

Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

New 8/2/2020

Alan Bible (Nellie Fulbright's brother-in-law) - He has many health problems.

Jimmy Blake - He had surgery on Thursday. Please pray for his recovery and comfort.

Jacqueline Boozer - She needs prayers for God to bless her with a house for her son and her.

Kathy Grobusky - Her brother-in-law, Gary is out of the hospital and having physical and speech therapy. Please keep him and her sister, Debbie in your prayers.

Ginger Ferguson (Christi Hartis' mother) - Pray the cancer treatments continue to work.

Joy Hargett - Her brother, Jerry Hargett passed away. He was dealing with cancer. Please pray for her family during this time.

Linda Howison (Susan Dove's sister) - Please continue to pray for her recovery and for her daughter, Tracy.

Laura Joy - Thank you for the prayers, she is feeling better.

Sena Lucas - Continue to pray that the immigration hardship waiver gets accepted.

Isaiah Nieman - Pray for him as he is away from home and has lost a number of friends since joining the marines.

Nancy Noel - Please continue to pray for her health, healing and recovery.

Betsey Peake - Continue praying for Justin, Courtney and Laythn.

Cindy Scott - Please continue to pray for her health and comfort.

Johanna T. Vaughan-Horace - Please pray for Johanna's health. Also, pray for God to always guide John and her to do his will and to speak boldly about him.

Brenda White - Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, food and visits while we have been under the weather.

Joe White - He finished radiation and is waiting to see if he needs chemo.

If you would like the prayer team to pray for your needs, please contact the church office at 327-5724 or fill out your prayer request on your Connection Cards.

RMC August Birthdays

Tom Wilson - 8/16, Sammie Griffin - 8/18,

Nellie Fulbright - 8/19, Rachel Williams - 8/19,

Madison Hartis- 8/21, Elden LeBrun - 8/22,

Dale Dove - 8/24, Kent Pruett - 8/26, Kay Groubsky- 8/27

The Elder on call for this week is:
Randy Saverance - 803-984-6710

Deacons ushering in August are:
Steve Nunn & Jimmy Blake

Pastor David Stover may be reached at home at 484-678-4923,
or by email at Stoverdavid@hotmail.com

Church Debt Reduction Program
General Debt - \$0.00 Mortgage - \$33,948.33



Abandon Pride

Obadiah 1:21

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Welcome to Rogers Memorial Church

Sunday, August 2, 2020

ACT 1: CREATION

Worship Video (we reflect on His goodness to us)

Call To Worship (God invites us to come to Him)

Offering (we invest in the mission of His church here & around the world)

Praise Song (we celebrate His grace, truth, beauty, and majesty)

ACT 2: FALL

Preparing To Listen Song (we prepare to hear from Him through His Word)

Leader Sharing & Prayer (we are honest with God as we express our need for Him)

ACT 3: REDEMPTION

Sermon (we listen to God through His Word)

ACT 4: RENEWAL

Song of Response (we respond to our Lord)

Benediction (we are sent to live on mission as God's people)

Get The Word Out, Pay For A Meal Cards

As part of our outreach strategy, we have business cards available. If you go through a drive-through, pay for someone's order behind you. Ask the cashier to give them a card. Then pray that the Lord will use it in their life!

For more information about anything go to our Facebook or Website

For Our Guests

Thanks for being with us today! We're thrilled you're here and want to extend a warm welcome. We know a first time visit to a church can sometimes feel a little uncomfortable, so let us offer a few suggestions. 1) Relax and enjoy yourself, you're among friends. 2) After the service, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would love to meet you personally and answer any questions you may have. It's our pleasure to have you with us!

Connection Cards

Whether you are a guest or a member, please fill out the Connection Card inside the bulletin, and put it in the black box on the table as you exit.

Children's Bulletin

The children's bulletin is now available at the new Welcome Center located in the lobby.

RMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bethel Men's Shelter

We will continue taking donations for the Bethel Men's Shelter.

Volunteers For Greeters Needed

We're going to start having greeters at the front door again. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a greeter, then please contact Kathy Grobusky at 803-487-0074.

Ratio Christi Youth Ambassadors

Ratio Christi has decided to go back to Zoom meetings online instead of meeting in-person due to the resurgence of the coronavirus. Available for all youth in middle and high school. Contact Terence at 803-324-9717 for Zoom information and if you have any questions.

RMC Church Officers

Elders— Mr. Shawn Hand
Mr. Terence Kendrick
Mr. Elden LeBrun
Mr. Randy Saverance

Deacons— Mr. Jimmy Blake, Chairman
Mr. James Hartis
Mr. Jimmy Joy
Mr. Steve Nunn

Office Administrator and Treasurer - Mrs. Christi Hartis

Connection Card

WELCOME!

We're so glad that you took the time to be our guest today! We would love to get to know you better and find out how we can serve you. Please drop this card off in the red buckets as you exit.

Name

Phone Number

Email

Belong

- I am interested in talking with the pastor or leader to learn more about the church.
- I am interested in learning more about Community Groups.
- I am interested in learning about how to become a member of the church.

Serve

- I am interested in opportunities to serve others.
 - We serve others by giving. Would you like more info about online giving?
 - We love to serve others by praying. How can we pray for you or someone you know?
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(Use the back of this card if you need more room)

Grow

- I would like to know more about opportunities to follow Christ.
- Every member and regular attender has a Shepherding Group. I would like to be included in a group.

Engage

- I am interested in learning how to share my faith or why we believe what we believe as followers of Christ.

Scripture:

Obadiah

1 The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign LORD says about Edom— We have heard a message from the LORD: An envoy was sent to the nations to say, “Rise, let us go against her for battle”—

2 “See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised.

3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, ‘Who can bring me down to the ground?’

