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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Love Lifted Me

“He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth; a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.” Psalm 40:2-3

In life we can often feel the weight of the world, work responsibilities, family obligations, and personal expectations. When these are combined with the ever-changing world in which we live there seems to be no foundation with which to ground ourselves. During high times of stress, we can feel alone, trapped, and stuck in life. Do not be discouraged the Lord is waiting to do His work in, to, and through us.

The Psalmist reminds us that the Lord can lift us out of the pit, the muck and mire of life and give us a sure place to plant our feet on a solid foundation on which we can live. The Lord comes to take us out of our chaos and struggles and give us safe footing on His word, His promise, and His Son. We can stand through the most difficult of times and circumstances if our foundation is sure.

The Psalmist says, “He puts a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.” We are given a sure foundation in a world that is slipping away. He puts a new song in our mouths, a hymn of praise to our God. Where we are powerless to save ourselves, through His great mercy, power, and love He saved us.

Let me share a few words with you of one such “new song”. “Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, love lifted me.” Thank you, Lord, that your love lifted us, and may we always offer praise to you for your unfailing love. It is when we testify to His great work in our lives that others too will come to put their trust in the Lord. The Lord, in His love, He can lift you up and give you a sure foundation, a song to sing, and a message to share. Thank you Lord for your great love!

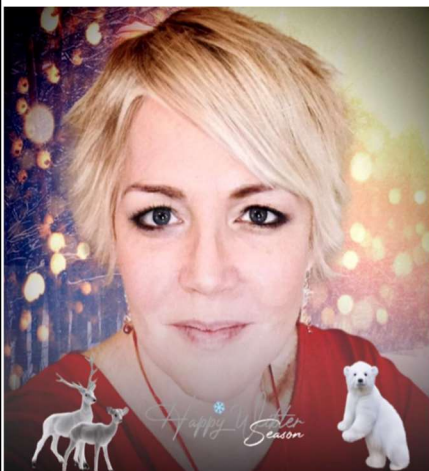
Blessings,
Pastor Greg Soult

SENIORS GROUP

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE!

On Monday, February 10, LOVE will be in the air as the Senior Group celebrates Valentine's Day with music by Amy Ladd! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am, followed by covered dish luncheon. If you missed January, remember to pay your dues.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOMED!



Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in the month of FEBRUARY: Jackie Dean(4), Brandon Moretz(4), Judy Knight(6), Pete Knight(6), Lou Ann Love(6), Missy Carpenter(9), Bob Gordon(23), Bella Gordon(23), Jason Barlow(26)
(If your birthday has been inadvertently left off the birthday list or entered incorrectly, please contact the Church Office.)

WMU – WOMEN’S MISSIONARY UNION

WATCHWORD: “My dear friends, stand firm and don’t be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile” (1 Cor. 15:58, CEV)

OUR MISSION: to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

Children’s Mission Day 2020 can be observed during the year. The children can show love by feeding the hungry, visiting shut-ins. Girls and boys across the Southern Baptist Convention follow God’s command to “put your love into action” (1 John 3:18NIV) as they participate in local mission projects. Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in this community outreach event. Please pray for these children as they participate in “Reach Out in 2020”.

The WMU will be celebrating Focus Week with a “TEA” on February 16. We wish to extend an invitation to all the ladies and bring your lady friends to enjoy the tea. Amy Moretz will have her jewelry on display and there will be door prizes. The time of the tea is 2:00 p.m.

“A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.” – Kathleen Grove

Joyce Adams, Reporting for WMU

YOU TOOK MY PLACE

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, “I always park there! You took my place!”

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, “That’s my seat! You took my place!” The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, “That’s where I always sit! You took my place!” The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and call out, “What happened to you?” The visitor replied as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye,

“I took your place...”

Sunday Services:
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday Services:
6:00 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner
6:30 p.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Cantata Practice
8:15 p.m. Choir Practice