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"All that is required for evil to prevail, is for good men to do nothing!"



Tim Says:

As I write this piece for the Newsletter, I am preparing to go up to Shire Hall, Shrewsbury to meet the Leader of Shropshire Council and his Director of Resources. The very way that the events occurred that led to that meeting, lead me to believe that God is up to something! As a result I have been meditating on what it means to know the Favour of the Lord. In Scripture, we see it first in the way that The Children of Israel plunder the Egyptians when they leave on their exodus.

We find the promise that this would happen coming to Moses first at the burning bush (Exodus 3:21), then it is announced to the people (11: 2-3), and finally comes to fruition (12:35-36). Dear friends, know this: God ALWAYS keeps his promises, and he ALWAYS does more than you deserve or expect! (Ephesians 3:20) I noticed another thing as I meditated on this thought: that many of the references to receiving favour relate to God's people being favoured by civil authorities, often heathen ones. For example: Moses & Pharoh, David with Saul & with Achish, Nehemiah with Artaxerxes, Esther with Ahasuerus and

Daniel with all of the foreign kings he served under.

Why not stop right now & read Psalm 44: 1-3 in a modern translation & compare it with Romans 8:28. What a great and generous God we serve and worship! Now here's the punch line: Moses received the promise, & the people were told of it; but it didn't come to fruition until they believed & showed their belief by asking the Egyptian captors for silver, gold & clothing. (Ex 12:35) What are you asking God for..... what are you asking your neighbours, friends & local officials for? I believe we're in a time of God's favour, but to prove it - we have to boldly ask!

Texts for the month:

Rom 4:21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.
1 John 2:25 And this is what he promised us-even eternal life.

Dates:

Sun 1st 10.30am Tim Speaking on David.
Sun 1st 6.30 pm Our Youth will be leading.
Tues 3rd 10am—4 pm **Quiet Day**.
Tues 3rd 7.30pm —**Quiet Day** Rob leading.
Sun 8th 10.30am Tim Speaking on David.
Sun 8th 6.30pm Rob leading.
Mon 9th 10.30-12noon **Prayer for Israel** see Kathy Boulton or
Dave Lines for details.
Tues 10th 12.30pm Open Doors Lunch.
Tues 10th 7.30pm Charlie leading.
Sun 15th 10.30am Tim Speaking on David.
Sun 15th 6.30pm Jackie Lines leading.
Tues 17th 7.30pm Small groups in homes
EXCEPT Tim's group at church.
Sun 22nd 10.30am Tim Speaking on David.
Sun 22nd 6.30pm Jean leading.
Tues 24th BARBECUE **VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED**
Sun 29th 10.30am Tim Speaking on David.
Sun 29th 6.30pm Gil leading
Tues 31st 7.30pm Small groups in homes
EXCEPT Tim's group at church.

Notices:

Little Squiggles parent and toddler group

We are pleased to announce that Elim's parent and toddler group will be re-starting on Thursday 22nd August, renamed 'Little Squiggles'. It will initially be led by Jackie Lines and Louise Bromley, with a view to Louise taking over in September. Louise is very enthusiastic about this and would appreciate your prayers. The aim of the group is to provide support for parents of young children attending the church and also create a welcoming environment for any other parents who would like to attend. Louise is busy planning activities for the children and being able to put into good use her childcare qualifications and training.

Showstoppers Holiday Club

Jackie Lines is currently organising a 5 day holiday club which will take place at St John's Ambulance Room in the Smithfield Car Park. It will start on Monday 23rd August and will run for 5 consecutive mornings between 10 - 12 ending with a service at the same venue to which all families of attending children will be invited.

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Prayer Requests:

Chris Richards: Chemo-Therapy finishes, BUT after a short respite he has to re-do the treatment again. Pray for strength and courage, especially for Margaret his wife.

Dave Lines: That treatment received will have an effect, & that he will soon feel stronger.

Ken Pemberton: That he will soon be recovered from his heart attack.

Elizabeth Shaw: For healing of cancer.

Des Palmer: That he would receive good treatment for liver problems.

The Work of Options - that they will get more clients & that their reputation would increase

Dain's role in Schools would increase. Pray particularly that a school would open up to him allowing him to implement the "Evaluate" training recently completed.

For our young people going off to Soul Survivor .

For Back to Church Sunday (Sep 26th) - Pray for the people you will invite to come with you.

For Colin Williams the new Rector of St Laurence's

For Frances Bisekar the new Methodist minister

For Andy Summers as he prepares to go to Bible college in Birmingham in September.

Showstoppers Holiday Club - continued

The aim of this holiday club is to reach out to local children, the ages of 5 - 10. The local Homestart Group which supports families in Ludlow are supporting this. Advertising is going out through the schools

Joining Jackie as part of the team, will be Caroline Cadwallader from Living Waters, Carol Bufton, Siobhan and Dain, others yet to be confirmed. Please pray for this event as there is much to organise. Please also pray for the promotion and publicity that is going out as this so often seems to be the area which historically has proved difficult.

If you know of any children that would be interested there will be a poster on the notice board for further details and booking forms are available from Jackie Lines. There are limited places so all children will need to be booked in early.

Des & Dot:

Send their thanks to all who prayed for them & visited whilst Des was in hospital. Des had the opportunity to pray for a fellow patient Roy, who came into hospital with breathing difficulties; but whose condition greatly improved following prayer & good nursing care. Dot testifies to how she felt God strengthening her & sending her people to help her and comfort her during this time. Let us give thanks for God's many blessings to us & continue to pray that Des' health will improve.

