

## THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

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# YOU SHALL NEVER FAIL

**As we reach the last chapter of our lives, we begin to realize our failing strength and loss of the resilience of youth. One of the major concerns for the elderly is that of falling. Falls by adults 65 and older accounted for 3 million emergency room visits and over 36,000 deaths in 2020. With an increasing elderly population, those numbers have steadily increased over the past 4 years, and is one of the main healthcare concerns of our senior population.**

**When it comes to our spiritual well-being, falling is also a real danger. After listing the Christian graces, Peter said, "Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall." (2 Peter 1:10 ESV) Preparing oneself physically through exercise and strength building can help prevent falling, we must also prepare ourselves spiritually to avoid stumbling. In his final exhortations to Corinth, Paul said, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. (1 Cor. 16:13-14)**

**"Watch" – Be aware of our enemy, the devil (1 Peter 5:8)**

**"Stand Fast" – Stand on the foundation of Christ (1 Cor. 3:11)**

**"In the Faith" – Hold to the traditions in Christ (2 Thess. 2:15)**

**"Be Brave" – Be ready to give a defense to all (1 Peter. 3:15)**

**"Be Strong" – Strength comes through trials (James 1:2-4)**

**"Done with Love" – Love is our motivation (1 Cor. 13:1-3)**

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Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am,

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

FROM THE



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## Theme: With All My Heart

Matthew 22:37-39 (KJV)

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7). We met on the first day of this past week and worshipped God. It was tremendous! Thanks to our men who participated.

## READY OR NOT

In a cemetery in Hanover, Germany, is a grave covered with huge slabs of granite and marble, fastened with heavy steel clasps.

It belongs to a woman who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Yet she directed in her will that her grave be made so secure that if there were a resurrection, it could not reach her.

In time, however, a seed began to grow and push its way out from beneath the slabs. As the trunk enlarged, the stones were gradually shifted, and the steel clasps were wrenched from their sockets.

The dynamic life force contained in that little seed is only a faint reflection of the tremendous power of God's creative word that someday will call to life the bodies of all who are in their graves. Willing or not, all will be resurrected (John 5:28-29).

A messenger from God revealed this truth to Daniel. As this angelic messenger opened the door to the hallway of time, he revealed to the prophet many things: the rise and fall of various kingdoms, the invasion of the army from the North, and, ultimately, the resurrection of the dead. For those who are prepared—whose names are written in the Book of Life—it is a resurrection to everlasting life. For those unprepared, it is a resurrection to everlasting damnation.

This Old Testament message is also echoed throughout the New Testament. The apostle Paul declared that “the dead in Christ will rise first” (1 Thessalonians 4:16), while the apostle John saw the dead, who were “judged every man according to their works” (Revelation 20:13).

There is no way you can avoid the resurrection, but you can be ready for it. Make sure that your name is written in the Book of Life. Only a fool fails to prepare for what he knows is coming. Have you believed in Christ (John 3:16), repented of your sins (Luke 13:3), confessed the name of Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and been baptized for the remission of sins? (Acts 2:38). If not, prepare for your grave to be opened one day!

Tom Moore, College Station, TX

## SCRIPTURES FOR STRENGTH

[Philippians 4:13](#) - I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

[Deuteronomy 31:6](#) - Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

[Isaiah 41:10](#) - Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

## Remember in Prayer

**Charles Shipp** continued health issues.

**Mitchell Rutherford** in his missionary efforts.

**Amparo & Jerry Marks** while Amparo is in Colombia visiting with her family.

**James Carter** health issues.

**Lenora Phillips**, Andrea Dula's aunt, placed on hospice care. Pray for Andrea as she is Lenora's caregiver.

**Beatrice Dove**, Eunice Carter's sister-in-law, has chosen to longer take cancer treatments.

**Toren Steele**, prayers for successful surgery & speedy recovery. Asking prayer for **another friend** who is going through financial difficulties. Friends of Luticia Campbell.

**Greg Nash**, preacher who has lost all sight in one eye and most of his other eye. He can no longer preach. Please pray for his family.

