



# *The Connection*

16 OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



## WALKING BY FAITH

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There probably is no one reading this short article who hasn't at one time or another noticed that people who have no desire for God often seem to experience the good blessings of life that at times seem so elusive for the believer. The temptation is strong for us to notice that the grass often seems a little greener on the other side of the fence. We may even have moments when we think, "If following God is supposed to be the path of blessedness, why does that blessedness seem to regularly pass me by?" There are several possible answers we could give from God's Word. Perhaps God is trying to show us how much our flesh truly is desiring the things of the world rather than the things that are of God. Perhaps we're not delighting ourselves in the Lord so that He can change our desires to be more in line with His good will for us. But I think that we often take our eyes off of how God defines one who is truly blessed compared to the wicked man as defined in the first Psalm:

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law he meditates day and night."

The blessed man is then described as a tree that is planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth fruit in its season, whose leaf does not wither, and whatever he does prospers. The Scripture writer mentions nothing about the stormy winds or times of drought which had come upon that tree to strengthen it into what it was to become. "We must not always estimate the fulfilment of a promise by our own eye-sight," writes Spurgeon. Why? Because our sight often sees the very opposite of what God promises. And that's why we must walk by faith, and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). The Apostle Paul tells us that the things we see are temporary; the things we don't see, that are to be seen through the eyes of faith, those are the things that are eternal (2 Cor. 4:17-18). May God help you and me to see, again in the words of Spurgeon, that "there is a blessing concealed in the righteous man's crosses, losses, and sorrows. The trials of the saint are a divine husbandry, by which he grows and brings forth abundant fruit." (from *Treasury of David*)



SUNDAY ADULT FELLOWSHIP  
GROUPS AVAILABLE:

9:30 AM

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

11:00 AM

- **Young Couples' Fellowship Group** (Room 207) Will Breckenridge
- **The Epistles of John** (Room 312) Manuele Russo
- **Acts: The Birth of the Church** (Room 306) Bob Cook
- **College & Career Group** (Room 221) Jeff McConnell
- **Teen Fellowship Group** (Room 308) Anthony Neumann

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

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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 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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- "O FOR A HEART TO PRAISE MY GOD"
- PRAYER
- MINISTRY IN SONG
- "JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL"
- "MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE"
- SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 4:1-12
- "JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES"
- SERMON: "THE GLORY OF THE KING"
- JOHN 12:9-33
- PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "THE POWER OF THE CROSS"
- PRAYER

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING 6 PM



*Foundations: Bible Truths for Christian Growth*

Lesson 8a Temptation: "Your Battle with Sin"