4 Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down,” declares the LORD.

5 “If thieves came to you, if robbers in the night— oh, what a disaster awaits you!— would they not steal only as much as they wanted? If grape pickers came to you, would they not leave a few grapes?

6 But how Esau will be ransacked, his hidden treasures pillaged!

7 All your allies will force you to the border; your friends will deceive and overpower you; those who eat your bread will set a trap for you, but you will not detect it.

8 “In that day,” declares the LORD, “will I not destroy the wise men of Edom, those of understanding in the mountains of Esau?”

9 Your warriors, Teman, will be terrified, and everyone in Esau’s mountains will be cut down in the slaughter.

10 Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever.

11 On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.

12 You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble.

13 You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster, nor gloat over them in their calamity in the day of their disaster, nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster.

14 You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.

15 “The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.

16 Just as you drank on my holy hill, so all the nations will drink continually; they will drink and drink and be as if they had never been.

17 But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance.

18 Jacob will be a fire and Joseph a flame; Esau will be stubble, and they will set him on fire and destroy him. There will be no survivors from Esau.” The LORD has spoken.

19 People from the Negev will occupy the mountains of Esau, and people from the foothills will possess the land of the Philistines. They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria, and Benjamin will possess Gilead.

20 This company of Israelite exiles who are in Canaan will possess the land as far as Zarephath; the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev.

21 Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau. And the kingdom will be the LORD’s.

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Scripture (Continued):

Ezekiel 28:12-17

12 - 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: " 'You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

17 *Your heart became proud* on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

James 4:6

6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

1 Peter 5:5-6

5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Romans 15:16

16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

11 Signs You Are Proudful (article by Joan Cyril Abello)

How do you know you are struggling with pride? What are the symptoms of being proudful? To help you answer these questions and get rid of pride in your heart, evaluate yourself by checking out the following signs:

1. You think you are humble.

One of the signs that you are proudful is if you refuse to admit that you struggle with pride. Calling yourself “humble” is actually false humility. To avoid this, stop telling yourself—or others—that you are humble. If that is true, then let others acknowledge that.

2. You do not accept constructive criticisms.

Proud people have a hard time accepting failures. For this reason, they refuse to be corrected. They are offended whenever their behaviors or outputs are scrutinized. Instead of being insulted, be thankful when others correct you because it will help you improve. Remember, you are not perfect.

3. You always want to be the center of attention.

One sign of being proud is when you always want attention and appreciation. You feel like you are the center of the universe so everyone should turn their eyes and ears to you. If this is your case, then it is time to stop living in the illusion that everyone adores you. Do not think that you are more important than anyone else. Try living a low-key life.

4. You are vain about your physical appearance.

Being obsessed about making yourself attractive is another hint of pride creeping into you. In connection with no. 3, vanity makes you flaunt your beauty in the hope that you will be admired by everyone. It is okay to take care of yourself, but evaluate your motive why you want to be attractive. If it is to draw attention to yourself, then maybe it is time re-orient yourself about what real beauty is.

5. You do not like associating with the “ordinary” or unpopular.

Whenever you go to an event, which kind of people do you usually want to sit with? Do you immediately look for the table where the “elite” sit around? If you think you only deserve professionals and “first-class” citizens for your friends and avoid hanging out with “low-level” people, then you are clearly proudful. To get rid of this attitude, be equal in treating people. Make friends not according to social status, but the sincerity of individuals towards you. Associating with people who do not have any title attached to their names will not make you cheap.

6. You are fond of name-dropping.

If you have the habit of talking about your connections with influential, rich, or powerful personalities, then you are certainly proud. Bragging about being connected with such people makes you feel entitled yourself. The people you talk with are probably annoyed listening about your “connections” already. If you admit you struggle with this, be more conscious in controlling yourself from talking much.

7. You are not teachable.

Not listening to someone who is trying to teach you something is another sign of pride. It is either you think you know things already or you think you know more than the person. It could also mean you consider him/her inferior to you.

Having a teachable heart is one trait of humility. Whether you seem more knowledgeable than the person trying to teach you or you actually know about the “lesson” already, make sure that you show respect by listening attentively and not trying to cut him/her off.

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8. You do not listen to others' advice.

Proudful people are also stubborn. They think they know everything already so they disregard the counsel of others. You are one of them if you just brush off the advice of your parents, some elders, or anyone else. Renew your character by starting to listen to your parents or the mature people surrounding you. Even if you do not agree with what they say, give time to weigh your decision against their words of wisdom.

9. You do not like to be surpassed by anyone.

Considering others as threats to your position, fame, and success is a result of pride. Your achievements could have gotten into your head already that you think you should always be the no. 1. Thus, when you meet people who have the potential to beat your accomplishments, you consider them as rivals. Competition is only healthy if you compete with your past self. Instead of focusing on being ahead of others, why not focus on improving yourself?

10. You think you are too important to do mundane things.

If you think your position is so high that you cannot pick up trash, help in cleaning up, or serve others, then that is definitely pride. Do not let entitlement make you feel like you are more important than anyone else. Great people are not afraid to serve those who are less fortunate than them.

11. You are critical to those who do better than you.

One symptom of pride that you should watch out for is being critical towards others, especially those you are insecure with. Pointing out their flaws makes you feel better about yourself and better than them. Bitterness is the result of pride stepped on. Whenever you feel resentment towards someone who did better than you, keep yourself from thinking or saying bad comments about the person. Instead, give appreciation and be happy for him/her.

Evaluate Your Heart

There are many other things that could give you a hint that pride is attacking you. The bottom line here is your motivation. If you do things out of selfish ambitions, then you are definitely proudful.

God knows your heart and if it is full of pride, He might teach you some lessons. Remember, the Bible says in Luke 14:11, *"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

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