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“A religion that costs nothing, does nothing!”



Tim Says:

Living with disappointment can be difficult. Certainly, I know that I like things to be done straight away, and in exactly the way that I would like them to happen; with everything going to plan. Sadly life is not like that, most of the time! Sometimes, things don't go to plan because I have done something, or am attempting something which is either not God's will or not at his right time. I am very challenged by the scripture where Jesus says "I only do what pleases the Father." (John 8:29)

This is not always true for me.... I have not consulted Father God and frustrations occur because a loving Father God is trying to get me back on track with him. When I realise my selfishness, I must repent & return to doing things God's way
Sometimes things don't go to plan because Satan is attacking me, and if I just sit back and wait a while, he will overstretch himself, shoot himself in the foot and I will be able to proceed on God's business unhindered. In these times, I find that God's timing is perfect, my part is to wait patiently, and to cling onto the promise of what God has said will happen.

“For though it tarry, wait for it because it will surely come.” (Hab 2:3)

During June, our planned Leaders meeting which had been scheduled to discuss next steps on the building, had to be cancelled; I found this most frustrating! However, I believe that we must persevere in building up the people of God, we must cling onto the promise he gave us, and we must keep praying to ensure we listen for his leading. Please also encourage your leaders; right now they need it, because disappointment affects us all!

Texts for the month: John 8:29 The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.

Habakkuk 2:3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

Dates:

Sat 3rd 7pm Valley Worship at Burford Village Hall -

Rob Parsons Speaking

Sun 4th 10:30am Tim Speaking on David, then bring a picnic so you're ready for the afternoon

Sun 4th 2pm CTAL Open Air Service on Millennium Green -

(Elim responsible)

Tues 6th 10am - 4pm Quiet day

Tues 6th 7:30pm Dave Lines continuing our quiet day themes

Sun 11th 10:30am Tim continuing the series on David

Sun 11th 5:30pm Prayer for our church, followed by (6pm)-

DVD/Discussion

Mon 12th 10:30am Prayer for Israel -

see Kathy Boulton / Dave Lines for details

Tues 13th 12:30pm Open Door Lunch

Tues 13th 7:30pm Small groups in homes **EXCEPT Tim's group - at church**

Sun 18th 10:30am Tim continuing the series on David

Sun 18th 5:30pm Prayer for our church, followed by (6pm)-

DVD/Discussion

Tues 20th 7:30pm Prayer Meeting - Gil Leading

Sat 24th 6:00pm Garage Praise BBQ at Burway Garage -

see Jean for details

Notices:

Elim Summer Camp(s)

The Midlands regional summer camp "Infuse", takes place this year from 26th July to 31st July at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern. Although nobody has booked to go on a residential basis it is still possible to go for just the day. There are dedicated activities for children, young people & adults and of course you have the stunning Malvern Hills area to explore. (See www.infuse4life.co.uk for more details) Day tickets are: £8 for adults, £6 for Young people & £2 for children and Evening passes are £4/£3/£1. If anyone wants to go for the day, please either see Tim who may be able to offer a lift, or just make your own way over to Malvern and pay at the gate. On Tuesday 27th July, our mid week evening will be at Malvern. If you wish to go, please see Tim so that he can purchase tickets. We will need to leave Ludlow circa 6pm & return around 10:30pm. The speakers this year are Gordon Neale, Stuart Blount & Mark Pugh. All men are on the Elim National Leadership team, & have a great ministry. The North West Elim camp is again at Cefn Lea near Newtown from 23rd - 27th August and features Kevin Peat, Steve Long (Senior Pastor from Toronto Airport church), Simon Foster & Paul Hallam. See www.cefnlea.co.uk/family.php?title=family1 for further details.

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.

Trevor Poole: That the Dr's will get the levels of medication right.

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

Elahna Shaw: That her pelvic fractures will heal quickly.

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 next month.

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

Poets Corner:

SIDE BY SIDE

Side by side, and hand in hand,
Throughout my life with you I will stand.
Following where you lead me to,
Side by side I will walk with you.

For blessings aplenty I will rejoice,
In moments of silence I'll hear your voice.
You lead me beside the waters still,
And with peace and joy my heart, you will fill.

Along the path of righteousness I will tread,
Into your ever-open arms I'll be safely led.
Where a passion for you will multiply and grow,
Where a life of blessings like living waters flow.

When my time comes to see you and we meet face to face,
I'll know in my heart, Lord, that there is no better place.
Where pain is no more and there'll be no tears and strife,
Side by side with you Lord where there'll be eternal life.

Glynis.

'My Reflections on past 2 years at Regents College' by Jackie Lines

In my first year at college, whilst on the School of Ministry 1 year course, I was privileged nearly every week to be taught by key Elim church leaders including John Glass, these sessions gave me such an insight into leadership experiences, they were all such humble men, some enjoying the life of large church congregations and others promoting the value of smaller congregations. The humility struck me more than anything, a regional leader who is prepared to clean the toilets and sweep up sick, not just because there is nobody else to do it. They shared their wisdom, hard lessons learned, their love for people, particularly their experiences in leadership. But the one thing that surprised me and encouraged me more than anything was that nearly every one without fail commented, to one degree or another, on the value and importance of a good childrens ministry and its vital role in church growth, stressing that families moving into an area will put a good childrens work higher on their set of priorities than the actual denomination. This has inspired me so much to pursue my dream, although you may not be seeing much evidence of it yet.

