



The Chimes

August 2011



Act on Your Little Faith

“And the Lord said, ‘If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, ‘be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.’” Luke 17:6

We find this saying in two places in the Gospels, and in Luke it comes in response to a request from the disciples: “increase our faith.” We must look carefully at how this familiar teaching applies directly to this request.

Who among us would not ask God to increase our faith? We treat faith like a vitamin. A little faith, the grain of a mustard seed faith, is good. More must be better! Give me more! That is the disciples’ logic, and it’s ours. Thus many of the inspiring testimonies we hear revolve around what so and so did and what great faith it took to accomplish this or that. We love to hear about more faith, and we long for more faith.

Notice, however, that Jesus did not say “You have asked for more faith, and that is a good thing. God will surely give it!” No. Instead He underscored the incredible effectiveness of even the smallest amount of faith. Why?

Jesus’ point here, and the point we often miss, is not the amount of faith you have, but what you do with the faith God has given you. Indisputably God has given the gift of faith to every person. We all have a will to believe. Something pulls us higher and leads us to believe in God. You have faith. Now I say this gently, instead of whining for more faith why not act on the faith you have? You think it is too paltry? Jesus did not give you an excuse for having a tiny amount of faith. He taught you the possibilities of using that tiny amount of faith.

We see these possibilities in Jesus’ life. In both Matthew and Mark we find this teaching after His entry into the Jerusalem, a week prior to His death. In fact, reading this past Sunday the story of His triumphal entry is what drew me to this passage. His imminent death was a tremendous challenge for Him, one that He even prayed to avoid. Yet after those prayers in the Garden, He rose with a resolve to go the cross and lay down His life for you and me. Think about it. The Son, in His full humanity, relied on His faith to act. The cross was faith in action.

Goethe said that thought without action is a disease. I say faith without action is a fantasy. If you do not act on your faith, you will feel helpless and only plead for more faith. Your request is completely irrelevant. God’s answer is that He has given you what you need. Now act. Use the faith He has given you. What is the task before you? By faith, take care of it! What is the burden you have borne alone? By faith, cast it upon God and leave it there. What impulse to serve have you too long ignored? By faith, get to it!

You believe you have only little faith? You probably do. We all do. But it is enough! Act on your little faith.

Thank You Notes Received

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the calls, cards and words of comfort during the recent loss of my Mother, Marge Conner.*

Thank you, Brother Dale, for the words of comfort and encouragement.

Thank you, ladies for the delicious food that was prepared for my family and I after the service. Mother loved her church family and the choir. I know that Mother is at peace and in a better place.

Please remember my family and I in your prayers during the coming days.

*Yours in Christ,
Sherry Roache*

*Dear Members and Staff,
Thank you so much for sending the peace lily during the loss of my Father. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated.*

*Mary Boshell and the
Clarence Middleton Family*

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your many prayers, visits, flowers, and acts of concern during our Mother’s illness and death. Your thoughtfulness and caring meant so much to us. The peace lily that you sent was beautiful. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.
The Family of Evelyn Westover*

Memorials

A memorial gift from Jackie Reddick’s Sunday School Class was given in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Westover

A memorial gift from Nell Barnes’ Sunday School Class Was given in memory of Mrs. Marge Conner

Regular Business Meeting
Wednesday, August 17, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Sunday School Attendance June 26 - July 24

	Average	
	Enr.	Att.
Sunday School (including Home Bound)	166	70



AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S! OH HAPPY DAY!



<u>Day</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Day</u>
1 James Kimbrell	11 Daphne Farnell	23 Linda Zeitoun
1 John Johns	12 Patricia Pyron	25 Patsy Holcomb
3 Lorrain Lott	13 Sam Rawls	25 Eddie Stephenson
3 Leon Loewen	15 Emma Blow	26 Barbara Sanderson
3 Larry Raines	16 Dwight Whiddon	26 Bailey Jones
5 Ann Wilson	19 Sue Roan	26 Earl Purvis
7 Mollie Biggs	20 Sammie Lee	27 Sherry Rohmer
7 Janet Gardner	20 Faye Mitchell	28 Hazel Fussell
8 Kathy Travers	21 Carolyn Mothershed	28 Wanda Stone
10 Betty Patterson	21 Edna Cox	29 Annette Welch
10 Kimberly Hicks	23 Janice Chitty	31 Stanley Green

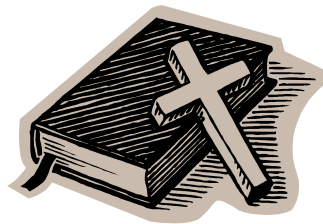
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Hours of Worship & Activities

Sunday	
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Morning Worship
4:45 PM	Choir Practice
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	
9:30 AM	Nursing Home Visitation
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym
Wednesday	
6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM	Team Kids
Thursday	
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym

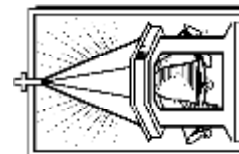
OUR RICHES IN CHRIST FROM A-Z

A-accepted in the beloved (Ephesians 1:6)
 B-orn of God (1 John 5:1)
 C-rucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20)
 D-elivered from the power of darkness (Colossians 1:13)
 E-nriched in everything in Him (1 Corinthians 7:5)
 F-orgiven for Christ's sake (Ephesians 4:32)
 G-rounded in love (Ephesians 3:17)
 H-id with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3)
 I-nstructed in the way of the Lord (Acts 18:25)
 J-ustified by the power of God (Romans 3:28)
 K-ept by the power of God (1 Peter 1:5)
 L-ed by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14)
 M-ade near to Him by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13)
 N-ourished in the words of faith (1 Timothy 4:6)
 O-rdained to eternal life (Acts 13:48)
 P-erfected forever (Hebrews 10:14)
 Q-uickened together with Christ (Ephesians 2:5)
 R-edeemed from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13)
 S-ealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13)
 T-ranslated into the kingdom of His Son (Colossians 1:13)
 U-nreprovable in His sight (Romans 5:5)
 V-ictorious through Our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57)
 W-ashed from our sins in His own blood (Revelations 1:5)
 Y-earned over by the Holy Spirit (James 4:5)
 Z-ealous of good works (Titus 2:14)



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Return Service Requested



Other Opportunities for Service

Brotherhood - Meets at 7 a.m. the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

WMU - Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch immediately following the meeting.

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