



From the Pastor...

Greetings from Burkesville – the land of opportunity!

We appreciate those that take the time to read through this newsletter. We pray that it is worth your time and that through the words of this brief greeting you might be encouraged.

February flew by seeming to end before it started! We enjoyed a lot of ministry enjoying a joint service with Dutch Creek Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ministry of Phillip T. Hicks, and our ever popular Annual Town Hall Meeting. As I glance at the calendar, March looks much quieter as we catch our breath and prepare to head into what is sure to be a busy summer and fall.

Meanwhile, we have been enjoying a “revival” of sorts as many of our children are making commitments to the Lord and submitting to the waters of baptism. I am always blessed and encouraged as we hear the testimonies of these little ones as they explain their “child like” faith. It has also had an effect on some of our adults as several have followed in making commitments to God through faith in Jesus Christ.

I’m quite certain that most of you know about the weekly devotion that you can access from our web site each week but in case you don’t I wanted to mention it. Prayerfully, by the end of March we will add a second devotion written by Alta Flo Lewis. Sister Flo, as most of us call her, is a godly woman who has faithfully and diligently studied her Bible for many years. In recent years, she has almost completely lost her ability to teach and preach as her voice has failed her. She has taken to writing and has blessed many by her thoughts. I’ve included her latest installment for your edification and enjoyment.

Know that we love and appreciate each of you. Please continue to pray for God’s will to be accomplished through our ministry unto the Lord!

God bless each of you!

Pastor Gary and Miss Vicky

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Need Prayer?

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God overcomes the world.
And this is the victory that
has overcome the world—
our faith. 1John 5:4
(NKJV)***



Family Fun Night

Scheduled...

Every so often, usually every three months, we schedule a night of food, fun, and fellowship for the entire family. It is a time for families to come together in a relaxed, safe, and comfortable atmosphere and enjoy the company of those they worship with and perhaps a few new friends. We enjoy board games and finger foods (as long as you bring some with you) and occasionally a video on the big screens.

Our next Family Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, March 27 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the ministry Center. You are welcome and encouraged to bring a pre-Christian friend to introduce them to our family of faith!

If you'd like more information, you can email info@lwmky.org or contact the Ministry Center office.

Thoughts from Sister Flo...

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
1Corinthians 6:20

He bought us. We are His now, in His hands! The price He paid was not silver and gold. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" 1Peter 1:18-19 (KJV)

He takes care of His own. "For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. There-

fore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8 (NKJV)

And so it goes with each and every child of God—all who know Jesus. My Grandmother Lee, Mammy Lee we called her, Emily Alta Wright Lee was her name, was a quiet lady who loved the Lord and she had a sense of humor and I do wish I had taken time to sit and talk with her more. In her later years when her health was not so good, her youngest daughter, Ruth, took care of her. Mammy Lee was a good patient, but even so there were trying times. When things would go wrong or be frustrating, Ruth said her mother would laugh a little and try to make the most of it. Even so, this is not an easy job. One day, Ruth said at a particularly trying moment that just might make you want to cry, Mammy Lee laughed a little and said she hoped and prayed that when Ruth was older and needed help that someone would be there to take care of her—like Ruth was taking care of her.

Mammy Lee passed on in 1960. Many years later, long after Mammy Lee went on to her reward, Ruth had a time of sickness. In fact her chances of survival were slim, but she did survive and is having a good life right now - at the age of 88 - and enjoys our family reunions very much. This is nothing short of a miracle. Ruth will tell you quickly what God has done for her.

I was talking with her one day and she shared the story of Mammy Lee wishing and praying that there would be someone to help Ruth just like she was helping her. Ruth remembered this and began to see what a miracle - an answer to Mammy Lee's prayer - was taking place in the midst of her own illness. Ruth has children who are faithful to be there and help her and spend time with her, doing all they could to help, but they live out of town and could not be there 24/7. They could certainly hire someone to stay with her when they could not be there, but God had all that covered!

A young lady named Rita from the same church

Ruth goes to, began checking on her and would run errands and do things for her. When Ruth was in the hospital so very ill, every time I was there, Rita was there also. When Ruth was able to go home, which in itself was a miracle, Rita was faithful to check on her and she came immediately any time Ruth called her, day or night. Now this lady simply felt this was what God had called her to do. Rita lived close enough that she could be there in minutes. Ruth was able to see the faithfulness of God in answering Mammy Lee's long ago prayer, as Rita so ably took care of her.

Now I wonder how many answers to prayer we are missing. How many times do we say, "What a coincidence!?" It took 40 some years for this prayer to be answered but Ruth was able to connect the answer with the long ago prayer. God is faithful through the years and prayers prayed many years ago can be answered now, even though the one praying has long gone to their reward! God is not bound by time.

Ruth did not "cheat" death, she clung to the One who had conquered death, hell and the grave. She knew Jesus but I would tell you that her closeness to Him is much more since her ordeal in the hospital. Ruth's life is a daily communion with the One who has done so much for her with a depth as never before.

There is a song that says, "What He's done for others He'll do for you, with arms wide open He'll welcome you, it is no secret what God can do."

We live in unusual times. It is not clear what is happening in our beloved country, but there is One who is constant; He never changes and He can be depended on in time of trouble. Now is the day of salvation. Now is the time to get to know Him so well that we can trust Him in all things.

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 1John 5:4 (NKJV)

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 2Corinthians 10:4 (NKJV)

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5:15 (NKJV)

Just as Ruth was able to see the connection of her blessing that came through Rita, with the prayer that her mother prayed 40 some years ago, we too, can see connections if we walk with Him and know Him so that He can bring things to our remembrance.

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26 (NKJV)

When we say, "What a coincidence!" it could be an answer to the long ago prayer of someone who loved us. Remember, God is faithful to His Word and every Promise in the Word is for us as well as it was for Abraham. It comes through the prayer of faith....and it may take a while to see the answer but this is where patience comes in. We wait patiently, trusting in the Lord, giving thanks in all things!

Blessings,

Love,

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