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Pressing on Toward the Goal

Dear Friends in Christ,

Imagine you're a college football player in your senior year on a big 10 team, Ohio State. You've planned your life on getting in the pro football ranks. You chose the school with the best fit for your style, the one with the best chance at a national championship and you gave 100% of your effort for the past three years to the team. Now, it's all come apart because the conference cancelled football for this season. No chance at a national championship. No chance at winning a personal national honor based on performance. A total guess what the pro's will think of your talent and skill after a year off. It's a future that has turned weak and bleak. Some of the very top-rated seniors are sitting out at schools that are playing for fear that they'll get sick and have heart or lung damage for life. But you're not them. You needed that final year to mature and make your mark. How onerous is that! The life-changing effects of the covid-19 pandemic laid waste to many young people's dreams built on earthly achievement – riches, power, and prestige. St. Paul's letter to the Philippians realizes how

the temptations of the world's glory and comfort put us as humans in a race to get all we can. But, he lays out a different race that isn't subject to world events – not even a world-wide pandemic that upsets every person's life.

This race is not athletic, not a power game, or a contest for a prestigious position. Paul's personal testimony is that, **“straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”** Paul has latched onto the overarching goal of God's calling you to live in his kingdom, to be an heir with Christ Jesus, to have his holiness as a forgiven child of God.

The incredible part of this wonderful state of reward is the way you make it there. It's not what you do – at all! It's simply that Jesus Christ has done it all *for you*. That's what Paul means when he says, **“I do not consider that I have made it [righteousness] my own.”** In his former life as a Pharisee among Pharisees – he strove to accomplish being

the best of the best at living a perfect life. But it was all for nothing – serving the wrong goal, perfection (unreachable). Like many long-time Christians, you may be thinking, blah, blah blah – tell me something I don't already know. Paul's message is totally relevant for us, though.

In this time of pandemic and riots and social restructuring, we all feel like we've lost a lot! Many of us have lost much – from a whole host of angles. We're counting what we've lost, though, in earthly ways. Sure, we can't diminish our losses. They are real. And ... they are not the utmost goal we live by as people of God. Our top goal is simply living for God the rest of our life with the sure knowledge that heaven is our home because the love of God has spoken. Jesus has done it all. We live in his grace, today!

May you and I focus not where we've been; but on what God has in store for us. Especially that he has righteousness, heaven and life in his kingdom for you and me as his gift. Whatever adjustments we are making to keep going in this life, we can find



comfort that God has already factored in the good and the bad that we're experiencing. So, let the **“upward call of God in Christ Jesus”** be foremost in your mind as you constantly “pray, praise and give thanks to God in all things.” Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it [righteousness] my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13–14, ESV)

MINISTRY NEWS

Stewardship: Please remember that all church expenses go on even if you worship remotely or miss entirely. You can still do an offering as your act or worship to God by sending your offering envelope/check to Attention: Harold Dunlap Trinity Lutheran Church, 190 E. State Hwy. 31, McAlester, OK 74501. It remains confidential as only Pastor handles the mail and Harold handles offerings.

Evangelism: We realized that our online and recording viewing audience is larger than those attending in person. That changes many little things in our worship. Plus, we are streaming all services from our church Facebook page using Facebook Live. We record and uploading them to a post on TLC-Mcalester YouTube page. We make a DVD for OSP closed circuit viewing. We began using the communication card for everyone will use in worship services. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Education: Man Card Bible Study finished our series in August and start a new one in September. Cell group has a new name: Deep Dive Cell Group Bible Study. Both Clayton Mission and Deep Dive Bible study groups are restarting in September. Pastor is starting a Zoom Bible Study over the internet to reach folks that are shut-in or distant. *Carol Niedfeldt*

Youth: Hoping to start up Youth night if things open up for such meetings in late fall. *Loretta Meyer*

Fellowship: We wonder when to schedule the next game night event. *Don Gleichman.*

Social Ministries: People hear about us from Head Start and other Kiamichi run programs. *Don Niedfeldt*

LWML: People are being well served by other programs. *Loretta Meyer*

Olive Branch Outreach

We are thinking when to do a full public announcement media blitz. There is a need right now with people stuck in close quarters and

discovering disheartening secrets about each other leading to conflict. The challenge to is have meetings with them. Primus is ready to do mediations to complete training and be ready to serve the ministry.

