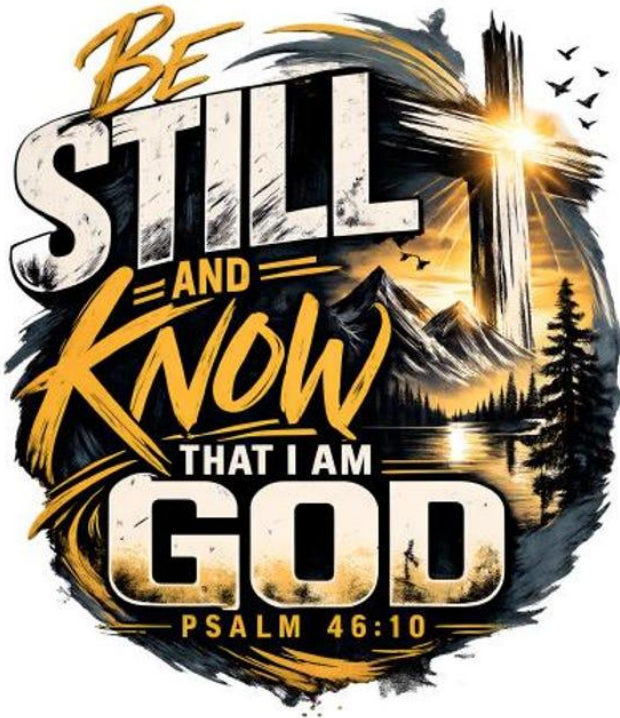


Welcome



Sunday 10:30am & 6pm

Coffee & Donuts Fellowship before Sunday Morning Service

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**FATHER'S
DAY**



FATHER'S DAY – NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 21

Consider inviting others to be in service with you.

No Evening Service on Father's Day.

REVIVAL WITH KATHY HAMON – RESTORATION CHURCH OF GOD

One of the ladies helping us with Indian Tacos invited us to their Revival. Monday & Tuesday 7pm. Jared & Elizabeth Gavit will be leading worship.

MOVIE NIGHT – JUNE 28 – 6PM

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GLADNESS ON SUNDAY – BILLY GRAHAM DEVOTION

*I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1*



A lot of people get what I call "Sunday-itis" on Sunday mornings.

Do you know what Sunday-itis is? It attacks the victim shortly before breakfast on Sunday morning. It is accompanied by a feeling of weakness and lethargy. Sometimes the victim has a slight headache which is aggravated by the ringing of the church bells in the community. But the disease is of short duration, usually disappearing about noon, when the victim is able to eat a full dinner and play golf in the afternoon. But the symptoms usually appear again about 7:30 Sunday evening, and then disappear until the next Sunday morning.

Prayer: May I always have the gladness that David had, as each Sunday I prepare to worship You in Your house, heavenly Father.

LEAN ON WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for
You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4*

Genesis 49 records one of the most quietly beautiful death scenes in all of Scripture.

Jacob is old. He knows his time has come. He calls his sons to his bedside, all twelve of them, and he speaks over each one. A blessing, a word, a declaration. He has been a complicated man, Jacob. He wrestled with God at Peniel and walked with a limp ever after. He was a deceiver who became Israel. He buried a wife he loved more than anything. He grieved a son for twenty years, who turned out to be alive. His life has been long and full and marked by both failure and extraordinary grace.

And at the end of it all, the Bible records this: **he gathered his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.**

But there is a detail before that final breath that deserves more attention than it usually gets. Earlier in the chapter, the text says Jacob leaned on his staff and worshipped.

In the ancient world, a staff was more than a walking stick. It was a record. Travelers and leaders would carve marks into their staffs, one for each significant moment, each victory, each time God had come through. The staff became a physical testimony, carried everywhere, a tangible history of faithfulness.

