

### From the Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

How does a Christian respond when hard times come?

What can we do to keep our faith strong? What do you do when your world caves in?

All of us face these questions because we all go through deep trials in life. When that happens, we need to turn to God and His Word. Let's learn from some verses in 1 Thessalonians.

#### 1. Don't be unsettled by Trials

Paul knew that the Christians in Thessalonica were suffering because of their faith in Christ, so he sent Timothy to encourage them. "We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, so that no one would be unsettled by these trials." 1 Thess. 3:2-3

Trials provide us as Christians a special opportunity to reach out to each other with encouragement, love and a helping hand. There are dozens of issues which cause any of us to be fearful at times. This is a time to demonstrate to our community that we know the ONE who is so much greater than any trials. Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." John 13:35

### **Church Events**

- June 1 & 2 Book Club
- June 5 Christian Men's **Fellowship**
- June 5 Prayer Shawl **Ministry**
- June 5 Fellowship **Dinner following service**
- June 8 Evangelism Meeting
- June 13 Material Girls **Quilt Guild**
- June 19 Father's Day
- June 26 Elders Meeting
- June 27 Missions Meeting

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#### 2. God allows our Trials

"You know quite well that we were destined for them" (v. 3b). The phrase "we were destined" comes from a verb that means "to put or to place." It's a strong way of saying "these hard times were placed here by God." They didn't happen by accident, chance or circumstance.

Tony Evans has pointed out that everything that happens in the world is either caused by God or allowed by God, and there is no third category. Nothing ever "just happens" and nothing is caused by someone or something outside of God's control. That means there is no such thing as chance or fate or luck.

# 3. Trials help us grow in faith and love

Paul rejoiced when he heard back from Timothy.

"But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love."... "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." 1 Thess. 3:6b,12

Let's allow these challenging times to help us grow in our faith and love.

Love you,

Pastor Herder









Thank you for all the cards after my surgery and for my birthday. They were greatly appreciated.

Wanda McConnell



# Hamburger Feed

There will be a "Fee Will Donation"
Hamburger Feed at the Phillipsburg City Park on Saturday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds are to go to Dustin Peterson for medical expenses. If you would like to donate items to be raffled, purchase raffle tickets or donate items for the Hamburger Feed, contact Tanya Guthrie at 785-302-0860 for more information.

# June Birthdays

01 Robert James 21 Dustin Johnson
04 Julie Rowland 22 Avelyn Bogart
04 Tanner Aherin 22 Gracie Dibble
05 Emmie Kenney 23 Ruth Griffith
06 Ron Nagy 24 Amy Pugh
08 Marilyn Jansonius 24 Amy Johnson

O9 Dave Dreiling
10 Dave Pugh
13 Wiley James
25 Alivia Hopson
25 Ally Boeve
26 Adley Epley

15 Jordan Ford15 Christopher Schneider27 Steve Constable

16 Cooper Miller30 Blake Vrbas17 Jaron Kellerman30 Sue Miller

18 Lucas Jacobs 30 Conner Weinman

19 Shane Jarvis



### May Offering

01 \$5,920.00 08 \$2,862.00 15 \$2,728.00 22 \$2,274.00 29 unavailable

Each Sunday we need to collect \$2,596.15 to meet our budget. Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

## Mission Offering

\$92.84

### May Attendance

01-**98** 22-**90** 08-**107** 29-**TBA** 

15-**94** 

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