davis** received an excellent doctor’s report last week. He was expected to schedule a surgery date to remove a portion of his lung that was inactive, but his check-up revealed that the lung is functioning as it should and no surgery is required.
- **Mark Sharpin** continues to receive good doctor reports.
- **Darlene Caldwell** spent the night in ER last week and is now at home but not well.
- **Pat Slone** responded to the invitation last Sunday evening asking for the church to forgive her for any problems caused by their great-grandchildren who are under their care. She also was seeking direction and help.
- Tonight **Daniel Owens** of HRR will deliver our message.
- Tonight after services, we will have a men’s business meeting.
- The Mt. Vernon church is having a “Make Me A Servant” workshop on Saturday, Feb. 7 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER LIST:

Vicki Dodson, Mark Sharpin, Lisa Fields, Robert Ballard, Steve Newman,
Clem Williams, Nina Wharton, Jean Martin, Robert & Pat Slone

I recently read the following “tidbits” about the Bible, and whenever I read such, I always wonder who is it that makes these kinds of observations. ~ Larry

The system of chapters was introduced in a.d. 1238 by Cardinal Hugo de S. Caro, while the verse notations were added in 1551 by Robertus Stephanus, after the advent of printing.

A Bible in the University of Gottingen is written on 2,470 palm leaves. According to statistics from Wycliffe International, the Society of Gideons, and the International Bible Society, the number of new Bibles that are sold, given away, or otherwise distributed in the United States is about 168,000 per day.

The Bible can be read aloud in about 70 hours.

There are 8,674 different Hebrew words in the Bible, 5,624 different Greek words, and 12,143 different English words in the King James Version.