

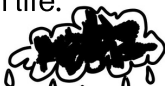
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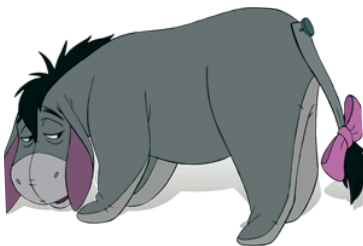
18 SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

ENDURING HARDSHIP AS GOOD SOLDIERS OF CHRIST

WRITTEN BY JERRY ASCHER

As our kids were growing up, we read and watched our share of the Adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh. We became well-acquainted with each of the characters in those children's stories: Piglet, Rabbit, Owl, Tigger, Kanga and Roo, Christopher Robbin, Eeyore, and of course, Winnie-the-Pooh himself. Each of these characters had a different way of looking at and responding to the struggles that unfolded in each story. Rabbit usually asked, "Why does it always happen to me?" Pooh would give an, "Oh bother" from time to time, and Tigger...well, he was Tigger. Eeyore's responses to life's ups and downs, however, were always the same. In the good times, he just knew they wouldn't last, and the down times, of course, never surprised him because that just seemed to be his lot in life.


Eeyore



It will be worth it all when we see Jesus.
All trials will seem so small when we see Christ.
One glimpse of His dear face, all sorrow will erase.
So bravely run the race, till we see Christ.

Esther Kerr Rusthoi

The writer of Hebrews seemed to be addressing similar personalities in chapter twelve when he addressed folks who had "hands which hang down" and "feeble knees." These were folks whose response to the trials of life showed that they did not grasp the importance of the discipline God was trying accomplish in them. Instead of allowing these things to make them more holy, they failed the test and became bitter and more sinful instead. As difficult as life's problems are, the believer's response to them should not be to get out from under them as quickly as possible. We should not despise those things or become discouraged at them. In his epistle, James instructs us to be joyful when we are disciplined by the Lord. This comes from a heart that realizes, first of all, what trials accomplish in us. We understand that the testing of our faith will grow us into maturity and Christlikeness. They yield "the peaceable fruit of righteousness" in our lives. But, secondly, the Bible teaches us that behind the trials that come in the lives of God's children is a Father Who is good and Who is demonstrating His love. And this should cause us to worship, as we "consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself" (Heb. 12:3).

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 OR 11 AM

Two in-person services take place in the auditorium. Services will simultaneously be live streamed in the gymnasium (no singing), or available to you at home.

Due to restrictions, nurseries are unavailable at this time, but classes are available for ages 2-3 for each service.

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- CALL TO WORSHIP
- "BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP"
- "THE DOXOLOGY"
- PRAYER
- "NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD"
- ISAIAH 64
- "HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD"
- MESSAGE: "IT IS NOT DEATH TO DIE" JOHN 11:1-54
PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "THE SOLID ROCK"

Sunday Adult Fellowship Groups Available:

9:30 AM

Pastor Jerry Church History: Forerunners of the Faith (Room 207)
Sandi Stephens Ladies' Class: Matthew Presents Christ, the Son of the Living God (Room 312)