Workbooks are available at the information desk for \$10

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM

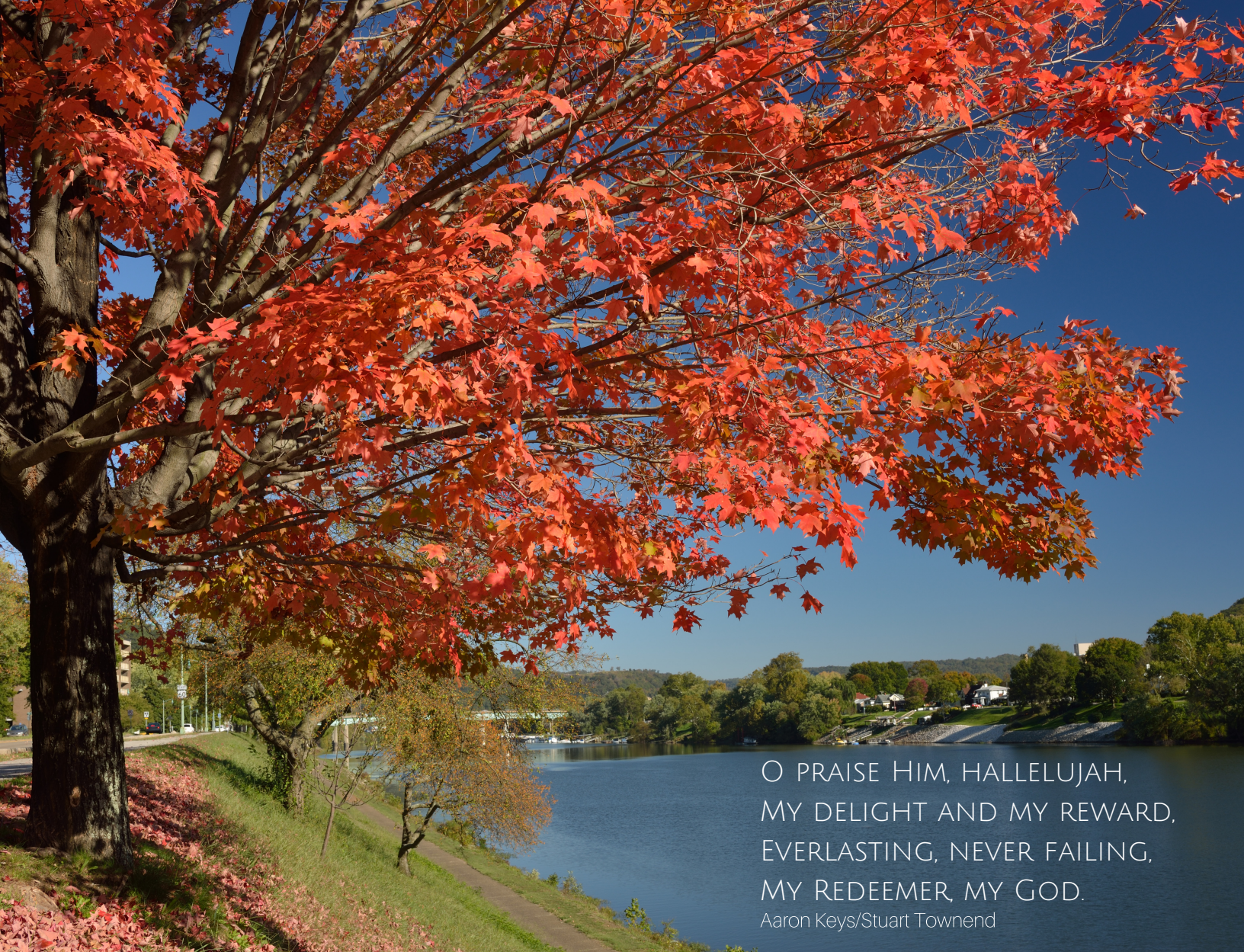
Children's classes for ages 4 to grade 6 are available. Adults and teens meet in the auditorium for Bible study and prayer. For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JOHN 12:9-33

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?





O PRAISE HIM, HALLELUJAH,  
MY DELIGHT AND MY REWARD,  
EVERLASTING, NEVER FAILING,  
MY REDEEMER, MY GOD.

Aaron Keys/Stuart Townend

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## **GIVING**

E-transfer is available. From your bank's website, select the e-transfer feature. The email address to transfer to is [donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com](mailto:donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com). Your donation will be automatically accepted and you will receive a confirmation of the transfer.

Thank you for your generosity in our Thanksgiving offering! Donations are still coming in. If you have not yet participated in the Thanksgiving offering, you can still contribute by designating your donation to our missionaries or mortgage reduction.



## **MBC MISSIONARY UPDATE**

While we will soon write again to give more updates on the ministry and our family life, we wanted to send out an update early this month concerning two specific things: the current state of our church building project and the ministry in Turkey.

As you will see in the video, much progress has been made in the building project over the last three years, but we have needed to pause before pushing ahead on the next stages. Please pray with us about the completion of this project as you also pray for God's work in the lives of people on the Maltese islands.

*Links to the video and update from Turkey are available below:*

Josh & Erica Burrill,  
Malta

