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From the Pen of Brother Len:

Should we stop because the Devil gets in the Way? 1 Thessalonians 2:18...Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul once and again, BUT Satan hindered us..."

Hopefully you have been listening in to the weekly devotions on Facebook and the sermons in person or on You Tube or the Church's web site. But, if not, let me bring us all up to speed. 2020 has been one of the most difficult years the Church and the world has ever faced. We seem to be in a life or death struggle for our very existence. Hundreds of churches and thousands of businesses have collapsed under the weight of the personal and financial strain of this year and it's not over yet.

We would think nothing like this has ever happened before. This is partly true, But, the world and the Church in particular has always faced daunting challenges to mission and ministry. It seems that the more the Church attempts to encroach upon the strongholds of the Devil, the more vicious the fight becomes. Such is the nature of spiritual warfare. Although the enemy dwells in the realm of the invisible, his attacks are manifested in the realm of our physical world.

So...The Church is faced with a choice and a challenge—Should we Stop our assault upon the strongholds of the Devil just because he gets in the way or should we press the advantage and fight all the harder while we have time and opportunity on our side. I for one

choose to press the advantage and do all I can to move the kingdom of God closer and closer to its purpose in the world. We exist to make disciples for Jesus Christ! For this purpose to be fulfilled, we must expect and anticipate resistance.

Let me share a simple truth: IF we are to DO anything for Jesus and his kingdom, we will face opposition or some type of obstacle that will try to "hinder" us from accomplishing the will and the work of the LORD. Have you ever been traveling and run into an obstacle blocking your path? Something that hindered you from passing on down the road you had chosen. What did you do? You found a way around the obstacle or you simply turned around and found another route bypassing the obstacle.

"Hindered" is "egkopto" and means "a road so deteriorated, so rutted and torn up that it had become impassible." Also it meant "a runner who elbows his opponent out of the way and out of the race thru aggressive movement." Wow! That indicates the person running was assaulted by another runner so that the runner would be taken out of the race or slowed down--"hindered"

Think about it---The enemy would try to turn back the Roman army from their town by tearing up the road and making it impassible hoping to hinder the advance of the army giving the people of the town time to escape into the hills.

Paul uses this word to describe hindering forces that kept him from going to check on the church at Thessalonica. In fact not once, but twice he

had attempted to come and was hindered. Paul was forced to turn back and re-think his strategy.

Paul understood the tactics of Satan. Satan does all that he can to discourage and depress us and to make our way so full of problems that we will quit or give up something God wants us to do.

Paul never stopped because the Devil got in his way. He was so committed to Do what God had called him to DO that he would not be distracted or hindered. He forged ahead in faith trusting that God would make a way or remove the obstacle blocking his pathway.

Some of what Paul experienced is found in Acts 17-20. Paul was constantly harassed and imprisoned and assaulted by those who didn't want to hear about Jesus, BUT Paul kept on moving and kept on finding ways to share the message with anyone willing to listen.

We can DO anything god has called us to DO! We must determine in our hearts that we will stay the course and NOT give up or give in until we have accomplished the mission God sent us on. God's will for our life and His work is going to place us in harm's way and we are going to have to figure out how to work around obstacles and how to exercise FAITH and allow God to Do what he has promised to Do in his own time and way.

Faith! Perseverance! Courage! Determination! Is required. God WILL show us a way to accomplish his will and Do his work!!!

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You, brother and sisters here at Coalville, are so deeply in love with our Lord. May others continue to see Jesus in you.

The last several months we have revised our agenda for prayer on Thursday mornings. We come together at 10:30 and begin with a devotion and opening prayer. We share the recent requests from others. We add those to the list from the phone prayer chain through Jan. These requests we pray over all during the week. All requests are private to the prayer members. At 10:45 we devote the remainder of our time (45 min.) to prayer specifically for the church or the nation. We alternate these.

The prayer for the church includes the structure from the national level down to the individual church level. This includes the church universal. We pray in the Sanctuary. Our prayer includes praying over the persons sharing their gifts of music, ministry, pastor, the body of Christ from the entrance to sitting in the pews. Everyone is covered. A lot to pray over!

