

SPRING HILL CHURCH

MAY 2025

PRAYER REQUEST:

- VICKY
- JUDITH
- JUDY
- SHARON
- NEIL
- ANDY
- THE LOST
- ASIAN MISSION
- DALE & DONNA
- THE CHURCH
- LAWRENCE & JAN
- DAVID & LESLIE
- SEAN & KIDS
- LISA
- JEAN
- BRUCE & PATSY
- JAMIE, LACEY & KIDS
- BUTCH & CINDY
- FRAN
- MIKE & MARY
- KENNY
- DON
- CAROL
- CODY, NICOLE & KIDS
- TOMMY & ANGIE
- SHANNON
- CHRIS, JENNA & DANSBY

THE EMPTY PEW

My heart is heavy for my church today. Our Sunday night and Wednesday night crowd has gone down so much in the last few years. This morning I read an article that a Pastor from a different church wrote that was so true and I would like to share it. If you are a Christian, you should be an active member of a local church. If you are already a member of a local Bible believing, preaching church, please read the upcoming article and examine your heart and mind.

It is hard to imagine a time when churches did not have air conditioning, running water, cushioned chairs or pews. A church where there was a bucket of water in the corner with a dipper that everyone shared. The windows would be opened in the heat and people would crowd together for warmth in the winter. If you had to use the bathroom, you would have to make the long journey to the outhouse. Yet with all of these inconveniences, Sundays use to be a time when people gathered at the

church house to hear God's Word. Many churches didn't have Sunday School or youth programs and everyone was in the sanctuary to worship, hear God's Word, and be together, pews were filled and I heard a lady this past weekend say she remembered when there was no more room in the church, people gathered outside by the windows and doors to hear the preacher preach the Word. God was a priority. Family was a priority.

People will say, "It was a simpler time back then." Was it? People worked hard from sun up to sun down, most families were fortunate to have one car, and most items were hand-made. Yet with everything they do on any given day, they made time for God and church.

Unfortunately today, it seems God and church is no longer a priority in too many families. The empty pew is becoming more common in churches throughout our nation. I have heard it

said the church needs to cater to the people, the church needs more programs, the church.....

Whatever happened to the thought of the church raising disciples and ministering to the community? Whatever happened to the church being a place where people came to greet one another to share the Word of God and to encourage one another in a life of holiness and righteousness? Whatever happened to people wanting to serve instead of being served?

The empty pew breaks my heart. Are people just too busy for God or do they just not care anymore? Either way, as more and more churches close their doors and people begin to remember when there use to be a place where God's people would gather, one day when all the church doors are closed, maybe then, just maybe, people will once again rediscover their thirst to know who God is and to be with one another for worship and prayer.

WHEN YOUR PLANS FAIL

When it seems that all your plans fail

And troubles on every hand assail

Just go to God in earnest prayer

And He'll always meet you there.

So don't despair if your plans fail.

Get up and try again, don't just weep and wail.

God may have for you a better plan.

He knows what is best for every hu-man.

God knows how to right all the wrongs.

He gave the birds their sweet songs.

He can make our heavy hearts glad.

He can bring good things out of the bad.

If everything always fell perfectly in place

And we went through life at our own pace,

Then we might never seek God above

Or come to know His great love.

So just seek God's will in every plan.

His knowledge and love is an unending span

He can make your plans a great success.

Your every effort He wants to bless.

If you'll let God help you plan your life,

You can save yourself much trouble and strife.

Consult God and let Him your silent partner be

And more happiness, and success in life you'll see.

Many will miss
Heaven by 18 inches,
the distance from
their head to their
heart. They know
about Christ, but do
not know Him. You
can be religious but
lost. You can have the
Bible in your head,
but not have Christ in
your heart.

**All the forces of
darkness cannot
stop what God
has ordained.**

Isaiah 14: 27

The reality is we will face obstacles and struggle through hard stuff even when we are in God's will.

When you find yourself in a hard place, that doesn't mean you're walking on the wrong street, and God is nowhere to be found. In fact, Jesus told His disciples that things in this world will be hard, life will be hard, "I have spoken unto you, that ye might have peace, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16: 33) James shares this same message in his letter, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, (James 1: 2). Notice he uses the word "when" not "if."

God doesn't promise you'll be walking on easy street when you follow Him. He does promise, though, that He will be walking down the street with you. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" (Romans 8: 35)

Honor thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. DEUTERONOMY 5: 16

**Some roads you
gotta take alone
No friend, No
family, No partner,
just You & God.**

Never limit your prayers because you think you're sinful and undeserving. You're not praying because of who you are - you're praying because of who **He** is.

The Fate of a Mother

A mother's fate is to wait for her children. You wait for them when you're pregnant, for their first steps, for their school bus, and for them to come home after a night out. You wait as they start their own lives, hoping they find happiness and success. You wait for them to come home

from work to a lovingly prepared dinner.

You wait with love, with anxiety, and sometimes with frustration that melts away the moment you see them and can hold them close.

Don't let your elderly mother wait any longer. Visit her, love

her, and hug her. She is the one who has loved you like no other one else ever will. Don't make her wait; she is counting on you.

For while the body ages, a mother's heart remains forever young. Love her with all you have. No one will ever love you quite like your mother does.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT 6:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME



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HUSBAND: "Why isn't the house
clean if you're home all day?"

WIFE: "Why aren't we rich if you
work all day?"

The safest place to be
right now is under the
Blood of Jesus Christ!
Amen!

Mc DONALD'S

An elderly couple walked into a McDonald's and sat down at a table near some young people who were having dinner.

The old man approached the counter and place an order for one meal. He returned, unwrapped the hamburger, carefully cut it in half, and placed one half in front of his wife. Then he gently counted out the fries and split them evenly between them. He place two straws into the soda and sat it between them.

The old woman began to eat her half of the burger while the man just watched. From time to time, he took a small sip of the drink, but he never touched the food.

People around them started to notice and looked on with quite sympathy.

A young man approached and politely offered to buy them another meal so they wouldn't have to share.

The woman smiled and said kindly, "Thank you, but we're used to sharing everything."

Still, the man hadn't eaten a bite, he simply watched as his wife enjoyed her meal. The young man returned and offered again.

This time, the old man responded, "Thank you, but we really do share everything."

The young man paused for a moment , then asked: "But sir...what are you waiting for?"

The old man smiled and said: "The teeth."

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 JAMIE & LACEY CADEN TOMMY & ANGIE	2	3 LEAH
4 CONFERENCE	5 MARK K	6	7	8 LUCAS	9	10 WORK DAY
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12	13	14	15	16	17 WKITFIELD PLACE
18	19 DALE & DONNA MIKE & MARY	20	21	22	23 JERI	24
25 SANDWICH NIGHT	26	27	28	29	30 LAWREN BRIAN	31