

The Banner



In the 73rd Psalm the author is struggling. It is a struggle that is familiar to many of us. In fact, the psalmist tells us, he almost fell prey to the lies of the world in his struggle. Consider his words, "But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped" (Psalm 73:2).

Why? He tells us why he almost stumbled as we read on.

3 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek.

5 They are not in trouble as others are, they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. Psalm 73:3-5

Do you see? This might be a familiar struggle for you. Why is it that people who do not care about God at all are rich and seem to have no worries? They drive nice cars, have great jobs, fat bank accounts, and retire in luxury. And why do I seem to have to struggle day by day to get by and feed my family?

Have you ever asked these questions? I have. I may not be in desperate need today, but I certainly have been, and I know people who

are. It is comforting to know that God's people ask these questions. It is even more comforting to know that the Bible has an answer. In fact, the psalmist in Psalm 73 finds the answer.

26 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
 Psalm 73:25-26

The answer, the solution to the struggle, is not God giving us what the rich have, but rather His teaching us to find our needs fulfilled in Him. We find this theme running throughout the Bible.

The Apostle Paul is thankful for the support of the Philippian church as they provide for his needs.

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
 Philippians 4:11-13

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Paul has learned the secret of contentment. It is worth more to him than money.

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Godliness with contentment is great gain. Do you think of gain in this way? Most people think of gain, progress, success in life as accumulating possessions, degrees, status, and growing one's family. The Bible does not think of gain in this way. No, gain is closeness to God and being content with what He gives.

Likewise, the author of Hebrews warns us of the alternative to contentment, a devotion to money.

Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

It is the very nature of money to leave. We cannot keep it. We cannot take it with us. But Jesus will never leave us. Moreover, we cannot serve both riches and Jesus.

24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the

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birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O

you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:24-34

Being content transforms the little that we have into an abundance as we are thankful to Jesus and learn to trust Him through every challenge. Do you believe that Jesus cares for you? If so, we need to live like we believe that. When we do, God will give us a peace that passes this world's understanding. Seek Him above all else and He will take care of you.†

40 Years of Faithful Service

Today we celebrate and give thanks for Dave and Marsha Nelson, who have faithfully served as our church custodians for the past 40 years. Their dedication, work, and commitment have been a blessing to every ministry, every gathering, and every soul who has walked through our doors.

From setting up for countless services and events to ensuring our church spaces remain clean, welcoming, and cared for—Dave and Marsha have done it all with grace, humility, and love. Their work may often go unseen, but its impact is felt throughout our church.

*Thank you, Dave & Marsha
& Happy Retirement!*



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 Labor Day 7p Dig Deeper	2 8a-4p CC 6:30p Women's Study	3 12p Community Study 6:30p Awana, AIC Youth	4 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Discipleship	5	6 9a Youth Disc Golf, The Seed, Center-ville
7 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 6p Evening Study	8 6:30p Pathways 7p Dig Deeper	9 8a-4p CC 6:30p Women's Study	10 12p Community Study 5:30p AFC Mtg. 6:30p Awana, AIC Youth	11 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Discipleship	Church reserved for wedding in case of inclement weather.	
14 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship Fellowship Dinner & Cong. Meeting	15 6:30p Pathways 7p Dig Deeper	16 8a-4p CC 6:30p Reading Group	17 9a Ministerial Mtg. 12p Community Study 6:30p Awana, AIC Youth	18 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Discipleship	19	20
21 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship	22 6:30p Pathways 7p Dig Deeper	23 8a-4p CC 6:30p Women's Study	24 12p Community Study 6:30p Awana, AIC Youth	25 9:30a Women's Study 7:30p Men's Discipleship	26	27
Pastor at BOMS Meeting, Minneapolis						
28 9a SS 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 6p Evening Study	29 6:30p Pathways 7p Dig Deeper	30 8a-4p CC 6:30p Women's Study	All church fellowship dinner and business meeting Noon September 14th			

Happy Birthday:

3 Hannah Adam
 7 Matilda Lewis
 8 Randy Schmidt
 14 Robin Leikvold
 15 Norm Twedt
 17 Deb Tjeerdsma
 18 Paige German

20 Dakota Buss
 20 Heather Lewis
 20 Trent Hemmingsen
 21 Heather Wynia
 22 Connie Pierce
 24 Evan Dressen
 25 Darlyne Swanson

26 Dave Nelson
 27 Shade Pramann
 29 Gloria Hult

Happy Anniversary:

5 Ed & Sue Evenson
 7 Dave & Marsha Nelson

10 Steve & Colleen Buss
 14 Brian & Morgan Fahlberg
 15 Ted & Heather Lewis
 17 Zech & Audrey Stake
 19 Brad & Amanda Hyronimus
 19 Steve & Stacy Sims
 27 Karl & Robin Leikvold

MINISTRY AND WORSHIP

September 7

AM | John 9:1-23, Teacher Dedication
Theme | Healing the Man Born Blind I
PM | Evening Study, Concise Theology

September 14

AM | John 9:24-41
Theme | Healing the Man Born Blind II
PM | No Evening Study

September 21

AM | John 10:1-21
Theme | The Good Shepherd
PM | No evening study

September 28

AM | John 10: 22-42
Theme | "If You Are the Christ, Tell Us"
PM | Evening Study, Concise Theology

HIDDEN ACRES FALL EVENTS

Ladies Horse Retreat Sept. 5-7, Sept. 19-21

Women's Retreat Sept. 12-14

Trails & Truth Oct. 3-5

Sr. Saints Day Oct. 7 & Oct. 8 (your choice)

Marriage Retreat Dec. 5-7

For more information on these events
or others, go to
hacamps.org/our-events

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Date	Greeters	Nursery	Children's Church	Music/Missions	Scripture Reader
9/7	C/S Carnes	Jen Gordon Lewie Gordon	Connie Pierce Anna Kelderman	Abby Wergin	Eric Adam
9/14	T/H Lewis	Karla Bovill Issac Bovill	Colleen Buss Abby Wergin	Missions Moment	Dan Erickson
9/21	J/C Pierce	Nancy Mochel Annalisa Stake	Audrey Stake Sydney DeLay	Tavin Lewis	Jeremy Saugstad
9/28	D/J Paulson	Michelle DeLay Selah Stake	Julie Saugstad Payden Hoffman	Open	Robin Leikvold
10/5	C/M DeLay	Audrey Stake Memphis Meier	B VanHofwegen Andrew Bovill	Hannah Bird	Allen Sveeggen
10/12	K/R Leikvold	Stacy Sims Clara Sims	Nancy Mochel Elsie Bovill	Audrey Stake	Reid Jensen
10/19	A Sveeggen	Jackie Krebs Grace Paulson	Connie Pierce Bethany Hoffman	Open	Sandy Fahlberg
10/26	R/M Jensen	Nancy Swanstrom Abby Wergin	Colleen Buss Sara Hoffman	Zech Stake	Dan Paulson

September Worship Leader: Pete Fahlberg

Keyboard: Connie Twedt

Ushers: Karl Leikvold, Dan Paulson,
Mark Bovill, Dave Nelson

October Worship Leader: Brian Fahlberg

Keyboard: Doreen Fahlberg

Ushers: Jeremy Saugstad, Allen Sveeggen,
Ted Lewis, Chris DeLay

