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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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- Know Your Bible: Answers
1. David's (2 Samuel 19:16–18)

2. King Jehoshaphat of Judah
(2 Chronicles 20:35–57)

3. Jonah (1:4–16)

4. Sleeping in the boat
(Luke 8:22–24)

This Week's Assignments & Events	
Sunday Worship	Sunday Afternoons
Greeter: Gary Tuttle	July 27 3PM Classroom Quarter Change
Announcements: Josh Emerson	Aug 3 Nothing
Encouragement Talk: Arturo Orozco	Aug 10 Nothing
Opening Prayer: Tyler Blazek	Aug 17 3PM Devotionals
Scripture Reading: John Van Baale	
Luke 10:38–42	
Song Leader: Kevin Buckner	
Table Talk: John Franks	
Contribution: Eddie Bowen	
Helper: Sandon Spyker	
Fruit of Vine: Billy Lovell	
Helper: Kyle Crain	
Helper: Aaron Heald	
Closing Prayer: Lester Mabry	
	Wednesday Evening
	Song Leader: Corwin Richardson
	Speaker: Arturo Orozco



Standing Firm

"Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm"

Ephesians 6:13

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It's Worth The Effort

It was not a long walk, but it was uphill all the way. We had parked the car down below and were making our way to the top of Klingman's Dome in the Smoky Mountains. The Rangers told us it was about a half-mile walk up the paved path to reach the observation platform. We were thankful there were benches along the path so we could stop and rest because portions of the path were rather steep. There were times on our hike when we linked our arms together to help pull on each other. I found it curious that every time we stopped for a breather someone on the way down would smile and tell us "keep going, it's worth the effort."

There are times when our spiritual journey seems to be taking us up hill. Temptation assails us and obstacles are placed in our way so that we struggle to keep traveling in the right direction. Other Christians can be a big help! In a very real way Christians are to help each other in living a righteous life in order that we might all reach heaven. *"We who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength"* (Romans 15:1). *"If anyone among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins"* (James 5:19–20). We can and should be helping each other as we travel toward heaven. We should link our arms in a joint effort against Satan. Our relationship with each other should be so strong we feel comfortable leaning on each other in this way.

We should be greatly encouraged to continue because of others who have gone before us. We do not meet them as they are coming back down the path, but we do know they have made it to the top. Hebrews 11 is full of individuals who are praised for their faith. There were *"seeking a country"* (v.14), *"a better country, that is a heavenly one"* (v.16). This is what they sought and found! *"God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared as city for them"* (v.16). So as we are traveling the pilgrim path that leads to heaven we need to remember we *"have so great a cloud of witnesses"*

surrounding us” so that we should “lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:1–2). The faithful that have gone before us surround us as evidence that is it well worth the effort!

It is difficult to weigh in the balance two different concepts. We understand the struggles and hardships of raising children, but we them try to compare it to the benefits and there is no comparison. We sometimes begin to think of the struggle of righteousness in this same way. Usually we concentrate on the struggle and just don't think about heaven so that we become a murmurer and complainer about the trials of this life. We need to learn the attitude of Paul who said, *“I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us”* (Romans 8:18). Yes, the up-hill struggle is ever before us and possibly with no relief in sight, but it cannot compare with the glory of Heaven! Heaven will be worth and effort we are called to make in this life. Reaching the top of Klingman's Dome is a wonderful feeling, but reaching heaven will be incredible. The view from the top promises to be spectacular! We will then agree with the cloud of witnesses: it's worth the effort! by Charles Willis

I Can Do All Things

by Donald Willis

Paul's famous affirmation, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" has motivated Christians for generations! We need the confidence that is gained by Paul's attitude.

The cause of the Lord is RIGHTEOUS. Every time the Lord gives one a duty, He supplies him with capability. God is able to take our little strength and turn it into great strength. While may sound incredulous to some, remember the principle of the "fulcrum" is the exertion of little strength that can move large, very heavy objects. Whether one understands the principle of not, it works! And so does the power of God! When faith moves to obey God, He will do His part. Man's duty, therefore, is to recognize that God's cause is righteous, and He will work in man

**Know
Your
Bible**

Boats

- 1. What King's household was carried on the only ferry boat mentioned in the Bible?
- 2. Who joined with wicked King Ahaziah of Israel in building a navy to go to Tarhish?
- 3. What prophet requested to be thrown overboard during a storm?
- 4. Where was Jesus when a storm sturck the boat carrying the disciples?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



to accomplish His purposes.

The Lord requires PERSISTENCE. Jesus said, *“...he that endureth to the end shall be saved”* (Matt. 10:22). John said, *“be thou faithful unto death...”* (Rev. 2:10) Keep on keeping on! Don't quit! Many see problems instead of challenges! Problems defeat; challenges are conquerable. With challenges, one needs to remember the principle of faith. Jesus said, *“what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them”* (Mark 11:24). This is a difficult principle to learn...but it is a truth! Many have turned this principle into spiritual success. Don't give up! For then the battle is over! Find a way to be successful in the Lord's work! The gospel is the power of God unto salvation!

The PERCEPTION principle acts through the inner emotions. The accomplishment of goals require work and action. Work and action required self disciple. We must learn our capabilities. Most do not accomplish because they are unorganized in their life. Once one learns where they are going, a great power is released for accomplishments. This is what I am calling the perception principle.

The individual who says "I can't" never will...until he learns to say "I can..."! This was the lesson Paul learned, as did Joshua, Caleb, Gideon, etc.

We face tremendous spiritual challenges! But, we will be victorious. The Lord is on our side! *“Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world!”* (1 John 4:4). Let us find the way to accomplish what we must accomplish for the glory of the Lord. The Lord can use YOU!

Regrets	
<i>For The Faithful NOW</i>	<i>Of The Condemned THEN</i>
Not everyone is a Christian	Did not believe
Some will not obey the truth they know	Did not repent of sin
May have been led into error	Did not obey the gospel
I couldn't teach more	Did not continue in Christ
Christ HAD to die for my sin	Did not grow as a Christian
Sin in my life (correction made)	Eternity without God
Growing slowly rather than quickly	No hope of a change in condemned state
<i>Which Regrets Would You Rather Have?</i>	