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"Making families fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ"

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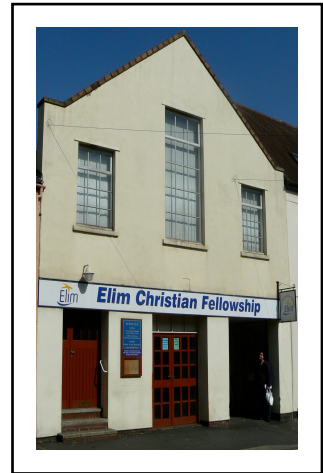
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This month Dain says

Tim says.... Well maybe if he wasn't in America! So you have Dain says this month:-

I've been quite busy over the past few months with youth and all the other stuff I do at church. Sometimes I find it hard to have a quiet time and one thing I have done is to watch a couple of sermons on DVDs I have. The one that's really encouraged me is titled "two impossibilities," doesn't sound that encouraging to start with but the more I grow as a Christian the more I realise it is all about Jesus and what He's done for us and it's about us allowing Him to do things through us.

The talk is done by Louie Giglio and he says the first impossibility is we cannot save ourselves and the second is we can't live the Christian life. Now you may say "yes" to the first one and struggle with the second. But why don't you read Colossians 3:5-9 and 3:12-14. Now can you really do this? Or is it Christ in you who does it through you?

The more I try and do or not do something the more I normally fail. At the moment there is one particular guy who comes to youth on a Friday night who winds me up and pushes all my buttons. I in and of myself can't put on love for that guy, I can't show him grace, I can't hope he will change by getting alongside me.

But I have a God of the impossible, with Christ in me I can love, show grace and hope (have a sure expectation) that the guy will change, not because of me, but because Christ in me will shine through! He has to, because it's something only He can do. I can talk, but he changes the heart. I can do, but it's only by listening to His Spirit do I do the right things.

I don't know about you but the fact that it's not me that changes anyone but it's Christ in me is freeing. The pressure is off, I need to be willing to go and say, but that's it! It really is Christ in me that is the hope of Glory. How amazing is our God! He makes a way to have a relationship with Him, but not just that He helps us to live out a life that pleases Him.

Text for the Month:

Philippians 3:12 I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me

Dates for this month, August:-

Tue 2nd 10am-4pm Quiet Day
Tue 2nd 7.30pm Rob speaking
Sat 6th 7pm Valley Worship at Burford Village Hall
Speaker Siobhan, worship led by Gary Brant
Sun 7th 10:30am Cherilyn speaking
Sun 7th 6:00pm Corporate prayer re the Building
Mon 8th 7.30pm Men's meeting, Gary responsible
Tue 9th 7:30pm Nigel Tween speaking
Sun 14th 10:30am Jackie speaking
Tue 16th 12:30pm Open Door Lunch
Tue 16th 7:30pm Louie Giglio DVD - please bring friends
Sun 21st 10:30am Henrique speaking
Tue 23rd 7:30pm Louie Giglio DVD - please bring friends
Sun 28th 10:30am Go with the flow meeting -
Gary responsible

Dates for the future:-

Nigel Tween, Elim's Director of Training will be with us on Tuesday 9th August - Please put this date in your diary

We will be watching some Louie Giglio DVD's on 16th & 23rd August. Please invite folks to see these films

Youth Big Day Outreach

Youth All Day Outreach at Craven Arms Sat 17th Sep
(Organised by Dain, John Wildeblood & others)
with Pulse Ministries. Live Band, Games, BBQ etc
See Dain for details

George Miller Outreach

Ludlow, Tenbury, Craven Arms, etc
Wed Sept 28th - Sun Oct 2nd

Please plan to bring unsaved people along and be befriending them and praying about them now.

Tent Outreach

Brinton's Park Kidderminster
Thur Aug 18th - Tues Aug 23rd
Fri 19th Aug is Youth Evening

"Reaching the unsaved should not be an optional extra, it should be the heartbeat of the church"

Prayer

★ For our Elders and Team Leaders as they seek the Lord. Pray for continued vision, guidance, wisdom and unity as they work and pray towards the implementation of the vision.

★ For our Regents College students that they would be refreshed through the summer. Pray for Tim as he works towards his Masters degree.

★ Pray for the young & (not so young) people who will be going to Soul Survivor this month. Pray that their hearts will be opened to the power of the Holy Spirit at work in them.

★ Please continue to pray for Elizabeth & Elahna (Jackie Shaw's daughters) in your prayers.

★ Pray for David Smith's health.

★ Please continue to pray for Matthew during his practical flying lessons in USA

★ Please pray about the people you can bring to the George Miller outreach and for the Youth Outreach at Craven Arms in Sept

Please let Linda Brant know requests for prayer that we can put on the Newsletter (see her contact details at end of newsletter)

Update on the Building

We have several people interested in our building, who are trying to raise the finance for it. Sadly, until we have a firm sale, the owners of the Old tax office will not negotiate with us on our offer to them. They have now received outline planning permission to turn it into 20 dwellings. If a developer comes along with the cash, they will obviously go that route. We are pursuing change of use on the site, but we have been advised that is likely to take till early September before that is approved. Please keep praying.....

