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Confession Regarding My Children & Grandchildren

Submitted by Pastor Joyce M. Jones

In May we were so blessed to hear from Pastor Joyce Jones on Mother's Day. As part of her sermon she shared with us a prayer that her mother, Mother Nancy Simmons, read every day. Many wanted to have a copy so that they could pray that same prayer over their own children and grandchildren. Here is that prayer:

Father, I thank you in Jesus' Name, that my children are blessed by You (Deut. 28:4) and that they are disciples, taught of the Lord and obedient to Your will; and great is their peace and undisturbed composure (Isaiah 54:13 Amp.). I thank You that because they are part of my household, they are saved (Acts 16:31; Isaiah 49:25). I thank You, Father, that my children are a heritage from You (Psalm 127:3) and that You gave them to me (Hebrews 2:13) and they will learn to trust and rely on You. I will train my children in the way they should go (Prov. 22:6) and, since Jesus is The Way, I will teach them to walk, love, act, and speak as Jesus did. I will correct and discipline my children because I do love them (Prov. 13:24; Prov. 22:15). I thank You that since all scripture is given by Your inspiration, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness that the result of Your Word in my children's lives will produce men and women of God who are perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (II Tim. 3:16-17). I thank You that I can take Your Word and teach my children how to dress, live, eat, sleep, and speak. I thank You that it also shows them how to have good sound emotions, perfect health, financial abundance, love for one another and love for You.

I thank You that they will wax strong in spirit and that they are filled with Your wisdom and grace (Luke 2:40). I thank you that they are not deceived, and evil communications will not corrupt their good manners and that they awake to righteousness (I Cor. 15:33-34a). I thank You that You pour Your Spirit upon my seed and Your blessing upon my offspring (Isaiah 44:3). I thank You that they overcome the evil one, that they are strong, that the Word of God abides in them, that they love not the world or the things in the world; but that they do Your will and abide forever (I John 2:13-17). I thank You that they are kind, do not envy, behave themselves properly, do not seek their own way, but live, walk, and act in the love of God (I Cor. 13:4-7). I thank You that they abide under the shadow of the Almighty and trust in You. I thank You that no evil befalls them and that You give Your angels charge over them and deliver them (Psalm 91, Psalm 34:7). I thank You that they come to a knowledge that You have delivered them from the power and authority of darkness (Col. 1:13; Psalm 23). I thank You, Father, that I can rest in YOUR ability to protect, guard and care for my children, for You are our Caretaker (I Peter 5:6-7). I thank You, in Jesus' Name, I can enter into Your rest. (Hebrews 4:9).

If you decide to pray this prayer daily, I admonish you not to get discouraged, but to always remember:

"The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." James 5:16. **Fervent** does not necessarily mean a lengthy or well-worded prayer. Fervent simply means 'displaying a passionate intensity; having or showing great warmth or intensity of spirit, feeling, enthusiasm, etc.' When things look like they are going just the opposite of what you are praying, **hold on!** God does hear your prayer. The first place things happen or change is in the spirit realm; after a change in the spirit/unseen realm, then our prayers are made obvious to us (manifested). We now clearly see the result of our prayers and steadfast belief.

Special August Events

Sunday, Aug. 5 – \$3 Soup & Crackers Sunday!



You will be able to purchase soup & crackers after church. You may decide to freeze some to eat during the week or take for your lunch at work.

We will have at least two different soups to choose from. Proceeds will go to alleviate some of our overhead expenses.

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Friday, Aug. 17 – Ministers Potluck at 6 p.m. at the church. Plan to bring a dish to share. The drinks will be provided.



This will be a time of sharing and instructing our ministers at the Cathedral by Apostle/Bishop. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed, please write them down and give them to Sister Julia.

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Sunday, Aug. 19 – \$7 Soup, Sub, & Cake Sunday!



You may purchase soup, a sub, & cake after church. You could take it on a picnic to the park or on your Sunday afternoon adventure.

Again, we will offer at least two different soups to choose from. There will be condiments to add to your sub so you can make it how you like it. Proceeds will go to alleviate some of our overhead expenses.

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Sunday, Aug. 26 – Annual Church Picnic will be held at Conner Park on Tiffin Road south of Ballville. We have reserved the Eagle Shelter House. We are planning to begin organizing about 9:30 a.m. and want all food there by 11:30 a.m.