Students at Regents college:

This year we have a number of our congregation going to Regents college. Jackie Lines is returning to year 2 of the degree course, Siobhan MacNaughton-Hughes, and Henrique Ventura will be joining year 1 of the degree course. Thais Querido will be doing a language course & Sandra Wragg is joining the School of Ministry Course. Cherilyn Roberts may do particular short courses through the year. We would like to support them & to that end we shall be praying for them on Sun 29th August & presenting the new students with a financial gift. If you would like to contribute to this, please put your gift in an envelope, mark it "STUDENTS" & place it in the offering basket, this should not be in place of your tithel

Women with a message:

TRUSTING

Judges 6: 36—40

Do you realise that probably the greatest sign of faith in the country today is that little green right-turn arrow on traffic lights?

Here you and your car sit at a red light waiting. Ahead, on the other side of the road, you can see rows of cars coming straight toward you. You know if even one of those cars smashed into you, it could dramatically change your present and your future. But the minute that little Green arrow lights up, your foot is on the pedal and you go. You turn right, right across the path of those oncoming blobs of metal, exposing your broadside and trusting that everyone will follow the rules and stop before hitting you.

Dear Lord, forgive us for trusting a traffic signal more than we trust you.

Every day you give us signals and directions much more important than that little green arrow, but we of little faith are afraid to follow your signs.

Instead of putting our foot on the pedal to go, we hesitate, we wonder, we doubt.

It is hard, Lord. Today there are so many signs blinking at us from all directions. It is hard to know which one to follow, hard to know which ones are really yours. Help us, Lord. Help us to know when to stop and when to go and which arrow point is showing us the way you want us to go.

Bernadette Mccarver Snyder

Prayer For Israel:

The Pudding Night was a great success, those who could not make it for one reason or another you missed a good night. Barbara Pillar our speaker for the night was excellent, she spoke of her life story, we were so moved at the strength God gave her & if we were put in that situation how would we have coped?.

Would we have the strength to go through like Jesus did? when you put your trust in him it's surprising what we can do & Barbara certainly did.

The puddings were wonderful & a big thank you to all who helped in putting the night together it was hard work & tiring but beautiful. We would love to hear your comments good or bad please.

One last thing a big thank you to the men who helped set up the tables & to washup & put the church back in order.
God bless you all

Barbara Pritchard

The next prayer for Israel meeting will be on Monday 9th August - starting at 10:30am and finishing at 12:noon.

This group meet at Kathy Boulton's house, for more details please see Kathy or phone her on - 01584 873685

or

Speak to Dave Lines

Jackie Shaw

Youth Update:

A new feature in the newsletter!

The idea is to keep the church updated with the Youth Department at Ludlow Elim Church.

Firstly, a little about us! We meet downstairs on a Sunday morning during the service. These sessions normally involved a short teaching from Dain or Karen and this closes most of the time with discussion. Issues are mostly concerning teenagers growing up in a modern age, which can be a very hostile, Godless environment. We raise important questions about how God wants us to live. The sessions are productive and often we can go home with even more questions on our mind!!

We also meet on Friday evening at the church. These sessions tend to be more relaxed with a snooker table, darts board and tuck shop. These evenings give opportunity to introduce a friend to church. We also undertake the occasional challenge, the latest one being to climb Snowdon!

Finally, we would appreciate your prayers for us. Not only does God want us to support each other through prayer. As you can appreciate, growing up in today's society is tough and presents us with daily challenges. Some of us are going to Soul Survivor, a Christian camp in Somerset for a week in the middle of August. Please pray that we would all grow in our relationship with God and that perhaps the weather may even be kind to us whilst there!!

And Finally:

David Quinton - Update

In August, Dave will be flying to Brunei and then Sabah, both in Borneo. He has to renew his 3 months' visitors' visa. He will be meeting and staying with pastors and others who want to help him in his work. The tribal people of Sabah have known wonderful revival over the last 3 decades, and the hope is that some of them will come over and help teach and disciple, and train other pastors among the tribal people of mainland Malaysia where David works. His car, by the way, has had to have a new gear box! It is now running smoothly again, and the Lord has kept him wonderfully safe over terrible roads and through rocky rivers! Thank you so much for praying.

You can read his blog at: <http://davi08.blogspot.com>

Ten Alternative Commandments:

- 1) Thou shalt not worry, for worry is the most un-productive of all human activities.
- 2) Thou shalt not fear, for most of the things you fear never happen.
- 3) Thou shalt not carry grudges, for they are the heaviest of all life's burdens.
- 4) Thou shalt handle each day as it comes, for you can only handle one thing at a time!
- 5) Thou shalt not take problems to bed with you, for they make poor bed-fellows.
- 6) Thou shalt not borrow other people's problems, they are better placed to deal with them.
- 7) Thou shalt not try to re-live yesterday, it is forever gone, instead be happy with today.
- 8) Thou shalt be a good listener, for that improves your learning & widens your tolerance.
- 9) Thou shalt not be bogged down by frustration, for 90% is self-pity, and all of it interferes with positive action.
- 10) Thou shalt count all of your blessings..... even the little ones, for gathered together they add up to big blessings!

Prayer Ministry:

Please Pray for :-

Willowdene Farm. Willowdene is a Christian Drug Rehabilitation centre at Chorley near Bridgnorth. They have a number of males going through their programme & would like us to support them in prayer. It would mean receiving a profile of one of the men going through the programme, and then praying for them throughout the 9 months they are there. Tim has profiles available now, please see him if you would like one. These are highly confidential, and should not be openly discussed.

Let us have YOUR contributions for the next newsletter by 18th August
If possible send by e-mail to trcoles@talktalk.net
or Jackie Shaw at jackieshawskye1@btinternet.com *Thank you*