When Jacob leaned on his staff in his final hours, he was leaning on every carving. The night at Bethel when he fled from his brother and God showed up in a dream and promised to be with him. The years of labor for Laban, when God multiplied his flocks against all odds. The night at Peniel when he wrestled with God and wouldn't let go and received a new name and a new identity. The reunion with Esau, when the confrontation he had dreaded turned into an embrace. The return of Joseph, whom he had mourned for twenty years.

Every one of those moments, carved. And at the end, he leaned on all of them.

That is also what David is doing in Psalm 23. He walks through the valley of the shadow of death and is not afraid, not because the valley isn't real, but because the rod and staff are familiar. He has held them before. He has felt God's faithfulness in his hands. He knows what they feel like.

This is the invitation for all of us, not just at the end of life, but throughout it. To carve the moments of God's faithfulness into our memory, to carry them, to lean on them when the next valley arrives.

You have a staff. It may not feel like much. But think about the moments when God came through for you, the time the provision arrived just in time, the time the diagnosis wasn't as bad as feared, the time the relationship was restored, the time you didn't know how you would make it through, and you did. Those are carvings.

You don't have to have heaven all figured out to approach the end of your life, or the hard middle of it, without fear. You just have to lean on what you already know about the God who has walked with you.

He has been faithful in everything that has come before. He will be faithful in what comes next.

Prayer: Lord, You have been faithful in everything that has come before, in the valleys I didn't think I'd survive, in the moments I couldn't see a way through, in the quiet ordinary days when Your grace was present even when I wasn't paying attention. I choose today to lean on that record. The same God who walked me through everything behind me goes before me into everything ahead. I am not afraid. Amen.



IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY HEARD THE VOICE OF GOD

The Iranian regime's ultimate goal is the destruction of Israel and America. Reza Saba is very acquainted with the radical Islamic belief, which views Israel as the little Satan, America as the great Satan, and all other non-Muslims as infidels.

Growing up as a Shi'ite Muslim in Iran, he also believed this until experiencing an encounter with Jesus Christ. As a devout Shi'ite, he initially came from Iran to America as a college student in 1978. A year later, he went back home to participate in the Iranian Revolution, led by radical cleric Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who overthrew Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. Safa recalls how he saw great confusion and chaos in his country then. It caused him to make a life-changing decision.

"So one day I said to my mother, I said, 'I'm leaving Iran, and I don't think ever again I will come back.' And so I left and went to Sweden. And in Sweden, I met two Swedish missionaries that loved on me and took me to their homes and fed me, gave me a Bible in Persian. And I start reading the Bible," he recalled.

As he deeply studied the scripture, Safa experienced a divine encounter with God.

"I heard the voice of God for the first time in my life. And it, it wasn't audible, but it was as though it was audible. I could hear it as well as I'm hearing you. And the voice called me in Farsi, Persian, perfect Persian accent like my mom used to call me. The voice said, 'Reza, you don't need to pray like this anymore, pray to me.'"

As Safa grew in faith, he ultimately became a Christian pastor and began TBN Nejat-TV, a Christian channel in Farsi that airs in Iran and throughout the Middle East.

As a supporter of the current military action against Iran, he believes President Trump must stay focused on ending the regime and paving the way to freedom for the Iranian people.

"This is a very critical time for America, for our President, for our future, to finish this task and topple this regime," he said.

COURAGE TO STAND – BILLY GRAHAM DEVOTION

It is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being in Christ's family and being called by his wonderful name! 1 Peter 4:16 (TLB)

A great problem in America is that we have an anemic and watered-down Christianity that has produced an anemic, watered-down, and spineless Christian who is not willing to stand up and be counted on every issue. We must have a virile, dynamic, aggressive Christian who lives Christ seven days a week, who is ready to die, if necessary, for his faith. We need Christians who are ethical, honest, gracious, bold, strong, and devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer: I realize how spineless and pampered my Christian walk is. Give me Your courage, Lord Jesus, to follow You more devotedly.

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