Jennifer shares her gift of music which ushers in His presence. Awesome. 😊

The needs of the nation are so broad, especially now. It includes the government, those in authority, the election, the virus, the fires, storms, riots, violence, etc. and so much more.

As you pray at home for all of these please remember you are also welcome to join us at the church, Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. Bring your Bible, and lots of love for Christ and others. The prayer ministry is not just a few who meet at the church. It's God's people everywhere, being obedient to His word' to pray for all. In all that we pray we use scripture and let His Holy Spirit lead us. Prayer can go where we can't and do what we can't. 😊

We are people of 'faith', and we will stay focused on the many blessings we have and thank our Father God for 'all' things. Enjoy the fall season and holidays.

Your Prayer Ministry: Barbara Jones, Jennifer Comeau, Cathy Walker, Cathy Dumal

CORNERSTONE

Hello from Cornerstone for November! We pray you all are recovering from Hurricane Zeta. What an unexpected nightmare. We hope to be back at church Nov 8th. The good news is we haven't had our **sidewalk service** yet so you haven't missed the opportunity! So we hope you come out and fellowship with us outside under the oaks at **11 a.m. on Nov 15th** for worship and lunch. We would love to see everyone there and maybe bring a guest.

In October we were able to have Ms. Ann back to continue with children's church. Everyone just loves her and they are making big plans on a few projects. They are calling themselves CCC, Coalville Children's Church and they meet during our 11 a.m. service. All children up through high school are invited. There is something for everyone.

Have a blessed November and Thanksgiving.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. Psalm 95:1 – 2 (NIV)



Shoebboxes are due back on/before **Sunday, November 15th**. Boxes are still available in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity for you to tell a child about Jesus and salvation. Please call me if you have questions (228) 832 – 0466. Due to COVID, Jim and I are not able to come to church. I sure miss you all Carolyn

WORSHIP

Due to the storm and other issues, remembering our Saints will be moved to **Sunday, December 13th at the 9 AM service**. You still have time to submit a name, photo, and date of passing to the Church office by **Wednesday, December 7th**, via email coalvilleumc@cableone.net.

Sunday, November 15th, 11 AM is Cornerstone's Sidewalk Service followed by lunch.

Tuesday, November 24th, 6:30 PM will be the Thanksgiving Community service at Woolmarket Baptist Church in their gymnasium. No food will be provided.



Birthdays
Anniversaries
Monthly Events
Scheduled Meetings
Weekly Events
CLC – Christian Life Center

FH – Fellowship Hall
S – Sanctuary
CW – Contemporary Worship
TW – Traditional Worship
AB – Administrative Board
CB – Cornerstone Band

CM – Communications Meeting
DD – Dixie Doll Twirlers
FL – Fellowship Luncheon
Pm – Prayer Ministry
SL – Senior Luncheon
WOW – Women of Worth

◀ October		November 2020					December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Sarah Sims	3 Edna Arnold Greg Slade	4	5 10:30 AM, Pm, FH Stephanie Nalley Greyson Chambless 6 PM, CB, S 6 PM, WOW, FH	6 Steve Campbell 7 PM, AA, FH	7	
8 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 2 PM, FH, Reserved Sabrina Sagers 5 PM, PPRC, FH 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	9 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, FH	10 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	11	12 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S 6 PM, WOW, FH	13 7 PM, AA, FH	14 Bonnie Mount Phyllis Trochesset	
15 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, Sidewalk Service w/Lunch to follow, CLC Len McRaney 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	16 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, F	17 Bayleigh Chambless 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	18	19 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S 6 PM, WOW, FH	20 7 PM, AA, FH	21 Mason Bond	
22 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S John & Cathy Mechanic 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	23 Neecee Butler John Mechanic Gage Smith Kenneth Smith 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, FH	24 Marie Moran 6:30 PM Community Service Woolmarket Baptist gymnasium	25	26 Adelynn Arnold CLC RESERVED HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27 Myrna Ludlow Charles Gonzales 7 PM, AA, FH	28 CLC, Reserved	
29 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 6 – 8 PM, UMYF & YA, CLC	30 Arlo Phillips 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, FH	Back Pack Blessings 1 st – Chicken Noodle Soup 8 th – Small Cereal 15 th – Peanut Butter 22 nd – Mac & Cheese 29 th – Tuna					