As in the past, the church will provide cold beverages and tableware products. Invite others to attend; however, remember to bring enough food to include your guests. A sign-up sheet for set up and clean up has been posted. Thank you for making this easier for the entire family.

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Godfather Fellowship Hall Hospitality
Beginning at 9:30 – Intercessory Prayer
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 to 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker to help overcome addictions.



Feed your Soul every week.

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MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

for Sunday, Aug. 19



Rev. Pat Wallen – Opening
Rev. Betty Jones – Ministering
Evang. Drenediea Haywood – Closing

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If you would like to save money on stamps, checks, and envelopes, you may go to your personal bank website and add Rivers of Living Water, PO Box 1323, Fremont, OH 43420 as a bill you would like automatically deducted from your account.

Your bank will then mail a paper check to the church. Please use post office box 1323 as the church address. You will still receive credit for your donation from the church at the end of the year.

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DO YOU HAVE A REQUEST?



There is a Prayer Cross in our Sanctuary. We place Prayer Requests on the cross for our Intercessors to pray over. If you have a request, please mail it to us at PO Box 1323, Fremont, OH 43420; email us at rlwmi@sbcglobal.net; or call us at 419-334-7389. Your request will be added to our cross. Don't forget to tell us about the outcome of our prayers!

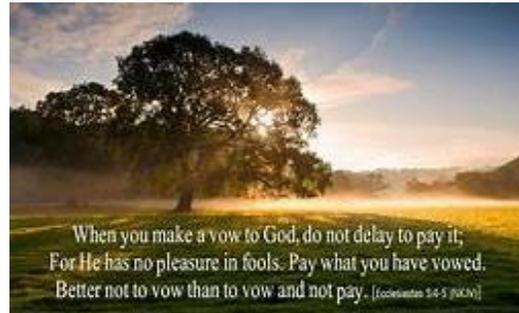
Special Offering Unto the Lord

On Sunday July 15, Mother Shirley Thanisui expressed that she felt impressed of the Lord to plant a \$50 special offering to the Lord. She encouraged those who could to also give a special \$50 offering. This led Pastor Betty Simmons tell what has been on her heart, and she challenged the Body of Christ to make a pledge of **\$1,000** to the Lord. This pledge is a special offering **above** your regular tithe and offerings. The Lord has impressed upon her that now is the time to plant some **serious seed** in the ground. We all like the harvest time when we are on the receiving end. However, **now** is the time to **plant** so that you will obtain a harvest. Remember harvest does not always mean a financial blessing. There are many blessings we need that no amount of money can buy. There is no amount of money that can purchase salvation, healing, peace of mind, joy, deliverance from addiction, or freedom from bondage for ourselves or our loved ones.

In Haggai chapter 1 the people were called to rebuild the temple. Some of the people said in verse 2 "...*The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.*" However, the Lord was not pleased. In verses 4-8, God responded "*Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.*" God then spoke and told them that He had been the one who had blown their harvest away; He had withheld the rain; He had kept the earth from producing; He had called for a drought upon the land, upon the grain, upon men and cattle, and upon the toil of men's hands.

In verses 12-14 we can read that Zerubbabel and Joshua with all of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the words of Haggai the prophet. Haggai the Lord's messenger then spoke this message to the people "*I am with you, saith the Lord.*" The Lord stirred up the spirit of the people "...*and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of Hosts, their God.*"

God wants us, Rivers of Living Water Cathedral, to pick up our responsibility and support the work He has called us to do. Pray and ask God if you should make this vow unto Him. Remember this vow or pledge is between you and God. God, and God alone, will know if you keep your vow. God, and God alone, will be the rewarder of what you plant into His Kingdom. Read and prayerfully consider Ecclesiastes 5:4-5



You may decide you would like to make this pledge; however, you do not have that much money right now. You can pay a \$1,000 pledge in one year by giving \$84 a month. If you would like, you could give \$21 a week.

This pledge will begin on **Sunday, August 26**, our Expense/Pledge Sunday, and will end in July 2019.