**Helen Meadows**, Staria Lovelady's mother, is in the hospital with pneumonia & high blood sugar. She is doing better.

### Ongoing Prayer....

Ricky Turner, Zach Henderson, Martha Hay, Dajeane Jones, Makayla Delgado, Imogene Berkenmeyer, Mary Austin, Samantha Circello, Michelle Pruitt, Helen Meadows, Carol Womack, Vickie Burnett, Dan Winkler, Jayden Waters, Steve Higginbotham, Brenda Jordan, Lenora Phillips, Michael Turner, Tish Clark, Ronnie Turner, Steven Lynn, Jessica Morris, Beatrice Dove, Alwilda Merritt, Jimmie Redden, Tim Henderson, Sheila Reid, Ross Sweat, Steve Hammond

Privileged to Serve April 21, 2024

AM/PM Speaker: Leroy Dedmon

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Song Leader AM - Michael Lovelady

Song Leader PM - Stephen Elliott

Opening Prayer AM - Timothy Sherman

Opening Prayer PM - Zander Harris

Scripture Reading AM - Ruth 4:1-12

Scripture Reading PM - Ruth 4:13-22

Lord's Supper - Michael Edogame

Closing Prayer AM - Gage Daniel

Closing Prayer PM - Zach Henderson

### Baptism Assistance

Stanley/Henderson

### Wednesday Speaker

Jerry Thomas

### IN THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Morning Worship.....70

Sunday Bible Study.....58

Sunday Evening Worship.....53

Wednesday Night Service.....48

### CONTRIBUTION

April 14th Contribution.....\$7,391.00

Budget.....\$7,000.00

## 2024 SUMMER SERIES

### Tuesdays of Each Week

Summer Series kick-off on June 4, 2024. We will have a cookout and congregational singing. Please make a note that beginning on Tuesday June 4th we will meet on Tuesday of each week through August.

### **GREAT ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING**

Sunday afternoon Tim Henderson, Michael Lovelady, Jonathan Stanley, our Youth Director Aaron Ownbey, Keith Dula and this writer had a very good meeting in discussing our work. Among the things discussed, and which will be implemented, are a Men's Day and changing our Summer Series from Wednesday to Tuesday evening.

### **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELP MANY**

There are times when the elders will assist someone, or some work and we fail to mention it and keep you up to date. We are able to help others because of your generosity. We are sending \$2,000.00 to Partners In The Gospel to help Bro. Praveen Varada. He was with us recently along with Bro. Dennis Gray from the Carrollton congregation. Also, we are helping Mason Bass (\$200) of the Carrollton congregation on a mission trip this summer.

### **LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

Carol Prince is hosting a Ladies Fellowship the evening of May 4th at her home. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet if you plan to attend.

### **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

Here is the best-ever backhanded compliment from a kid about a present: "Dear Aunt Genie, thanks for the toy. I'll play with it when I'm bored."

# LITHIA SPRINGS YOUTH PAGE

Aaron Ownbey

I want to thank everyone for staying after morning services Sunday. The kids were definitely encouraged by all of you, from all the compliments to the round of applause! It was also very encouraging to Lindsay and I to have your full support.

We have already began studying for next year's Lads to Leaders convention. Genesis is the book we are studying for the 2025 convention.

Our kids truly are amazing. They studied really hard, worked very intensely and it showed. The individual that recorded our teams score for Bible bowl told us that our kids were very confident and knowledgeable of Romans.

Thanks again for always supporting Lindsay and I in our endeavors to help the youth grow in the Word of God.

Watch The Fountain of Life every Saturday at 7:00 am on channel 57.

Also set your DVR and record it if you cannot view the program.

## **Dates to Remember**

**April 21st – Leroy Dedmon will preach both services and teach Bible class**

**April 21-24th – Your preacher in a meeting in Cleveland, TN**

**April 28th – Children's Bible Hour**

**May 8th– Youth Day at Bremen**

**June 4th – Summer Series Kick-off**

Sunday Night for the Master meets every Sunday night following the evening worship service. Come join us.

Please check the bulletin board in the Information Center for more details of activities.

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