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Houston Trinity News

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:2-5 (ESV)

Friends,

I started my Monday morning the way I often do; by looking at the predictions for this week's weather. I was surprised to see that there is a potential tropical storm forming in the Gulf that could bring some heavy rain to southeast Texas and possibly Houston. It reminded me that we are entering into a time where we need to be prepared for the hurricane season. Hopefully the projected track of the storm and the amount of water it might bring will not bring flooding to Houston or have major impacts on the area.

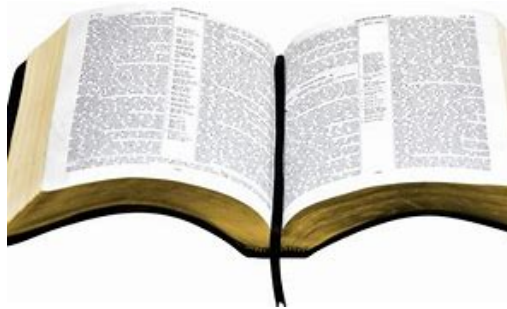


It also brought me back to yesterday's message. Sometimes we hear God calling us down a particular path that we do not want to take. Part of our inability to recognize the call or hear it in God's terms instead of ours is due to our preparation, or lack thereof. 2 Timothy talks about that preparation: Preach the word; be ready in every season he says. We need to understand God's word in order to hear it the way God intends. That comes through study: either by yourself or in a group. I encourage you to join the Adult Sunday School class if you are not there already. I encourage you to take a Bible study. If you are reading this and are not a part of our congregation or any congregation, I encourage you to find a Bible Study on-line. If not, find a Study Bible and read by yourself.

The author of 2 Timothy explained that a time was coming when people will listen to the voices they want to hear instead of the voice of God. That is what Peter did in our text this week. That is what Moses wanted to do in our text this week. That is what the world wants us to do today. So, take a moment while you are preparing things and make a decision to prepare yourself to hear the voice of God. It speaks to us every day. We just don't always hear it.

If the storm does bring rain to your house, stay dry.

God bless you. See you Sunday



Scripture Reading

**1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**

**2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits--**

**3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,**

**4 who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live a
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**6 The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

**7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.**

**8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

**10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

**11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

**12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

**13 As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

Psalm 103:1-13 (NRSV)

Calendar Reminders - August

August 31 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel

September 2 - Confirmation - 5:30

September 2 - Wednesday Night Bible Study - Job - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM

September 6 - Sunday Worship - Communion

September 7 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel

September 9 - Confirmation - 5:30

September 9 - Wednesday Night Bible Study - Job- 6:30 - in person and ZOOM

September 13 - Sunday Worship

September 14 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel

September 17 - Confirmation - 5:30

September 17 - Wednesday Night Bible Study - James - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM

September 20 - Sunday Worship

- Worship Committee Meeting
- Council Meeting

September 21 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel

September 23 - Confirmation - 5:30

September 23- Wednesday Night Bible Study - James - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM

September 25 - Youth Night - 6:30 - 9:00 PM

September 26 - Women of Faith Prayer Meeting - 2:30

September 27 - Sunday Worship

- Congregational Visioning Workshop

Lessons in Leadership



Current Sermon Series - Lessons in Leadership

As we transition from summer to fall, ready to reenter the classrooms of our lives we are called back together to work out how we will live in community as a witness to our faith. Our new sermon series will give us an opportunity for an attitude check.; a time for us to focus our values on creating a community that is faithful to God and each other. We are going to use the stories of Biblical leaders to place ourselves in the correct leadership frame of mind.

We are looking for you. Invite a friend.

Series Titles

August 23 - Power

August 30 - Acceptance

September 6 - Special Guest no sermon from the series

September 13 - Conflict and Grace



Next Sermon Series - Pressing On

Join us beginning September 20 as we spend four weeks in Paul's letter to the Philippians. The beginning of fall is a busy time for all of us. We sometimes lose our desire to keep coming to church and working in the community. It isn't because we don't feel called but rather that we are overwhelmed with the amount to be done. Paul's Letter to the Philippians can be that stimulation to keep going and a reminder of the joy and fellowship that is part and parcel of being the church. Or as St. Paul reminds us, we are to press on to the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Join us in "Pressing On."