To give us more enlightenment upon Haggai chapter 1 here is the chapter from the Living Bible:

"Subject: A message from the Lord, To: Haggai the prophet, who delivered it to Zerubbabel (son of Shealtiel), governor of Judah; and to Joshua (son of Josedech), the High Priest—for it was addressed to them. When: In late August of the second year of the reign of King Darius I.

'Why is everyone saying it is not the right time for rebuilding my Temple?' asks the Lord. His reply to them is this: 'Is it then the right time for you to live in luxurious homes, when the Temple lies in ruins? Look at the result: You plant much but harvest little. You have scarcely enough to eat or drink, and not enough clothes to keep you warm. Your income disappears, as though you were putting it into pockets filled with holes! Think it over,' says the Lord of Hosts. 'Consider how you have acted, and what has happened as a result! Then go up into the mountains and bring down timber, and rebuild my Temple, and I will be pleased with it and appear there in my glory,' says the Lord.

'You hope for much but get so little. And when you bring it home, I blow it away—it doesn't last at all. Why? Because my Temple lies in ruins and you don't care. Your only concern is your own fine homes. That is why I am holding back the rains from heaven and giving you such scant crops. In fact, I have called for a drought upon the land, yes, and in the highlands, too; a drought to wither

the grain and grapes and olives and all your other crops, a drought to starve both you and all your cattle, and ruin everything you have worked so hard to get.'

Then Zerubbabel (son of Shealtiel), the governor of Judah, and Joshua (son of Josedech), the High Priest, and the few people remaining in the land obeyed Haggai's message from the Lord their God; they began to worship him in earnest. Then the Lord told them (again sending the message through Haggai, his messenger), 'I am with you; I will bless you.' And the Lord gave them a desire to rebuild his Temple; so they all gathered in early September of the second year of King Darius' reign, and volunteered their help.

Just a thought. . . if you don't feel you can keep this pledge for a year, consider teaming up with someone and making the pledge together. God is serious about **us taking care of His House**. If we take care of His House, He will take care of ours.

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Jesus Today

The following excerpts have been taken from the book entitled Jesus Today, which was written by Sarah Young.

Trust Me here and now. You are in rigorous training—on an adventurous trail designed for you alone. This path is not of your choosing, but it is My way for you. I am doing things you can't understand. That is why I say, "Trust Me!"

The jungle is thick, and you cannot clearly see what is before you, behind you, or beside you. Cling to My hand as you follow this trail in shadowy darkness. Although you cannot see Me, My Presence with you is rock-solid reality. Find hope in Me, beloved, for I am taking care of you.

Focus on enjoying Me and all that I am to you—even though your circumstances scream for resolution. Refuse to obsess about your problems and how you are going to fix them. Instead, affirm your trust in Me; wait hopefully in My Presence, and watch to see what I will do.

'Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.' Isaiah 50:10

'Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence.' Psalm 42:5 NASM

'Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.' Micah 7:7 NKJV

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Have **YOU** been getting **DISCOURAGED** or **TIRED**? Have **YOU** felt like **GIVING UP**? I want to remind you that **WE, the BODY OF CHRIST, MUST** shake ourselves and **GRAB HOLD** of the scripture which reads:

"And let us **not** be **weary** in **well doing** for in due season **WE shall REAP**, if we **FAINT NOT**.

Galatians 6:9

NOTICE

- Be sure any announcements for Sunday are given to the office by Friday morning.
- Give all information for the **Sept. Channel** to Rev. Julia Schwert by **Wed., Aug. 29**

TIDBITS . . .

"Of course you'll encounter trouble. But behold a God of power who can take any evil and turn it into a door of hope."
- Catherine Marshall

"Hope is a golden cord connecting you to heaven. This cord helps you hold your head up high, even when multiple trials are buffeting you. . . Hope lifts your perspective from your weary feet to the glorious view you can see from the high road. You are reminded that the road we're traveling together is ultimately a highway to heaven."
- Jesus is Calling

"Christianity is realistic because it says that if there is no truth, there is also no hope."
- Francis A. Schaeffer

"No other religion, no other, promises new bodies, hearts, and minds. Only in the gospel of Christ do hurting people find such incredible hope."
- Joni Eareckson Tada

"Hope is faith holding out its hand in the dark."
- George Iles

"Even when our situation appears to be impossible, our work is to 'hope in God.' Our hope will not be in vain, and in the Lord's own timing, help will come."
- George Mueller

