



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - June 4, 2023

Let Us Weep with Those Who Weep

by Troy Spradlin

How many times have you wanted to help someone who was grieving the death of a loved one, but didn't really know how to approach them, or what to say? Sadly, our tendency is to just avoid them, instead of doing or saying anything. However, you may unintentionally hurt that person deeply, by doing so. What's worse, the things you do say can also have a negative impact on the grieving person, if you are not careful with your words. So, what are you to do? How can you help those who are grieving?

First and foremost, be sincere! Let them see your heart. Be genuine with your intentions and say what you really mean. Don't think that you have to say "just the right thing" to make it all okay, because in reality, there are no magical words that will take away their pain. In fact, there is not a specific method for approaching the bereaved. The most important thing is that you express your love and concern.



Helpful Suggestions for Communicating with a Grieving Person*

- Remain calm and nonjudgmental. Too often, we assume more than we should about the bereaved.
- Use direct and specific language (time, place, people surrounding) to help them reorient.
- Encourage the one grieving to talk about their memories of their loved one.
- Mention the deceased by name.
- Show your humanity; be honest about how you feel for them.
- Make several short visits. This has a greater impact and will help them to heal.
- Don't take over the decision-making process. Let the grieving person make plans (be prepared to intervene if you genuinely believe a decision is inappropriate or ill-advised, but be understanding).
- **Be willing to listen**, especially in the evenings. Give them freedom to speak openly.
- Let them cry and express their emotions. You don't have to "solve" anything for them. Just be there.
- Visit during the weeks after the funeral when others get back to normal life but those grieving can't. (Be there for them when everyone else has moved away.)
- Minister to the whole family, but don't let them latch on in an unhealthy manner.
- If the bereaved want to talk about their loss, don't change the subject to a lighter topic.
- **Don't say that you know how they feel!** Each loss is unique. Just say you're sorry for their loss.
- Don't be afraid to gently touch them in an appropriate manner. Hugs are often appreciated!
- Take your conversation cues from them. Remember: SILENCE is okay.
- Don't tell the bereaved how good they look to avoid talking about how bad they feel.
- Don't tell the one grieving things like, "Heaven got another angel," or make "bright-side" statements.
- Don't make assumptions about their feelings, their healing process, or give unsolicited advice.
- **Tell them they are loved and that you want help or comfort them**, however is best for them.
- Share a Bible verse with them. Always point them to God.

* List is copied and adapted from a Grief Share article by Church Initiative

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Panhandle Devo

Sign up by Wednesday, May 24

June 4



SUMMER KICKOFF

JUNE 6

SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 24



YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. June 21

5 pm in the FH

2023 Camp Dates

Teen Week (6-12 grades):
June 11 – 16

Jr. Week (1-5 grades):
June 25 – 29

Register @
www.gulfcoastbiblecamp.com



NEW HOPE MISSION TRIP

July 8-12

Sign up by Sunday, June 4



LEGACY

AT FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

Sign up & pay by May 7th

JULY 20TH-23RD, 2023



KINGDOM KIDS

SERVICE PROJECT AT MARGARET STREET
JUNE 23RD 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

- CLEAN AROUND MS SIGN
- MULCH FRONT FLOWER BEDS
- PRESSURE WASH FRONT
- PULL WEEDS

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME & ADULT HELP APPRECIATED



COME JOIN US!

I WANT TO BE A **WORKER** FOR THE LORD

VBS 2023

JULY 1, 2023 9AM TO 2PM

MARGARET ST CHURCH OF CHRIST

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word." - Psalm 119:9-1

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Special

- Patricia Ann* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Mark Autrey - open heart surgery / recovery
- Mike Brown* - stroke, recovery (former mem)
- Janice Carter* - tests, waiting on results
- Maelean Danley family - passing of Maelean
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Stefanie Jennings* - surgery, recovery
- Terry Jennings* - medical complication
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Eddie Longmire* - loss of brother, Sam
- Wendy Mauell* - broken foot
- Martin family* - moving, prayers
- Donald McGriff* - surgery/recovery
- Collin Mense - health (Pat Mense*)
- Greg Smith* family - loss of foster son
- Scott Shanahan - loss of father, Kevin
- Vonada family - loss of Troy*
- Gloria Vonada* - foot surgery / recovery
- Jan Whitney* - heart procedure, recovery

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker* - Baptized
- Terry & Judy Jennings* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings* - Identified
- Laura Oliver* - Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway* - Identified

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Students in College

- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Nick Webb
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Sharon Ates - recovery (Gallagher*)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Winston Burnham* - health
- Sherryn Canniff* - health, pain
- Sherry Davis* - health
- Fatima Deem - pregnant, problems (Nunes)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham
- Daphne Hamilton - surgeries, health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues (Alona's friend)
- Barbara Helms* - health
- Chris Hollis - (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- August Smith - cleft palate (J.English*)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Julia Torpey* - health

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick*)
- Justin Barnhart - former member
- Ron Bartanen* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley* - spread to her spine (Baxley*)
- Darrell Bozeman*
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Pat Deforest*
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)
- Donnie Turner - cancer (Helms*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Josie Coons - hospice (McReynolds*)
- Donna Dudley - Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom*)
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller* - Grandview Retire Center
- Ruth Phillips* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In

*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ~ James 5:16*

Committee Planning Meeting

**TODAY @ 5 PM
ROOM 303**

All are welcomed!



Congregational Singing

**Hosted @ Margaret Street
June 11 – 2:30 to 4:00 pm**



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

MORNING

Opening Prayer Elliot Wilson
 Song Director Paul Lipford
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Jesus & Religion"
 Scripture Reading Jake Newcomb
 Mark 7:1-13
 Closing Prayer Phillip Webb

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Jared Lee Gabriel Lee
 Matt McReynolds ... Luke McReynolds
 Jake Armstrong (Balcony)
 Comments Joe Wilson

EVENING

Opening Prayer Pat Mense
 Singing Blake Hatcher
 Scripture Trevor Bostwick
 James 1:25-27
 Comments Joe Wilson

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Connie Bartell
 PowerPoint Matt McReynolds
 Greeters: John Pace
 Secure Building Phillip Webb

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Stephen English
 Opening Prayer Justin Davis

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 174
 AM Worship 217
 PM Worship 120
 Wed. Night Bible Class 154
 Contribution \$8,755

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

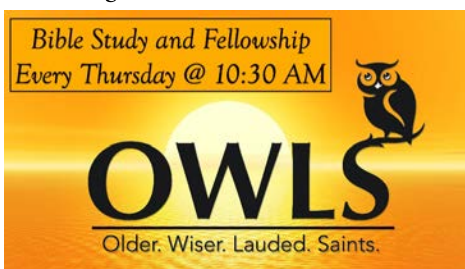
ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is Thursday, by noon.



EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



WORSHIP

- Service Rosters are available on the Welcome Desk and Margaret Street website (listed under "Archives")
- "LISTEN" devices available in the foyer, located in the Armoire.

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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