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Houston Trinity News

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

Friends,

These last two weeks have been wearisome. I have to admit after yesterday afternoon I was worn out. Tired. And I know I am not the only one. Celebrations of Life, Funeral Services, Revival Services for the last three weeks. My incessance that the band play additional hymns beyond their normal music. My changing of the Worship order. And that is just at church.

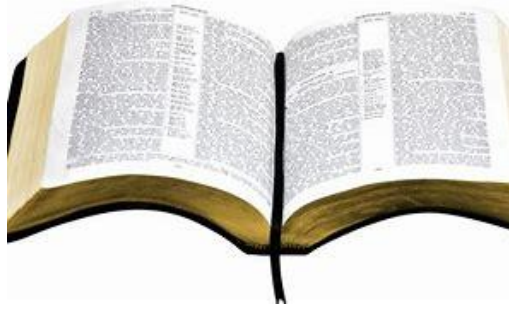
School started again this week. New routines. Homework. Getting up early. Going to bed late. Extra-curricular activities. Increased traffic. No wonder we feel exhausted. No wonder we feel drained. Sometime life just takes all of it out of us.

Those are the times; especially the times, when we need to hear Jesus say to us "Come to me, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Through our faith in Jesus. In our relationship with God, we are offered rest. Not just a physical rest but a relief from the anxieties that weigh on us. A respite from the burdens that the world places upon us. A comfort from the grief that we experience through the trials in our lives.

We need to remember always that the weariness, the anxieties, the burdens of our lives do not have to be borne by ourselves alone. Jesus promises to bear them with us. Have faith in your Savior and he will bring you rest. That is his promise.

God bless you. See you Sunday





Scripture Readings

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. 13 The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16 "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. 18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." 20 So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you

a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” 8 Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. 9 Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Exodus 1:8-2:10 (NRSV)

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

Calendar Reminders - August

August 2 - Sunday Worship - Communion

August 3 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Exodus - led by Pastor Manuel

August 5- Wednesday Night Bible Study - Job- 6:30 - in person and ZOOM

August 9 - Sunday Worship

- Confirmation
- Backpack Blessings

August 10 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel

August 12- Wednesday Night Bible Study - Job - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM

August 16 - Sunday Worship

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August 17 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel

August 19- Wednesday Night Bible Study - Job - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM

August 23 - Sunday Worship

- Worship Committee Meeting
- Council Meeting
- Church Directory
- August 24 - Bible Study - ZOOM - 7:30 - Joshua - led by Pastor Manuel

August 27- Wednesday Night Bible Study - Job - 6:30 - in person and ZOOM

August 28 - Youth Night - 6:30 - 9:00 PM

August 29 - Women of Faith Prayer Meeting - 2:30

August 30 - Sunday Worship

- Congregational Visioning Workshop

Lessons in Leadership



New 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

Church Directory - Stop by on the 23rd if you haven't already

Dawn Jones and Barbara Goddard will be in the Narthex on August 23rd to finish gathering information for our new Church Photo directory. They will have forms for you to provide your contact information (only if you want). They will also be taking photos.

As we grow it will be important to have a directory so everyone will know who we are.

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.



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

August Prayer Focus - Acts 2:42

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Our prayer focus for August is an important reminder that we are called to devote ourselves to learning, to fellowship, to praying and to breaking bread together.

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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