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A Message from the Pastor:

In Exodus chapter 3, we encounter the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. This is the story, where God meets with Moses and then proceeds to give him an incredibly difficult task. In verses 7-8, God tells Moses that He has heard the suffering of His people, and then in verse 10, God tells Moses that He's going to send him to Pharaoh so that Moses can lead the Israelites out from their slavery. In response, Moses very naturally asks, "Who am I that I should do this?" This is a huge task that God has just given to Moses, and Moses is like "Wait a minute God. I can't do that."

And Moses has some good reasons to be a little overwhelmed at the idea of returning to Egypt and leading the people of Israel. Not only has God given him a huge task, but he probably feels a little under qualified for this role. He's probably thinking about his past sins, or that as a member of Pharaoh's household he didn't grow up worshipping God, or maybe that his Hebrew is a little rusty, or maybe that he barely escaped with his life the last time he was in Egypt.

But then in verse 12, God responds by promising that He will be with Moses in this task. He says, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

That's a big deal. In verse 8, God says that He has heard their cries and that He's come down to deliver them. So He's not just promising Moses that He'll be up in heaven rooting for him while he tries to free Israel. God is going to be with Moses in this task, and then in verses 16-17, He reminds Moses of who He is. He's the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. He's the God who created everything. He is the God who is above all gods, and because of that, Moses can trust God's promise that not only will the Israelites be set free from their captivity in Egypt, but that they will plunder the Egyptians on their way out. And here's why that matters to us today, you and I have been given a task that is just as difficult as the one that was given to Moses.

In Matthew 28:18-20 we read of the Great Commission. It says, "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

You and I have been given the task of making disciples of all the nations in the world. We've been given that responsibility as a church, and as individual Christians. Our job is to be an ambassador for Jesus Christ wherever we go. We are called to be an ambassador for Jesus in every conversation, in every interaction with our children, in every interaction with our spouses, in every interaction with our neighbors, and in every interaction with the people we encounter in our everyday lives.

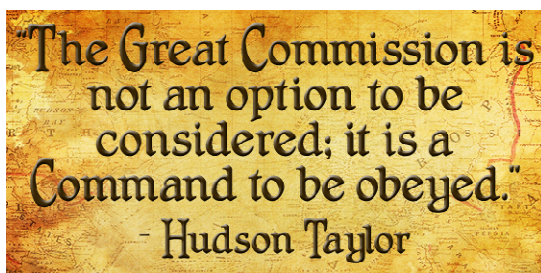
And our response to this task should be just like Moses' response, "Who am I?" We know our past sins. We know our current struggles and failures. Every one of us is still in the middle of our own sanctification. Just like Moses we are not qualified for the task that we've been given. But the great news for us comes in verse 20. Jesus himself promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

Jesus, the Lord of all things, the Son of God, who has conquered death and hell, and who is coming back to bring in the final victory at the end of this age, is with us every day, as we attempt to fulfill the mission He has given us. And that should give us great hope.

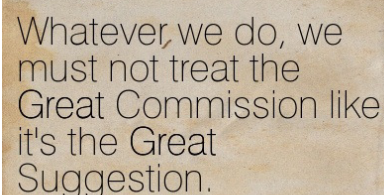
Because this means the burden is not on us to save these men and women and children from their slavery to sin, but to point them to the One who can. Our job is to point them to their Savior, who has heard their groaning, who has come down from heaven, who lived the life that they could not live, and who paid the debt on the cross that they could not pay. When we find ourselves overwhelmed, or discouraged, or both, as a congregation of rescued sinners commissioned to carry, the good news of the forgiveness and hope is found in Jesus Christ. Let's remind each other that it's not about a perfect presentation, but that it's about pointing the people we come in contact with, both in and outside of this church, to the one who is perfect: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Jeff



"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a Command to be obeyed."
- Hudson Taylor




Whatever we do, we must not treat the Great Commission like it's the Great Suggestion.

Charles R. Swindoll

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June 2019

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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2 Nursery: Chonda Griffith	3 B-day: Beth Niehoff	4 B-day: Eliza Kate Gill	5 Anniv: Ryan & Kami Basinger	6	7	8 B-day: Claire Mackin
9 Nursery: Andrea Ward Diaconate Meeting: 8am Communion Joint Diaconate/Session Meeting: 4:30pm	10 VBS: 9am-12noon	11 VBS: 9am-12noon	12 VBS: 9am-12noon	13 VBS: 9am-12noon	14 VBS: 9am-12noon	15 B-day: Jimmy Mackin
16 Fathers Day Nursery: Bess Weltin Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting: 4:30pm B-day: Amanda Bryant	17	18	19 Teen Summer Club: 1-4pm B-day: Moses McNutt	20	21	22 Church Organization and Cleanup: 9am-12noon
23 Nursery: Jackie Tripp	24	25	26 Teen Summer Club: 1-4pm Anniv: Doug & Kelly McNutt	27 Anniv: Trey & Chonda Griffith	28 B-day: Hannah Mackin B-day: Ann Resto	29 B-day: Karen Lashley B-day: Jackie Tripp B-day: Grey Tripp Anniv: Joe & Laura Morgan
30 Nursery: Nadine Coddington Deacons Fund Offering B-day: Katy Basinger						



Upcoming Events:

Deacons of the Month: Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith.

Nursery Workers: Please arrive in the nursery by 10:30 am.