PLEASE join us at church on the first Sunday of every month at 6pm to pray into this situation.

Poem

Just for Today

Just for today I will be happy. Happiness is from within, is a choice, it is not a matter of externals.

Just for today I will have a program. I will write down what I hope to achieve every hour. I may not follow it exactly but I will have it. This will eliminate two pests - hurry & indecision.

Just for today I will try to adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will accept my family, my business, and my circumstances as they come and fit myself to them.

Just for today I will take care of my body. I will exercise it, care for it, nourish it, not abuse nor neglect it.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind, I will learn something useful. I will read something that requires effort and concentration.

Just for today I will do someone a good turn and not get found out.

Just for today I will look as good as I can and dress as becomingly as possible. I will not wear my old clothes & underwear. After all, I do have nice clothes I can put on.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will talk quietly, act courteously, be liberal with praise, not criticise nor find fault with anything and not try to regulate nor improve anyone.

Just for today I will try to live this day only, and not try to tackle my whole life problems at once.

Just for today I will have a quiet half-hour all by myself and relax. In this time I will think of God so as to get a little perspective into my life.

Just for today I will

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Prayer for Israel

The next Prayer for Israel meeting will be Monday 8th August 10:30am - 12 noon.

It meets on 2nd Monday of the month

For more information please speak to Kathy Boulton or to Dave Lines

Prose submitted by Liz Crawley

Prose written by a 92 year old after a stroke:-

When I had the stroke
The feeling crept up my body
Like lightness
Like I was a cloud high up
Like I was going to float away
And I was getting lighter & lighter all the time
Since then
I haven't had a fear of dying
Because I know that's what it will be like
Don't be afraid of it
Because the feeling was wonderful
That's the time when my second life began
The reason God gave me a second chance was so that I could make other people happy

SYLVIA ROBERTS

Things for Mums & Tots.....
Little Squiggles meets on a Thursday morning. See Louise Bromley for more details
01584 856747

**Picture given by Sally Harris
10th July**

**Messages of
thanks from
ladies**

As we were singing about "Jesus high and lifted up", I shut my eyes and saw a picture of Jesus high and lifted up above the world as seen from space. His head was as bright as the sun and His hands were extended towards us on earth. His power was radiating towards us.

There appeared to be a hem to this powerful light. His power, the full power of the Holy Spirit was not getting through.

I stared for understanding and saw the red rays getting through to the earth in patches, but the other rays of His power were not much getting through.

There are many of us saved and being saved by the power of His blood but we are not reaching up for the Holy Spirit to do His work. God made us through the cross to be His friends, but we choose to go our own way.

Jesus came to seek & save the lost. Eph 4:24 Christ feeds and cares for His church for we are members of His body. He supplies the power to do His will, His work on earth (Eph 1:16-22)

I asked about sharing this picture but had no opportunity or thumping heart. Then Gary shared his message about receiving Christ's power to go out into community to do His work.

I felt it was & is important for us to know that He, God will do as He promises to supply the power to do His work. We just need to praise Him, listen, trust and obey.

Barbara Pritchard writes:-

Folks, when you see Henrique & Thais, please thank them for cleaning the church. As I said a few months ago, they will have to finish doing this.

I would personally like to say a BIG "Thank You" to Henrique & Thais and also to David Whatmore & Dennis, and Ceri & Sarah.

Thanks also to Glenis has also offered to help but needs a partner to join her in cleaning the church.

Karen Pritchard writes:-

A big "Thank You" to all the ladies who contributed to the surprise baby shower in July.

Your kindness, support and generosity are very much appreciated.

And finally

Inner Beauty 1 Peter v 3/4

'Your beauty should not come from outward adornment Instead it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight'.

A tall order in this day and age but still a word from God!
Let's look at 3 Mary's in scripture and a few thoughts to ponder.

Mary, whose brother Lazarus was raised from the dead, poured about a pint of pure nard, expensive perfume, on Jesus' feet. What were her thoughts at that moment? Probably of utter amazement at what He had just done - He conquered death in her brother's body. Who was this man? How could she ever repay Him? - John 12

Mary Magdalene, known as the 'sinful woman', washed Jesus' feet with, firstly, her tears, then she kissed them and poured perfume on them.
What were her thoughts at the time? Probably in pure gratitude that she was accepted by this unusual man, even with her track record and reputation. How could she ever repay Him?
- Luke 7

Then Mary at Bethany - Mark 14. She broke the jar and poured very expensive perfume of pure nard and poured it on His head. The reaction was of 'what waste' and brought about jealousy from others leading to the betrayal of Jesus. What an aroma she must have carried with her!!!

What can we learn from and how can we be like these 3 Mary's?
Some suggestions - By remembering His grace that saved us - the miracle of our own re-birth. His complete acceptance of us, warts and all. By deliberately living in His Grace and seeing others as He sees them. By BEING His fragrance, with a gentle and quiet spirit, with whatever is thrown at us so as to make the world jealous of what we have received!!
Are we like that?

Jean Dancy

**YOUR contribution could be in this newsletter.....
Send it (preferably by e-mail) by Aug 18th to
Tim Coles, (trcoles@talktalk.net) or
Linda Brant (linda.brant@hotmail.co.uk)**

Thank you!

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