11:00 AM

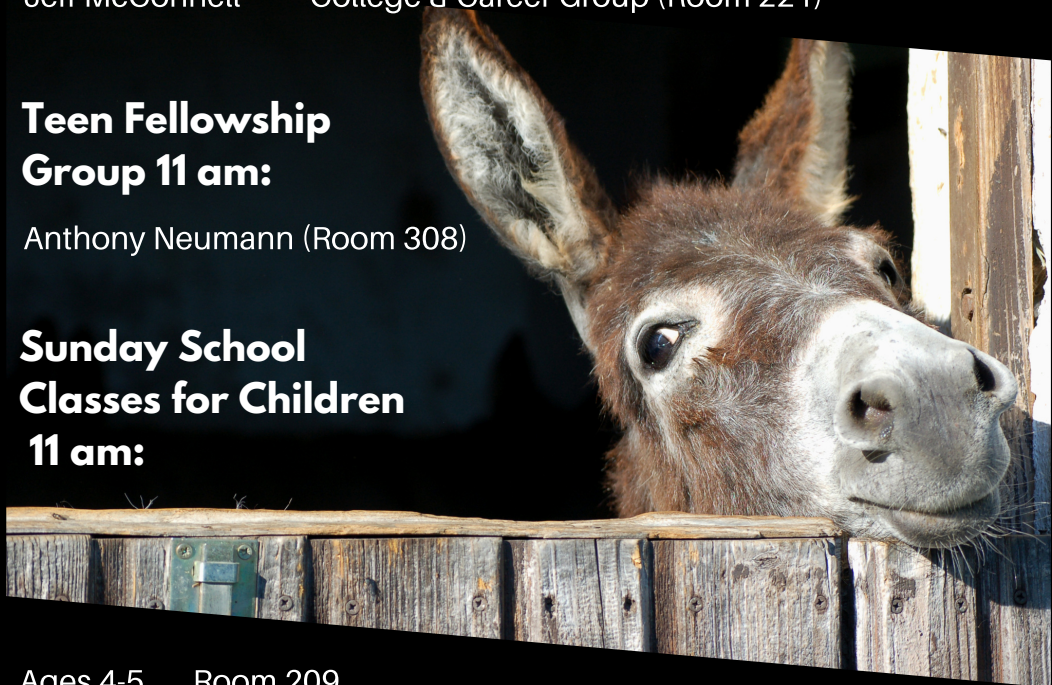
Will Breckenridge Young Couples' Fellowship Group (Room 207)
(for married couples in their 20s-30s)
Manuele Russo The Epistles of John (Room 312)
Bob Cook Acts: The Birth of the Church (Room 306)
Jeff McConnell College & Career Group (Room 221)

Teen Fellowship Group 11 am:

Anthony Neumann (Room 308)

Sunday School Classes for Children 11 am:

Ages 4-5 Room 209
Grades 1-2 Room 212
Grades 3-4 Room 211
Grades 5-6 Room 309



SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE 6 PM

Discipleship Training

Foundations: Bible Truths for Christian Growth

Lesson 7a "The Local Church"

Workbooks are available at the information desk for \$10



This service will be held in-person or available live stream in your home.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM

Children's classes for ages 4 to grade 6 are available. Adults and teens meet in the auditorium for Bible study and prayer. In addition, a Zoom group Bible study is available (Please email kwilliams@meadowlandsbaptist.com for a Zoom invitation). For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JOHN 11:1-54

1. Which three words in this passage do you think are most significant?
2. What is being said about those three important words?
3. What does this passage say about Jesus?
4. How do people in this passage respond to Jesus?
5. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
6. What from this passage can you share to encourage a fellow Christian?
7. What from this passage can you share with an unbeliever?

MISSIONARY UPDATE: LARRY & PAM NOLAND, AKLAVIK, NT



We are thankful the Lord gave us time to spend with some of our family as things began to reopen. In June, my mom was admitted to the hospital for a couple of weeks from complications with her chronic leukemia. Though we could not visit her, we were able to be a support and encouragement to my dad. In late May churches began to meet again, giving me a few opportunities to preach and share about the ministry in the North.

Though nothing went according to our plan, the Lord provided for our needs in such a great way. On July 14 we began our drive home. The 8-day drive took us 10 days with a 2 day stop in the middle to have a door window replaced. On July 23 we pulled into Inuvik where we stayed for our government-mandated 14-day quarantine requirement. On August 10 we traveled home to Aklavik. Praise the Lord for His

provision and protection!

While we were on furlough, the Seeley family was in Aklavik filling in for us. Though services in the building stopped in March, the ministry did not. One of the greatest blessings was that a child from a church family was saved and baptised.

Under the current regulations we are able to meet together again for services with 25 people or less. We have been having 2 services on Sunday to give everyone an opportunity to come. We praise the Lord that we have had visitors to some of the services and that the Word of God is still being preached in Aklavik. Andrena returned to Aklavik with us to help in the ministry here and to teach in the community school. Cory and Shelley had their first child on Sep. 4. Walker Irvin Noland has joined our growing family.

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GIVING

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Guidelines for in-person gatherings may be found on our website.

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Drop-in Baby Shower



Natalie & Baby Lauren Haines

Sunday, September 27, 4-6 pm

Fireplace Room (207)

Gift Registry:



Block Course: Church History October 5-10

This class traces the history of the present Baptist movement back to 17th century England. Students will examine the three primary theories of Baptist history and trace the spread of Baptist teaching throughout England, North America and the world.

- Professor: Dr. Michael Miller, Pastor of Foundation Baptist in Calgary
- Audit or credit
- In-Person or Zoom

