

SPRING HILL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2023

PRAYER REQUEST:

- SHARON
- TERRY & SHANNON
- TOMMY & ANGIE
- LAWRENCE & JAN
- JESSE & FRAN
- DALE & DONNA
- THE LOST
- ASIAN MISSION
- CODY & FAMILY
- MIKEL & FAMILY
- BRUCE & PATSY
- PATSY'S MOM
- CAROL
- JAMIE, LACEY & KIDS
- FREDDY & JOANN
- ALI & GANNON
- ALL ON PRAYER BOARD
- SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
- OUR CHURCH
- MISSING MEMBERS
- THE SICK
- THE NEEDY
- ANN
- JESSE & CAROL

BE LOVE

I was in Publix, it was chaotic....I only needed a few things for dinner, but my attention was on everyone in the store.

The lines were long, you could see the worried and anxious looks on everyone's faces. I was focused on getting my stuff and go...

As I looked behind me a man (who still has his work clothes on and I could tell he worked outside because he had work shoes on) said 'what a racket...wall street uses a virus to drive the market down so that they can run it back up and make a fortune.' Well, I looked at him and smiled and said, 'that's one way to look at it and you are right, it is definitely a great buying opportunity if you have some spare cash. The markets are always manipulated by a handful of institutional investors and this is a great excuse for a market correction with a huge windfall for them...'

Then he said something that hit me hard...

He said, 'You know something, I've worked at Gulfstream Park (which was only a couple of blocks

away) with the horses for over 30 years and today they told us, because of the virus, not to come back, indefinitely. The casino and track were closing. And I have a wife and four kids and I depend on that paycheck every week...

It was a slap back to reality for me of what is happening to him as well as the people like him around the nation.

I only had a few things, so when the cashier (whose name was ironically LOVE!) checked me out, I asked if I could use her hand sanitizer (that was behind her) and she said sure....

So, as I walked behind her, I whispered quietly in her ear as she was running his food through, I am paying for that man's groceries and I also want you to give him a Publix gift card. I want him to have enough food for a month for his family...

I didn't get the man's name, but I will always remember his face... he grabbed me and with tears running down his face (mine too) he said you didn't need to do that... And I looked him in

the eyes and said, yes I did, I love you and some day you can do the same for someone else... go and feed your family.

And you see, something else happened... the chaos stopped around us, if only for a moment, from faces of tension, anger and despair to joy and love...

I was reminded today that regardless of our 'distractions' God is in control and He puts us in certain situations and specific locations for a reason...we just need to pay better attention.

He told us that 2000 years ago, speaking from the side of the mountain, and after He had just taken a basket of fish that ended up feeding over 5000 very hungry people that, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.'

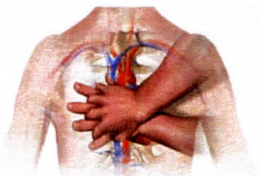
Matthew 25:40

He has blessed us beyond measure...

Be Love



The World Needs
CPR
Christ, Prayer, &
Repentance!



KINDNESS
doesn't cost a
thing, yet it's the
richest gift you
can give.

Always
remember that
there is a
strength
within you that
is greater than
any storm.

\$94.10

That's how much the cash register showed at 10:00pm that night at the grocery store.

I watched as the man in front of me asked the cashier to put things to the side. Over and over again

He kept swiping his card. Declined.

He was already buying the bare minimum.

There was a girl and boy with him, and I heard them call him "Dad" several times.

The girl was a pre-teen, and the boy was about my son's age. I could see the embarrassment written all over their faces.

It was a week or two after Thanksgiving, and I wondered what they had eaten for the holiday.

The cashier put cans of tuna, boxes of pasta, bananas, and apples under the counter.

I wondered if he was a single dad. The lack of a ring on his finger gave me suspect to believe so.

Then suddenly, I felt it.

It was like a gently shove on the back and a mild electric shock to my heart.