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Women with a message:

PRISCILLA

ROMANS; 16 v 3-4

HER CHARACTER: One of the first missionaries and a leader of the early church, along with her husband Aquila, she was a woman whose understanding of the faith helped build up the church.

HER SORROW: To experience opposition to the gospel from both Jews and Gentiles.

HER JOY: To spread the gospel and nurture the church.

PRaise GOD: For using both women and men to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

OFFER THANKS: For women whose faith have nourished yours.

CONFESS: Any tendency to live out your own faith in a half-hearted manner, limiting the way God wants to use you.

ASK GOD: To make you unafraid of the controversy that is generated by a faithful life.

Our lives are meant to have a rippling effect, so that others feel the influence of our gifts and faith. This week catch a quiet moment and imagine yourself as a stone in the hand of God. Watch him throw you out into the water. What kind of ripples do you see? Are they large or small? Perhaps someone who you shared your faith with, became a Christian. Maybe someone responded to God's forgiveness because they first experienced yours. Pray that you will make waves with your faith, even rocking a few boats along the way.

Father, I don't want to settle for the status quo, professing belief in you and then acting as though everything good in life comes from the world around me. Let the ripple effect of my faith build up your church.

Prayer For Israel:

'my reflections on past 2 years at Regents College' CONTINUED

At the end of that first year although I was inspired and could easily have finished, it seemed that God was saying 'but there's more'. Now after completing the first year of the degree I am stunned at the realisation that I have actually sat in exams and been able to recall the information learnt. On one occasion, I sat with a blank sheet of paper with a completely blank mind and by persistent prayer, squeezed out from my tiny mind the information, God has never let me down. Some of my most precious moments have been alone in my room, no tv, no music just silence, me and God. On other occasions, leading up to exams the sense that all I did was move from my bed to my desk and back again. But what I am learning is going so deep and is transforming me from the inside out.

The next prayer for Israel meeting will be on Monday 12th July - 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

One of the things that I struggled with from the very beginning was that I had expected to be taught but what actually happens is that the college wants you to think for yourself and develop your own clear theology of what you believe and why and it is the case that the more you learn, the more you realise there is to learn.

Another aspect that has taken me by surprise is the value that they put on students leaving college and going into the workplace, before, I assumed that most went into the ministry as pastors, but that is not the case. I had not envisaged how much this study equips us as Christians to go out into the world and be light in the darkness, wherever you are. The study is building confidence in me and what I believe, to be able to have those difficult conversations from a place of greater understanding. I have also become more sensitive to how difficult it can be for people to accept the gospel and believe because they have been bombarded with so much confusing information relating to the Christian way of life.

I consider this time in my life a God given privilege, which I hope others will benefit from and of course I cannot forget to mention the wonderful walks in the grounds and on the surrounding hills.

My passion has not changed for children and families and what I now continue to do will equip me, I believe, to stand strong against opposition, and to have the confidence to do things different without fear of failure, my biggest enemy. So please continue to pray for me and Dave, despite his own health concerns he has been an absolute rock and will not allow anything to get in the way of me completing my studies, without him I would not be doing what I am doing now. God willing I begin the 2nd year in September and it will be tough and there will be a lot of work, but wow what a lot I will learn about our wonderful God, his word and the way forward.

News of David Quinton in Malaysia

Thank you for all your prayers. David is safely back and has had a wonderful welcome as he meets the precious people again in the forest villages. His old car, after some repairs, is still going strong! He is still in faith for a vehicle which is higher off the ground like a land-cruiser. He has had some amazing openings and meetings with key and influential people since his return. Please ask Peter or Caroline if you would like a printed newsletter. You can read his blog at: <http://davi08.blogspot.com>

Prayer Ministry:

Prayer is vital for the Christian, & at Ludlow Elim we want to encourage prayer. Below you will find 3 different ways that you can get involved. You don't have to do all of them, but at least one would be good!

For the Church - On Sunday evenings as we move into the church, we will be inviting you to come from 5:30pm to pray for the church at this pivotal time in our history. You could pray, for example, for the leaders, the finances, for revival, for chances to proclaim the Gospel, for our work in the schools & the work of Open Door.

No chatting - pure prayer! Then our evening time together will start at 6pm.

For UCB radio. Ken & Olwen Smith recently had the chance to tour the studios at Stoke, during their time an invitation was given for churches to set up as part of the Prayerline ministry of UCB. Training is given & all equipment provided, but you have to be prepared to man a phone for 2-4 hours per week in order to pray with folks struggling with life issues. If you feel you would like to get involved with this, please see Tim ASAP, & chat to Ken & Olwen for more details on UCB.

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.

And Finally:

There are too many people praying for mountains of difficulty to be removed, when what they really need is the courage to climb them.

If you don't climb the mountain, you'll never see the view!

Courage is not the absence of fear, but resistance to, and mastery of fear. (Mark Twain)

One person with courage is a majority.

Courage is being the only one who knows you are afraid.

A smooth sea never made a skilful mariner.

Some people see things as they are and say "why?"

Others dream things that never were and say "why not?"

(George Bernard Shaw)

Reach down and lift others up..... it's the best exercise you can get!

Let us have YOUR contributions for the next newsletter by 18th July
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or Jackie Shaw at jackieshawskye1@btinternet.com *Thank you*