Youth Night

Youth night was a great success. Our next Youth Night will be August 28th at the Church. Join us for fun and fellowship as we take a quick break from our back to school activities.

Make sure to RSVP to the email you received. If you didn't receive an invitation, please contact Blessings Ignacio to be added to the email list.



2026 Congregational Focus Corner



Community Outreach/Missions

We are nearing the first actions of our Missional Community program. Stay tuned for exciting information of the first effort we are taking in our community.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Velma Bailey, Mei Mei, Angela Leslie or any member of our Outreach committee.



Samaritans Purse - Operations Christmas Child

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our outreach to Samaritans Purse. We have distributed all of our Christmas boxes and they are slowly returning. When they are all received we will take them to FFAUMC for distribution.

Your generosity will touch the lives of many young boys and girls. God bless you.

Prayer

September Prayer Focus - Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Our prayer focus for September is an important reminder that we are called to move beyond our walls. To move beyond the church property. To move into the world to share

the good news that is our Savior Jesus Christ..

During this month pray unceasingly for each other, for the church, and for the world. When the Holy Spirit helps us align our prayers with the works of God, they are powerful. Remember that we are created in God's image, called to continue Jesus' ministry and mission and this world and convicted to that work through the Holy Spirit. Allow the Spirit to guide your prayers and they can create works greater than we can imagine.



As we continue to walk our prayer journey this year pray daily to understand where our faith lies. Pray daily to understand that the power of men is nothing compared to the power of God. pray daily that we, the body, the church are beholden only to Christ, not to men.

If you are interested in being a part of the planning for our monthly prayer focus, please contact Mel Bernardo or any member of the Prayer Team.

News from the Marvin Rader School

School opens Today, June 8

School opens on Monday, June 8. But our regular classes start on June 15th. We will have a three-day orientation and classes will only be from 8am to 11 am.

The Parents Orientation will be held on June 11 at 9 am.

Our Faculty have been busy with each preparation for their classes and room assignment. The renovation of the roof had been done. Hopefully it works well when the typhoon season comes.

We are looking forward to having more than 60 learners. As of now we have 64.

Regards to all and please keep us in your prayers.

Prayer Corner

Please let Nini or me know if you would like to have your prayer request added to the newsletter.

This weeks' prayer requests.

Prayers for Healing

Jose Liwanag
Saffa Gabba
Christopher Hilton
Bruce Jocz
Pam Custer
Anita Solas
Louise Mosley
Michael Bhola
Jared Davis
Rev. Steven Newcombe - FUMC
Bill Robinson
Josh Bridges
Florante Paz
Fawn Cumby
Christian Mirasol
Leticia Abenojar
Juanita Miller
Ruben Paz
Shellie Robertson
Teddy Ellison
Mel Bousley
Ben Bailon
Zandy Aquino
Ed Roethlein
Linda Litt

Prayers for the World

The peace of God to reign.
For the Marvin Rader School

Open Hearts and Minds; Eyes that See and Ears that Hear

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Prayers for Comfort

The Rillo family as they grieve the passing of Rod this week.

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Gracious God, as we embark on this new journey to cast our vision, we seek Your wisdom. Help us to put aside our understanding and trust fully in the direction that You will send us.

Open our minds to think beyond what we can imagine. Open our hearts to feel the Spirit working here. Open our eyes and ears to see and hear the direction you wish us to travel.

We hear your call Lord, upon the life of Houston Trinity and we want to answer. Yet we are not sure how. We pray Lord, that You bless us, bless our visioning exercises, bless our decisions so that we may go into your world and bless everyone we meet.

Guide our thoughts and actions so our choices will reflect Your will. May we participate in this effort not swayed by the past but grounded in your divine truth.

Give us peace of spirit and confirmation that we are proceeding on the right path. We surrender our plans to Your and pray that You lead us in Your perfect way.

We pray all this in the name of your son, our Redeemer, our Savior, Jesus Christ,

AMEN



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