Disc Golf: The club is having a fund-raising tournament in October. They still need to haul away the dumped tires when the Pride Cleanup comes around in the fall. They are starting to do work clearing trees and brush for the new 9 and cleaning up from winter. Course maintenance goes on. The club has a new president and vice-president.

Trustees: Refinishing the Men’s room partitions is complete. A Committee is met over zoom to manage all the items on the properties task list in late July.

First Experience Entryway Remodel: The black console serving table is done and set up. The blue wall got another coat of paint and looks great! The remaining task is putting Bible verse decals on the walls.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS (See calendar page for dates)

Man Card Men’s Bible Study Breakfast, 2nd Saturday @ 8:00 at His Place

Clayton Bible Study, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

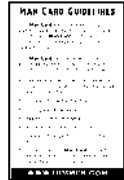
Sunday Morning Bible Class: Sundays at 9:15 am

Deep Dive Cell Group Bible Studies 1st and 3rd Thursdays beginning Sept. 17th

Zooming Through the Bible Study will be held weekly on Mondays at 6:30 - 7:30 pm beginning Sept. 17th

Next Men’s Man Card Breakfast September 12, 2020

A video-based study of Paul of Tarsus, “Odyssey of St. Paul,” spans from the founding of Christianity through his missionary journeys to his demise in Rome. Historic views from all over the Mediterranean region give you the feeling that you’re there with St. Paul as it’s happening. FREE pancake and sausage breakfast served with coffee and juice. If you don’t have your **Man Card** yet attend to get one. Prayer, food, fellowship and an invigorating Bible study by Pastor Glenn will earn you an official Man Card (wallet size). We meet the second Saturday at 8:00 am at His Place. It’s at the entrance to the church and disc golf course property.



Introducing -- Communication Cards

You’ll find a Communication Card in each Sunday worship bulletin. We’re asking everyone to fill out something each Sunday, especially prayer requests and feedback on the worship experience. It helps us with people new to us and all of you that we know so well. We’ll be giving time during the service to remind folks to fill them out and at the end. When newcomers see everyone filling out cards, they are apt to follow suit. Place completed ones in the offering basket or in the box as you leave.



Sunday Bible study: “Daniel: Life Under Pagan Rule”

Pastor Glenn leads a new study based on the book Daniel titled, “Life Under Pagan Rule”. We can learn from Daniel how to live in a non-believer culture, ruled by idol-worshipping kings. It is apocalyptic style, meaning the prophetic parts are full of sometimes challenging metaphors. God does give us immensely helpful guidance for living in the world, while keeping true to our faith.

BIRTHDAYS

September

- 1st Angela Hutten
- 2nd Veronica Moore
- 10th Jay Lynn Baugh
- 12th Joyce Hendrickson
- 16th Teresa Dove
- 22nd Brandon Lopez
- 22nd Randall Lopez
- 26th Seth Gleichman
- 26th Roberta Lopez
- 30th Primus Moore
- 30th Squeakie Brown



Prayer Warriors

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

September

- 1st Primus Moore
- 6th Joseph Hutten
- 7th Susan McGee
- 12th Jefferson Billos
- 13th Julie Atkinson
- 15th Jason Billos
- 22nd Angela Hutten
- 25th Nicholas Valenta



ALTAR FLOWERS

September:

Jerry & Karen Yagher for their granddaughter Jillian's 10th Birthday



ANNIVERSARIES

John & Darlys Hutten 22nd
Linda & Gerald Valenta 28th



Please contact Pastor and Karen Brown when a name can be removed or changed to another category

