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From the Pulpit

Pastor's Message, Rev. Alan Miller

Ministry in Mississippi

It is amazing how God works and humbling to see how His children respond. God used a chance discussion with a Pastor at a recent interdenominational conference in Kentucky to let our church know there was a need in Katrina stricken areas in Mississippi. The call went out, we responded! 17 of our church body drove or flew down to give hope and practical ministry to these all but forgotten people.

While the living conditions might have been less than ideal, the gratitude of the folks we served made our spirits soar. As Jesus reached out and helped the needy, by the Grace of God, we served as His hands and feet. The rewards were out of this world!

If you asked us, "was the time, effort and financial commitment worth the results?", the answer would be a resounding YES! The Book of Acts says to be witnesses to the "uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

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A Building for God



Some months ago the RSBC Building Committee was formed to examine the possibility of enhancing the ministries of our church by expanding our existing facilities. After much prayer and thought, and with input from the congregation, a Building Proposal preference was chosen.

One of the key factors as to what kind of building to construct, and what size that building should be, was the intended use of the new facilities. A survey was distributed to the congregation. The results of the survey indicated we needed room primarily for;

Sunday School Classrooms
Fellowship Hall
Youth Activities

The survey also indicated we need an expanded kitchen and larger, more modern restrooms.

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Our Purpose:

The collective worship of God, the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel, and the mutual building up of believers in the faith.

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By God's grace we were able to be that witness! Some of us are talking about going to Mississippi again, hopefully soon.

Brittany Rose continues to minister in Mississippi and needs our prayers.

Look forward to a detailed report of our experiences during an upcoming Sunday service.

We thank you for your support in this ministry.

In Christ,
Rev Alan Miller, on behalf of the
Mississippi team

The first commandment is "Thou shalt have no other God's before me".

Is God first in your life? Ask yourself if God is first in your;

Finances

Interests

Relationships

Schedules

Troubles

Call to Worship and Activities

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Sunday School needs u to be complete
*Teens are looking at cults in the light
of the truth of God's word
Adult class is looking at the parables
of Jesus*
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Teen Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Evening Service

Don't pray for an easy task;

Pray to be stronger!

A Prayer for the New Year

Today, I gently close the well-worn door
Of this, another year – so soon gone by.
Like some bright ember lying on the hearth,
I see the glowing face and watch it die.

Old memories stir; it was a precious year,
Each day was over shaded by His wings,
Each stop was with the guidance of His eye
Each desert place was watered by His springs.

Sometimes the way was rough, but there 'twas marked
With blood that showed He'd passed that way before.
Sometimes my weakness sank beneath His cross;
Then He my strength and courage did restore.

There were some heavy burdens, but I found
The load was never greater than His grace;
There were dark clouds, but all of them did lift,
Revealing brighter glimpse of His face.

And best of all, I learned to harder lean
To trust Him when I could not understand,
To know that nothing in my life was chance,
But that each part was ordered by His hand.

I close the old year's door without regret,
And stand upon the threshold of the new
With courage high, by faith in Him alone,
Glad for another year to dare and do.

Glad that I face it in His matchless strength,
Glad for the glorious hope that I shall be--
Faith become sight, each longing realized--
At last at home with Christ eternally.

--Gracia L. Fero

Memory Verse

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty
spirit before a fall.

Prov 16:18

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The wood building as proposed would cost approximately **\$150,000**. This would include the site preparation (footings, frost walls, etc.), engineering oversight, architectural drawings, and administration as well as the material and labor. The labor cost would vary depending on the level of our participation.

Since the expansion would take up most of the parking lot behind the church, we'd need to enlarge/improve the parking lot across the street from the church as well.

In order to complete this project, the church would need about \$62,000 in one-time donations and an additional \$800 a month. At the time of this writing, we have about \$47,000 in donations and \$520 pledged per month.

This building would not be possible without the support and the commitment of the congregation behind it! Help us build the house that God would have us to build. We need your prayers! If you would like to be involved in this project, please see Pastor Miller or any of the Building Committee members.

Kid's Zone- Replace the picture with the letter to find the meaning of Proverbs 7:1-3

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|  = A | |

The Consequences of Drifting from the Word

You begin to think the way the world thinks.

The world wins your affection.

You compromise your convictions; "everyone's doing it".

Something else dominates your conversations.

Your focus is redirected from God.

The world influences your dress.

Selfish wants steal God's tithes.

Your schedule is altered away from God.

Your mind feeds upon sensual thoughts.

It ruins your testimony.

You are not walking in the power of the spirit; you look like the rest of the world.

Don't let that happen! Feast upon the Word daily.

When the world seems bigger than God call Psalms 70

The greatness of your power is the measure of your surrender.

Our Thinking vs God's Promise

We think; "I can't go on!"

God says, "My grace is sufficient." (2 Cor 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

A guilty man would never come before a court and plead innocent because he is a good church member, a fine giver or a member of a Sunday school class. Neither can a sinner come before the court of heaven and plead that because he was a good citizen or a moral man that God should accept him.

The civil courts require that you keep the law. The court of heaven requires that you have faith in Jesus Christ.

Many think they should get something for keeping the law. You live in a city and all your life you followed all the laws of the city. Will the city present you a gift because you broke no laws? But suppose after all those years you broke the law. You would get a jail sentence.

The Bible tells us that a curse (or sentence) is upon all who break the law while a blessing is upon all those who live by faith.

The law deals with what we are and do. Grace deals with what Christ is and does.

By admitting you broke God's laws and repenting (turning *away* from your sin), you can turn *to* Jesus, who stepped in and paid your fine. Accept Jesus, trust in Him, and the gates of Heaven will be open to you for all time.

What do you do with the Word of God?

Read it carefully.
Meditate on it daily.
Study it seriously.
Believe it wholeheartedly.
Apply it personally.
Obey it deliberately.
Share it openly.

If you were accused of being a follower of Christ, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Do you believe in God? If not, why not? Is it because you want to live the way you want? You can choose God or not – but God will honor your choice for all eternity. What do you have to lose by believing? Trust in Jesus before it is too late! Questions? See Pastor Miller

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