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TO GOD TO GOD'S WORD TO GOD'S HOUSE "...that their hearts may be encouraged, having been

knit together in love.."

PLAN of SALVATION

Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17 Believe Jesus is God's Son Acts 16:30-31, Hebrews 11:6 **Repent of Sin** Acts 17:30-31 Confess Jesus is God's Son Acts 8:36-37. Matthew 10:32. Romans 10:9-10 Be Baptized Acts 2:38 Live Faithfully 1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10 SCHEDULE of SERVICES <u>SUNDAY</u> Bible Class 10am Morning Worship 11am Evening Worship 6pm <u>WEDNESDAY</u> Bible Class 7pm

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WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

Have you ever wondered why we cry? Everyone does it, and at times it seems to be unavoidable. Healthy babies cry at birth, young children cry for a host of reasons, and even adults find themselves in tears from time to time. We never grow out of crying.

Our tears can communicate our deepest emotions. The psalmist wrote, "...give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears..." (Psalm 39:12). The writer is expecting and pleading with God to react and to respond to his crying. His tears communicate to God.

Our tears can be contagious. "Jesus wept" at the death of His friend Lazarus (John 11:35). In the previous verses, as He arrived on the scene and met with Mary, we read, "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping...He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled" (John 11:33). Jesus saw Mary crying, saw her deepest emotions expressed, and Jesus Himself was moved to tears.

Our tears bring us closer together. Crying babies are often immediately held, crying children are usually quickly hugged, and even adults who find themselves overcome with emotion while in the presence of others will often be comforted by a hug or kind words.

Perhaps, it is by God's design that we never grow out of crying. There are moments in this life when we seem to have no choice but to communicate our deepest emotions and to be comforted when we need that comfort the most. However, the day is coming when God will wipe every tear from our eyes, and we will never need to cry again (Revelation 21:4). On that day, we will not need to be comforted because we will find ultimate comfort in the presence of God.

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Visitors, we are glad you are here.

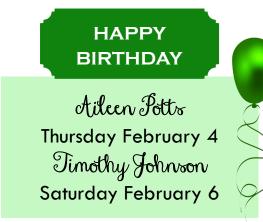
We would like to let you know what to expect. We worship according to the New Testament pattern. We sing without mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We observe the Lord's

Supper (Acts 20:7). This memorial is for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 42), yet we do not have "closed communion". Everyone must examine himself (I Cor. 11: 27-29). An offering is collected from our members (I Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. A Biblical message (Acts 20:7) will be preached and men will lead the congregation in prayer (I Tim. 2:8). We strive to worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24). We encourage you to stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2 Tuesday JCM Bible study class resumes. Class will be at 7pm in the fellowship room.

And Now These Three Remain FATH. & LOVE Hope, & LOVE BUT THE GREATEST of These is Love. 1 Corinthians 13:13



PRAYER LIST

Timothy Johnson has tested positive for Covid19. Jessica Midgette continues to recover from recent foot surgery. Belinda Nuckols' niece, CJ, is experiencing pregnancy issues. Belinda's sister's husband's friend was killed in a hunting accident.

Please pray for the Spencer family in their time of pain and loss. Belinda and Eddie Nuckols will be traveling the next two weeks. Ailene Potts will be moving to Fayetteville.

Mildred Bean, Ortie and Patsy Boyd, Don Grubbs, Roxanne Johnson, Teresa Johnson, Glenn and Nancy Koontz, Sara and Oscar Koontz, Mildred Phelps, Belinda Nuckols, Cletus Seamon, Candice Smith, Jay Stanley

Shut-Ins: Robert Cole, Vergie Farmer, Estelle Kluttz, Wanda Scott

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against

EPHESIANS 6:10-13

powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Matt Maurer's new Email address is mmaurer131@gmail.com He has made everything beautiful in its time. Eccl. 3:11