Food Ministry Leader of the Month: Vickie Cannon

June 9:

- Diaconate Meeting, 8:00 am.
- Communion.
- Joint Diaconate/Session Meeting, 4:30 pm.

June 10 to 14:

- Vacation Bible School, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

June 16:

- Fathers Day
- Fellowship Luncheon, immediately following the morning worship service.
Team Leaders: Cannon family.
Committee: Ward family and Kirkpatrick family.
- Session Meeting, 4:30 pm.

June 22:

- Church Organization and Cleanup, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

June 30:

- Deacons Fund Offering. This offering is collected each 5th Sunday and provides financial or food assistance to those from our church and the community who are in need.


Teen Summer Club: Each Wednesday, beginning June 19 from 1-4 pm, a summer program specifically geared for teens in 5th to 9th grade will be held. Each week there will be a lesson, craft, music and recreation. This will be a great time for our youth to be together and gain Biblical life skills. For more information please contact Vickie Cannon.



PLEASE REMEMBER:
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE FOR THE NURSERY OR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THERE IS ADEQUATE COVERAGE.

<u>2019</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 6,595.00	\$ 33,182.27
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 10,666.78</u>	<u>\$ 40,424.94</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (4,071.78)	\$ (7,242.67)
<u>2018</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 8,484.07	\$ 32,057.07
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 7,168.23</u>	<u>\$ 23,615.80</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,315.84	\$ 8,441.27

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VBS 2019
June 10 to 14
 9am to 12 noon

THE CASE OF THE HIDDEN HERO


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 300 N Strawberry Ave
 Demopolis, AL
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NEW ADDRESS:
 Paula Bond
 2323 McIngvale Rd #815
 Hernando, MS 38632

PRAYER REQUEST:
 Please pray for the Palmer Home transition from Columbus to Hernando which will happen throughout the month of June.



Children's Consignment Sale
Puddle Jumpers



SALE DATES
Thurs. July 11 3-6pm
Fri. July 12 3-6pm
Sat. July 13 8-12noon

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Teen Summer Club
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FOR GRADES 5TH TO 9TH

EACH WEDNESDAY, 1PM TO 4PM
BEGINNING JUNE 19TH

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SAVE THE DATE
PUDDLE JUMPERS

It's that time of year again when we gear up for Puddle Jumpers. As a reminder, Puddle Jumpers funds our children's ministries projects, such as VBS and Prayer Partner Night, and all kids' teaching curriculum throughout the year. Your help is always appreciated with our biggest fundraising event of the year.

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

Please Pray for our Faith Promise Missionaries

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Nathaniel & Alicia Gutierrez	Mission to the World — Peru
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Beth Acton	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Nineveh
General Support	Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS
Sewing Project	Isaiah 55 — Reynosa, Mexico

Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

Allinder, Ike	Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Reeves, Bob
Allinder, Kate	Harvey, John	Reynolds, Christy
Bazuin, Caiden	Hayes, Betsy	Sakon, Ethan
Bedsole, Pete	Hocker, Jeannie	Sall, Terry
Beeler, Peggy	Hogg, Ian	Sharp, Chris
Belcher, Samuel	Hoggle, Judy	Sharp, Newt
Boggs, Ben	Holman, Joann	Sims, Anna Katherine
Brantley, Maggie	Hooks, Chesnee	Sims, Sarah
Brooker, Chrissy	Husbands, Jennie	Stemple, Nita
Brooker, Jan	Hux, Karen	Stephens, Kay
Busby, Rhae	Jennifer (Missionary)	Stephens, Ronnie
Coker, Jean	Jowers, Walter	Taylor, Marie
Collins, Brandon	Kimbrell, Tommy	TenHaaf, WM
Copeland, Roy	Leascher, Chad	Thornton, Alaina
Cross, Margaret	Leascher, Jim	Tipton, Carolyn
Crispin, Michelle	Lessman, Linus	VanderMolen, Popko
Daughtery, Jody	Ligon, Brandon	West, Beth
Davidson, Karen	Lockett, Joanne	Williams, Mary Lynne
Deas, Deloris	McCraw, Beverly	Williamson, Trevor
Duncan, Conner	McDonald, Nelda	Wise, Naomi
Dunning, Norbourne	McIntier, Jodie	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Dyer, Doug	Mickens, Jaleesa	Womble, Caleb
Eatmon, Megan	Miller, Tommie	Wright, Hettie
Eshee, Judy	Mills, Angel	
Ezell, Bobby	Morgan, Laura	
Farst, Dick	Mutisya, Cecilia Ndunge	
Finley, Betty	Pickerill, Paula	
Harstad, Paula	Plummer, Kaegan	

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Jody Daugherty
 Luke (Jonah's son)
 Kaleigh Craig
 Scott Kirkpatrick
 Deloris Deas
 Heather Wilson
 Maggie Brantley

Illness:

Carolyn Tipton
 Ian Hogg
 Dick Farst
 Laura Morgan
 Neal Bules
 Jim Seaborn

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
 Sarah Elizabeth Hart
 Frank Ramey
 Viola Cook
 William R. Horton
 The Hutton Family

Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick
 Sam Brasfield
 Steven Mackin
 Victor Resto
 Josh Allums
 Joseph Wilson
 Josh Tyson

Expectant Mothers:

Kelly McClure
 Lindsay Symon



If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.