Pay for the groceries.

It doesn't matter if you don't have the money...I'll provide. Trust me.

I heard God loud and clear.

I started to open my mouth... but what if I embarrass his family even more?

That still small voice called again.

Another shove. Stronger this time.

"I've got it," I blurted out loudly, as heat flooded my face.

The store was empty, there was no one else in our line, and I watched this man slowly turn, his jaw dropped open.

I turned to the cashier.

:Please put everything back. I'll get it all."

"Are you sure?" the cashier said, with shock in her voice.

I nodded while looking at the girl and the boy. Their eyes were like saucers.

"Yes, absolutely, I can go ahead and swipe my card."

I look at the dad. He is crying now.

His daughter is hugging him.

Then I pay for my things as well. Praying God would cover it (He did).

The dad is waiting at the end of the lane. Still crying and hugging his precious children.

"I don't know how to thank

you,' he whispers.

"It's okay, I wanted to help. I know it's what God told me to do. And I have been there." I replied quietly.

"I'm a single dad. It's so hard," he said.

I gave him a hug. His son and daughter wanted to hug me too.

When I got to my car, the tears came flooding out.

I prayed and praised the Lord for allowing me to help. I asked God to give me more opportunities to be obedient and show the world the utter grace He has shown me.

Flash forward to February 23rd.

My family and I are sitting in church, and we had just finished the worship time when our Pastors was getting ready to preach.

I look to my left, and my stomach literally plummets to the ground.

Then my heart begins to race.

At the end of our pew, sat the same Dad and his 2 children.

They were right there, the only other people in our row.

In slow motion, I turn to my husband.

"That's them,' I say into his ear. "That's the dad and his

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kids from the grocery store that night, remember?"

I begin to sob. My skin is covered in goosebumps.

I never told him I was a Christian. I never even told him where I went to church.

I just obeyed God.

The same One who brought this dad and his family to my church that

Sunday.

It's not about me.

Glory to the Lord God Almighty, great things HE hath done.

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?"

When saw we thee a

stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Or when saw we thee sick or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Churches are not museums that display perfect people. They are hospitals where the wounded, hurt, injured and broken find healing.

"The tongue has no bones, but it is strong enough to break a heart. So be careful with your words."

Being rude is easy. It does not take any effort and is a sign of weakness and insecurity. Kindness shows great self-discipline and strong self-esteem. Being kind is not always easy when dealing with rude people. Kindness is a sign of a person who has done a lot of personal work and has come to a great self-understanding and wisdom. Choose to be kind over being right, and you'll be right every time because kindness is a sign of STRENGTH.



Life doesn't allow us to go back and fix what we have done wrong in the past, but it does allow for us to live each day better than our last.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL..... 10:00 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP..... 11:00AM
SUNDAY NIGHT..... 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHT..... 7:30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

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*Happy
Valentines
Day!!!*



**God uses broken things beautifully:
Broken clouds pour rain,
Broken soil sets as fields,
Broken crop yield seeds,
Broken seeds give life to new
plants.**

**So when you feel broken with your
situation right now, be rest assured
that God is planning to utilize you for
something greater.**

Using \$1.00 bills we discussed value. No, not math but that a dollar holds value whether we crumple it or rip it . . .the dollar still has value and so do you and I. Sure we all go through trials and we get crumpled at times. However God still sees us full of value. No matter what others may think or say about you all that matters is that we remember God says we still have value. God sees the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Being a Christian is
not just about
attending church
every Sunday,
it is about living and
walking with Christ
everyday.



A WISE MAN ONCE SAID:

“Be careful who you let on your ship, because some people will sink the whole ship just because they can't be the captain.”

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 CONFERENCE	6	7	8	9	10	11 WORK DAY
12	13	14	15	16 LANDYN	17	18
19	20	21 MARK & MICHELLE	22	23	24	25
26 SANDWICH NIGHT	27 CAROL E.	28				