LORD: We Implore You to Hear Our Prayers

For Healing of Chronic Ills: Maggie Brennan, (Clayton Lutheran) COPD & emphysema, Sheila Curtis health issues, Rev. Barrie Henke, (LCMS OK District President) myasthenia gravis, Rev. Don Howard with ALS (retired), Darlys Hutten, health issues, Earl & Irene Meyer, high BP, (Pastor's dad and mom), Lisa Milton, COPD, Bill & Billie Moore, hospice care (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's parents), Laura Moore (Primus & Veronica Moore's daughter-in-law), Joey Morrow, in rehab brain injury after fall, (Reese's neighbor), Steve Phipps, Ester Valenta, health issues (Linda Valenta's mother-in-law)

Thanksgiving: For Julie Atkinson's eye surgery going well, the Noah's Ark roof getting shingled by non-member volunteers, for those same volunteers trimming around His Place and our playground, for plans coming together to start our Fall season Bible studies, for the national rate of Covid-19 infection declining

Enduring Cancer: Harold Hackler, cancer (Conner Field's uncle), Curtis Jacobson, metastatic cancer & COPD, Primus Moore, cancer, Ellen Paar, breast and colon cancer, (Pastor's Aunt), Russell Stevens, cancer (Josh Mindemann's uncle)

Special Healing Needs: Julie Atkinson, healing after eye surgery, Squeaky Brown, knee problem, Curtis Jacobson, side effects -- monthly radiation infusions for metastatic cancer, Billie Moore, hospital procedure (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's mother), All people ill with Covid-19

For Safety: for police and other law enforcement standing up to rioters in several US cities including the Atkinson's grandson in Minneapolis.

For Strength: for all college-bound students, Audrey Brown & family, Curtis Jacobson family, Raven Jacobson, Jason Alexander Luvenburgh & family, (infant grandson of Harold Dunlap), Donnie & Lisa Milton (Clayton friends), Primus Moore family, John Peasha Jr. family, Kevin Pollard

Serving in or with the Military: Cole Jackson (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's cousin), Andy & Robert Starry (Mary Starry's son & grandson serving stateside), Teddy Stevens (Audrey Brown's brother)

For Transformation: That we are feeling empowered by the Holy Spirit to keep inviting the lost to church so that God might save them and equip his kingdom workers at Trinity as evangelists

Prayer Focus for the Month of September Our American Work Force

Trinity Prayer Warriors

If you have a request for special prayers, please contact Karen Brown 918-569-7885 or email her at karenadbrown@hotmail.com. Also call Pastor Glenn 918-916-4469 cell.

Portals of Prayer



The July - September quarterly Portals of Prayer are available for pickup in the church entryway. You don't have to even see anyone to pick one up. But you should call Pastor to make sure the door is open.

USHERS CAPTAIN
Harold Dunlap
COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Primus Moore

September 2020

ALTAR GUILD
Loretta Meyer
GREETER
Harold & Primus

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
6 <i>Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship</i>	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8 <i>Pastor at a Circuit Meeting in Tulsa</i>	9	10	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off Men's Man Card Breakfast 8:00 am</i>
13 <i>Grandparents Day Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am</i>	14	15 <i>Clayton Bible Study at 2:00 pm Church Council Meeting at 5:30 pm</i>	16	17 <i>Deep Dive Cell Group Bible Study at 1:00 pm Zooming Through the Bible Study at 6:30-7:30 pm</i>	18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	19 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
20 <i>Bible Study 9:15 am Communion Worship 10:30 am</i>	21	22 <i>First day of Fall</i>	23 <i>Newsletter article's & Calendar Event's Due</i>	24	25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off LWML 10:00 am</i>
27 <i>Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am</i>	28	29	30		Altar Flowers for the Month	<i>Jerry & Karen Yagber for their granddaughter Jillian's 10th Birthday</i> 