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Great Need for Prayer!

Shared by Rev. Stephen Llewellyn

Twenty seconds is all it took to kill 19-year-old Dustin Manning. A toxicology report found he had taken a toxic mix of heroin and fentanyl, a synthetic opioid so powerful it is often fatal. The amount in his body was the equivalent to **three grains of salt**. That's all it took to kill a 180-pound guy.

His dad had told him he would get him up early for work. When he opened the door to his room, it looked like Dustin was tying his shoes. Very quickly his dad realized something was wrong, grabbed him, but found that he was cold. He called 911, but it was too late.

Less than an hour later, another phone call was made to the same 911. A half a mile down the road, 18-year-old Joseph Abraham was found slumped on the floor by his parents. He had no pulse. His dad yelled for him wake up; his mom ran to hold him, but he was cold. As his dad called 911, his mom knew it was too late. She knew they couldn't fix this.

The two boys were childhood friends. They played on the same Little League team. Joseph's father had been their coach for two years. In middle school they both began to dabble in drugs.

The Abrahams believe their son had his first dose of opioids when he had his wisdom teeth removed. He was prescribed the drugs again when he broke his ankle and then later for his hand playing sports. His mom believes Joseph turned to drugs after dealing with two major tragedies at a young age.

Joseph had lost two of his really good friends in eighth grade – one to cancer and one to a drowning. He really had a hard time. He struggled with it. At the age of 12, Dustin told his parents he felt like he was suffering from depression. He soon started drinking beer and taking drugs. His mom said he had told them the drugs gave him 'the out' and made

him feel good. Both parents sought help from treatment centers, not once, but time and time again for both of their sons. Dustin's mom even started working at one of the centers to keep an eye on her son and better understand addiction. But Joseph's dad said the treatments weren't enough to fight his son's battle.

Once they take opioids, there's a switch in their brain that gets flipped on – and to get that switch flipped back could take up to five years, and most treatments are 35 days and they're back out. According to both sets of parents, Dustin and Joe hadn't been in touch in recent years, yet it appears they may have bought the drug that killed them from the same dealer. According to police records, some of the pill wrappings were almost identical.

As the parents started to gain insight into the world of opioid addiction, they realized that getting the drug is fast and easy. Like most parents, they had high hopes for their beloved sons and their great potential. Dustin had wanted to go in the service and be a Marine. Joe was a sensitive young man, he was funny, he had a big heart. He loved to fish, he loved to be outside and hike. He could have done anything he wanted. He was very smart, in advanced classes.

This happened within 18 houses of each other to two young men on the same morning. Last year about 64,000 Americans died from opioids. This is **more than** the number of Americans killed in car accidents or by guns combined.

The world turns to treatment centers, which have seemingly helped some. The **Body of Christ has the answer!** We **must pray** and **intercede** for our **youth** and **those bound** by addiction! It is **our duty!** God has mandated that the Body of Christ stand in the gap. Pray, pray, pray for our youth and everyone bound! **We CAN** and **WILL make a change** if we obey God and **PRAY!**

SUCCESS!

Message by Deacon Mark Hamen

Here is a synopsis of a great message!

Don't trade what you want most for what you want at the moment! If you do, you will fail. Here are three questions that will determine your success or failure.

1. Can people **TRUST** me to do my best?
Best – means excellent or the highest degree
Trust – means have confidence in; to commit something to another's care.
 - Are people able to have confidence that you will perform in an excellent way all the time?
 - Are people able to trust you with their property?
 - What you choose to become, you are already becoming!
2. Am I **COMMITTED** to the task at hand?
Are you disciplined?
Discipline – means to follow
 - **Do** what has to be done.
 - **When** it has to be done.
 - **As well as** it can be done.
 - Do it that way **all the time!**There is no such thing as life "in between".
You are either in or out! Either you are committed or not!
3. Do I **CARE** about other people and show it?
 - Are you there to **lift up** your friends, parents, siblings, and others when they are having a bad day?
 - Or, are you the "I" person? Is everything about you?

If the answer to these three questions is yes, there is no way you can fail! The reason most people fail instead of succeeding is that they trade what they want most for what they want at the moment.

- "A man's **heart plans** his way, **BUT** the **LORD directs** his steps." – Proverbs 16:9
 - I **will prepare**, and my time **will come!**
- You have never failed when you never give up.
- When you give up, then you have failed.
- The only people who fail are those we do not try.

SUCCESS means you can be **trusted**; you are **committed**; you show you **care**.



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

10 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Breaking Point

6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation

6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

Thursday

6 – 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.

Saturday

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Prayer



Feed **your Soul** every week.



MINISTERIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assignments for Sunday, Nov. 26

Rev. Betty Simmons – Opening
Bishop Bruce Perry – Ministering
Pastor David Tucker – Closing

- **Meeting** on **Sunday, November 19** for all ministers at Rivers of Living Water Cathedral immediately after service.
- **Reminder:** Ministerial renewal fees are due.



FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

Fund-raising ideas are needed **NOW!** The fund-raising committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, Nov. 15**, after service to compile a list of fund-raising activities to present to our Church Family for final approval and setting dates for each event.

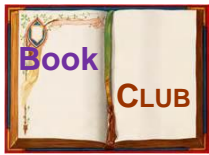
Submit your fund-raiser idea by writing it down and giving it one of the committee members: Sister Dell Kinsey, Pastor Juanita Llewellyn, Pastor David Rogers, Sister Charmaine Smith, and Sister Julia Schwert.

The Executive Council is working on the Calendar of Events for 2018. Our next Executive Council meeting will be in December.

Youth Kōrner

Wednesdays

The Youth will be working on the Christmas program during the months of November and December. They will be performing on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 10 a.m.



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19
at 4:30 P.M.

If you desire to bring something to share, feel free to do so. We are in the book, The Battle Plan for Prayer, beginning with chapter 15.

Happy Thanksgiving



YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

We want to thank those who have given to this ministry. We appreciate your kindness. Since this ministry has been a blessing to you, would you consider making a contribution to help defray the expense of sending out "The Channel" and The Word for You Today?

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Our men will be meeting at Arby's on **Saturday, November 11, at 9:30 a.m.** Invite someone to join in this time of fellowship.



A Note to . . .

Our Family

Bishop Jones said that no change will be made in our service time on Sunday until the first of the year. More information will be forth coming.

Our mom, Mother Joyce Jones, wants to remind us to be prepared at home as winter is coming. Do you keep extra staple goods on hand in case there is a power outage at your house? Do you have a flash light and batteries, canned goods, blankets, extra water, etc. to keep you warm and comfortable until power is restored? Don't forget the extra toilet paper (always a necessity). If necessary, you can always fill your tub with water to flush toilets. God will provide for us; however, He also wants us to be diligent and be prepared. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

As winter approaches, please remember our operating expenses continue to rise even if we find it necessary to cancel a service because of the weather. Thank you, family, for your continued support.

NOTE:

Sister Charmaine Smith would like to thank everyone for giving the **Sunday Morning Announcements** to her by Saturday evening. She gladly accepts texts with information. If you need her number, feel free to contact her.

Please continue to give all announcements for the **December Channel** to Rev. Julia Schwert or Rev. Natalie Perkins by **November 26** so we can get the December Channel published by the first Sunday. With your timely information, the publication goes smoothly. If your department is not in here, we did not receive anything.