

# Church Announcements and Events:

## Calendar of Events for the Month of August 2018:

⇒ **Wednesdays:** "The Book of Philippians" - Discovering God in the Midst of Life.

### Special Announcements:

- ⇒ **8/5 - 9/2 - "WELCOME HOME" Sunday Morning Bible Study for Life:** (9:50am - 10:10am). Join us in the journey to take "Hospitality" to the next level!
- **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY:** Need to take the next step of faith in following Christ by being Baptized? Do you wish to be Re-Baptized? Sign-up for our Baptism Class and Sunday, August 12th and Back-to-School Block Party. (See picture below). Sign-up by completing a Yellow Connection Card and RSVP on CCB.
  - **Water Baptism Sunday** - Sunday, August 19th, 2018 - Sign-up to be baptized in water in obedience to Christ's commands.
  - **Local Ladies Retreat - Women's Conference** in Fredericksburg, TX - Monday through **Wednesday, August 6th - 8th** @ the Inn on Baron's Creek, 308 S. Washington Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624 (See Pastor Cynthia for details).
  - **Built to Last - Men's Conference** (Friday, September 14th & Saturday, September 15th, 2018) - Eagle Mountain International Church (EMIC), Fort Worth, TX - (see CCB or Pastor Ed for details).



Friday & Saturday  
September 14th & 15th

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SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, August 5th, 2018

SERMON SERIES: "Stay In Your Lane!"

SERMON TITLE: "Examine Your Faith - Are You Really Believing?"

Mark 11:22 - 24 (NKJV) - "22 So Jesus answered and said to them, 'Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.'"

- in Verse 22: That we have been given a \_\_\_\_\_ of God-kind of faith! Romans 12:3 (KJV) tell us - "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."
We are reminded in Verse 23 and 24 of Mark 11: The powerful principles of the LAW OF \_\_\_\_\_! We learned from these verse that REAL GENUINE FAITH works by both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it. We also learn and remind ourselves of the \_\_\_\_\_ of FAITH that show and tell us that FAITH: 1st - FAITH \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE HEART: Matthew 21:21 - 22; Romans 10:10 Believing is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Faith; an attitude of confidence in God and in His Word. 2nd - SPEAKS / \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE MOUTH: (Mark 11:23; Romans 10:9, 10)
The FUNDAMENTALS of FAITH teach us that FAITH: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Fully Persuaded FAITH is the FAITH that \_\_\_\_\_ to God! Romans 4:20 - 22 (NKJV) - "20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."
We said this truth many times: \_\_\_\_\_ - complains, worries and is sad; \_\_\_\_\_ - rejoices, gives thanks and is glad.
It is amazing how many Christians are shocked when trouble, trauma, tension, tribulation and trials surface in their lives. They have this idea that salvation through Christ brings a candy-coated life. Jesus plainly said that while we are in the world we will have tribulation or trouble (John 16:33; Psalm 34:19). But He commanded us to be of good cheer, because He has overcome this world. \_\_\_\_\_ is infectious! It ministers to your \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_, and your FELLOW CHRISTIAN.
We have to stop letting and allowing life's troubles and the world to affect our spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and spirit of \_\_\_\_\_. With our strengthened \_\_\_\_\_ we must learn how to stop denying our problems and troubles and begin denying their RIGHTS to rule, dominate and dictate life to us. REAL \_\_\_\_\_ gives you the ability to sing and rejoice in all sorts of circumstances. With our \_\_\_\_\_ and CONFIDENT, BELIEVING FAITH we can light \_\_\_\_\_ in cold rooms and scatter the gloom, discouragement and despair in and on people's life. Mark 11:23 - 24
Many people are PRAYING when they should be \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus our Lord and our greatest FAITH example spoke to fig trees, the wind and the waves, and fevers, etc. Luke 4:38 - 39 (NKJV) - "38 Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. 39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them."
THERE ARE TWO BIG PRAYERS GOD DOESN'T ANSWER:
(1) YOU CAN'T ASK GOD TO DO SOMETHING HE'S ALREADY DONE - HE CAN'T ANSWER THIS PRAYER.
(2) HE CAN'T DO WHAT HE'S TOLD YOU TO DO - HE CAN'T ANSWER THIS PRAYER.

ARE YOU REALLY BELIEVING? Read 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 32

- We are to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves, and not to \_\_\_\_\_ other people! In Mark 11:23 we are to believe something different than what you believe in Vs 24. Mark 11:23 - 24 (NKJV) - "23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."
Basically, we can summarize it as: #1 - REAL FAITH: Believes, speaks and acts on the Word of God or a Word from God. Real Faith can be seen, real faith can be heard and real faith ACTS! #2 - REAL FAITH: Give Glory to God - rejoices, give thanks and is glad. #3 - REAL, GENUINE FAITH: is based on a solid foundation - (1) the Word of God or a (2) spoken Word from God - The Holy Spirit is involved in both scenarios - Romans 10:17 (NKJV) - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
ALL REAL FAITH HAS A FOUNDATION! IT HAS A SOLID, FIRM BASIS AND FOUNDATION OF WHAT YOU ARE BELIEVING FOR. Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) - "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Substance = a setting under (support) or placing under; thing put under, substructure, foundation. We must know that we have The WORD of The Lord or a WORD from the Lord when we are saying "I just believing..." People too often say, "I believing God" or "I'm just trusting the Lord..." BUT it must be BASED on WHAT? IF YOU HAVE FAITH IN GOD, IT IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE HEARD FROM GOD! Saying "I'm believing God..." should be an indication that you have heard from \_\_\_\_\_.

SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

SERMON TITLE: "Examine Yourself - Are You Really Believing?"

EXAMINING YOURSELF: 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV) - "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified."

- SAYING "I'm believing" is not the same as "believing"; and that is NOT how FAITH \_\_\_\_\_! Now, we are not to be the Holy Spirit Police and examine and judge others. We are to examine and judge ourselves. The biggest question we should ask next after we SAY... "I'm believing..." or "I'm trusting the Lord..." is "BASED ON WHAT?" And there are two possible answers: (1) We have the spoken Word of God from Lord or (2) We have a Word from God.
It is not droning and dryly reading the Bible; it is the anointed Word of God. (Romans 10:17)
2 Corinthians 13:5 (AMPC) - "Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves [not Christ]..." - FRUSTATION ISN'T FAITH!
FAITH RECEIVES: God's Word as final authority; and receive the Word from Him as the basis and foundation of their believing! FAITH RESTS: (Hebrews 4:3 (KJV) - "For we which have believed do enter into rest...") FAITH RESPONDS: with rejoicing, praising and thanking God and staying glad when the trying and testing of your faith occurs. (James 1:2; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 1:9 - 11) FAITH REACTS: To the anointed Word from God with corresponding actions of obedience. (James 2:14 - 26)
2 Timothy 1:5 (KJV) - "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."
Unfeigned = pretend; hypocritical
FAITH IS GOD IS BASED ON WHAT YOU HEARD FROM HIM! FAITH IN A PERSON IS BASED ON WHAT YOU HEARD FROM THEM!
BASED ON WHAT?
Some things are clear and plain based on the Scriptures
Other things you need to hear from the Holy Spirit about it.
REAL FAITH, IN OUR REAL GOD, GET \_\_\_\_\_!
Nobody who had real trust and faith in God has been ashamed.
Nobody who had REAL FAITH in God has ever been let down.
2 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT) - "Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith."
(MSG) - "Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups."

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