

WRESTLING WITH GOD AND HIS WORD

*I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who is to judge the living and the dead,
and by his appearing and his kingdom:
preach the word;
be ready in season and out of season;
reprove, rebuke, and exhort,
with complete patience and teaching.*
2 Timothy 4:1-2

Every time I pass through the immigration gate of a foreign country I am asked the same question, *what do you do for a living?* Before I answer, a smile comes to my face, because I want to say, "I am a professional wrestler." No, I do not wrestle in the WWE, but I do spend a lot of time each week wrestling with God and his Word.

I am honored and privileged to be the Senior Minister at Goodman Oaks. I am blessed to spend time every week wrestling with God and God's Word. I wrestle with the text as I seek to more fully understand what the text meant to the original audience in their time and setting.

I wrestle with God because he often surprises me when he acts in ways that I am not expecting. In Isaiah 39 we see God pronounce judgment on good king Hezekiah and the people of Judea. Then, in Isaiah 55 we see God offer rich abundant mercy to those who will turn to him. These two accounts do not contradict each other, rather they complement each other.

I wrestle with the text, I wrestle with God, and I also wrestle with myself. As I spend time in God's presence with his Word, I cannot help but become aware of areas of my own life that need God's forgiveness and God's power to grow. However, if I only preached lessons on topics that I had mastered, my list of sermons would be very short. Thus, before I lead you into the text to see God more clearly, I must challenge myself to see God in the text and to apply the text to my life.

I also wrestle with how to help you see how God reveals himself in the text. I wrestle to make sure that I honor the text as I stay true to its ancient meaning while applying it to our modern world. I wrestle with balancing love and truth. I wrestle with when and how to *reprove, rebuke, and exhort*.

One more thing. After all the wrestling, it might surprise you that some lessons are not fully ready by Sunday. Sometimes, I realize that another text and message better fits the occasion. Thus, every now and again you will notice that the sermon I preach is not the sermon listed in the bulletin. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your love of Jesus. Thank you for your love of God's word and God's people. Let's continue to grow together in the love and truth of Jesus.

**Grace & Peace
Derek**

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Gwen Ray** has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Tammy Pruett** will have surgery this week.
- **Jeanette Williams** is dealing with health issues.
- Keep **Jim & Nancy Hertter** in your prayers.
- **Louisa Allgeier** is in Baptist DeSoto.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Sonia Henry, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Joe Rodgers, Chris Rogers, Louise Schmittou, Jamie Vorhof, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jane Winstead.

PHYSICAL THERAPY: Reta Douglas, Dot McEwen **HOSPICE CARE:** Katie Culley, Ann Estes

SHUT-INS: Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Gordon & Louise Schmittou, Helen Weathers.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Jane Mullins, Willie Pyrdam, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Freddy Ards and family**. Freddy was baptized on **Wednesday, August 2, 2017**.

BACK TO SCHOOL THANK YOU

Our Back to School Party last week was a great success with many families spending time together having fun in our church park. Thank you so much to **Antoinette Jones** who planned the event and to the **Faithbuilders** Bible class care group that volunteered to make it a success.

EI SALVADOR MISSION TRIP

The dates for our December Trip to El Salvador have been set! **Friday, December 1 – Saturday, December 9** is the week that is scheduled! If you would like to go on this trip please see **Mark Hammer or Tim Mobley**. The deadline to sign up for the trip is **Wednesday, August 16**. Also, there is a \$100 deposit required that will be used for reserving airline tickets.



NURSERY WORKERS

August 13

10:00 (0-24 mos) Brittany Solomon
Karen Bunker, Mason Branning
(2 years) Jennifer & Allison Davis
5:00PM: Hollie Phillips, Jennifer Kuykendall

August 20

10:00 (0-24 mos) Corey Mobley,
Courtney Heitman, Patty Rasco
(2 years) Daphne Eddlemon, Misha Kimbell
5:00PM: Vickie Eddlemon, Pat Hasler

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Today is the **LAST day** we are collecting School Supplies for **HORN LAKE ELEMENTARY**. There are boxes outside the main auditorium doors to collect these items.

#2 PENCILS
GLUE STICKS
24 Pack CRAYONS
COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS
8 Pack Washable MARKERS
COPY PAPER

SUMMER SERIES

Our summer series continues on Wednesday nights in August with a different theme: **Disciples in a Digital Age**. We will have some lessons that focus on helping us grow in our relationship with Jesus in a world where the use of technology is growing. We will have experts in our church family share their wisdom on the benefits and dangers of technology to our faith. Make plans to join us in the **FLC**.

YOUTH NEWS

TEEN NIGHTS

Our first Teen Night of the school year will be **Sunday, August 27**. Teens may show up at **4:45PM** and we will end at **7PM**. Parents, these times allow you to drop your teen off and attend evening services at church. Also, our bible study/devotional time will happen between **5PM–6PM**. After the bible study we will share a meal together. If you need to pick your child up sooner than 7 that is quite alright!

AREA WIDE

Our first area wide of the season will be **Sunday, September 10**, in Hernando. Mark your calendars now and make plans to go. The area wide starts at **5PM** and end around **7PM**. The location will determine the time we will leave the building and return. For the Hernando area wide, we will meet at **4:30PM** and return around **7:30PM**. If you plan to meet us in Hernando or be picked up from Hernando please let **Jared** know.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today. An attended nursery for 0-24 months is available in the foyer and 2 year olds meet in room 5. Children ages 3-5 will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church. Hearing assistance is available at the sound booth.

If you are a member of the Church of Christ and are looking for a place to worship and serve, please consider placing yourself under the oversight of our shepherds and becoming part of our family in serving the Lord.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call Derek McNamara at 662-349-3600.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class	9:00AM
Morning Assembly	10:00AM
Evening Assembly	5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00PM
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Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY HEBREWS 2

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 22,176
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	343
Morning Assembly	499
Midweek Class	186

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ORDER OF WORSHIP August 13, 2017

Singing - Todd Cottrell

"There's A Stirring"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

"My Life Is In You Lord"

Prayer - Ryan Kuykendall

356 *"I Believe In The One They Call Jesus"*

The Lord's Supper and Offering
Ken Joines

613 *"Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"*

560 *"Living By Faith"*

63 *"I Will Call Upon The Lord"*

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY HEBREWS 2

Invitation Song:

382 *"Why Did Me Savior Come To Earth?"*

Shepherd's Prayer - Marty Brownfield

Him we proclaim,
warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present
everyone mature in Christ.
~Colossians 1:28~



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