



# Newsletter

## GROWING IN FAITH

### Hebrews 12:1-2

Lately, I have spoken to so many people who have shared that they feel overcome by life, experience feelings of depression, and often find their life to be dominated by negative thoughts. Life is overwhelming. It's hard to stay positive and optimistic about the future. The way in which these blockades in our spiritual growth are overcome, depends upon our faith. Is it growing? Is it stagnant? Wouldn't it be great to rise above the distractions of this world and live the life abundant that Jesus brought? Here are some scripture that may help...



***Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. 2 We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete. He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because he knew later on he would be glad he did. Now he is seated at the right side of God's throne! 3 So keep your mind on Jesus, who put up with many insults from sinners. Then you won't get discouraged and give up. (Hebrews 12:1-2)***

First, we need to determine the direction God is leading us. The aim of faith is to find, follow, and finish the will of God. How do we do that?

- 1) Be encouraged by the saints.

You cannot see the "cloud of witnesses," but the champions of faith who have gone before are now in the ring of honor, looking down and cheering us on as we run the race. This group may be made up of the Old or New Testament saints, or they may be people God had placed in your life to spur you on to serve Jesus. Your progress in faith causes them to celebrate what Christ is doing in your life.

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2) Get rid of extra baggage.

**“...we must get rid of everything that slows us down...”** These are not sins, but weights. You may be able to swim with a bowling ball attached to your ankle, but you won't win many races. There are things which are not bad in themselves, but about which you have to say, *“That's not for me if I want to run this race.”*

3) Get rid of what is tripping you up.

The King James Version uses the word “besetting sin.” A besetting sin is something you have been wrestling with for a long time, which trips you up when you're running. Ask yourself, where do you keep falling? Hebrews 12:1 says *“Put it down and don't pick it up again.”* The great enemy of faith is sin. If you are having trouble with faith, try repentance. Is this precious little sin worth not having a right relationship with God?

4) Make necessary preparation for the race.

**“...we must be determined to run the race...”** This means determination. The competition is tough. The course can be challenging. But we must commit to God's purpose in our life. God does business with those who do business. God's business is to see that none should perish, but that all receive eternal life. Don't forget to keep the main thing...the main thing.

5) Be sold out to Jesus.

**“...We must keep our eyes on Jesus...”** Faith is the result of looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. He is the Alpha and the Omega. He is the one who fires the gun, He is the goal to which we run, and He coaches us as we go.

Put your eyes on Jesus. Fall in love with Jesus. Study Jesus. You will find Him in the Word. **“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).**

God is good. Give Him your worship. Let's make certain that there is no “summer slump” in our church life or in our daily living. See you each Sunday this summer.

In Christ,

Bob



# VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!!!!

**DATES: JULY 17, 20-23**

**SCHEDULE**

July 17—6:00-Registration & Ice Cream

July 20—6:00pm to 7:30pm

July 21—6:00pm to 7:30pm

July 22—6:00pm to 7:30pm

July 23—10:00am to 11:30am closing and water party

Join us for FUN, FOOD, GAMES, CRAFTS, BIBLE TIME & MUSIC

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Philip Mann	6/8
Wolf Linders	6/15
Raina Leonard	6/16
Tristin Leonard	6/16
Elisabeth Duncan	6/21
Melinda Kendall	6/26



Greg & Gail	6/6
Haebler	
Bill & Janet Rasmussen	6/18



Our Women's Breakfast meets on the fourth Saturday of every month at 10:00 am at the Airport Café. All ladies are welcome and invited to join us.



Our Men's Breakfast meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Feedlot Café in Marana. We meet at 8:00am All men are welcome!!



Our Sandario Baptist AWANA club is on break for the summer. We will resume with registration on Wednesday August 17th, and our first night of AWANA club will be Wednesday, August 31st at 5:45pm

**COULD THIS BE THE TIME?**

We are in a season of great distress in our nation, schools, churches and denominations. It seems everywhere we turn, there is a crisis.

The boards are coming loose. What was once nailed down is coming apart.

Much like the 1060's the air is ripe for revival or riot. The devil will do all he can to incite a riot. He will pour gas on our anger, fleshly solutions, distrust and confusion.

At the same time, God is looking for people who will look to Him. Like the people during the days of Hosea, we've been chasing other lovers. We've prostituted ourselves for fame, fortune, power and pleasure. We've excused sin, watered down truth and ceased to pray. This is on OUR watch. We've lived such compromised lives that a generation is jaded by what they've seen.

Could this be the summer? What if the thousands of students who gather for youth camps see a mighty move of God? What if children go to VBS and God shows up?

I'm praying for this generation. What if 2022 is the year of God calling out the called, saving the lost and igniting the saved with a hunger for the much more of the Christian life?

*Michael Catt: Pastor of Sherwood Baptist*



# MAY CELEBRATION



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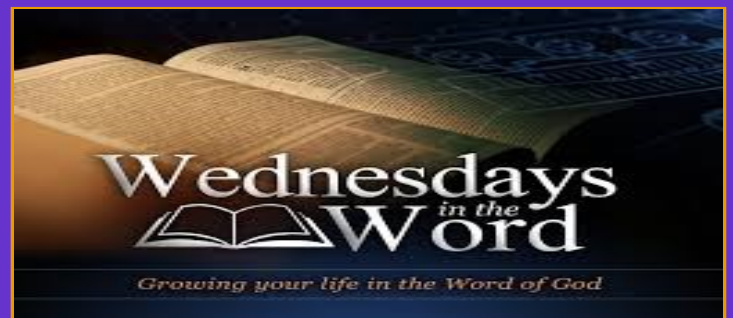
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**Just click on the "Building Fund" tab.**

We are in need of a drummer and a piano player to play with our Praise Team on Sunday Morning. If you play or if you know someone who does that might like to join us in worship, please contact Mark soon. We are looking for someone with a heart for worship who could start as soon as possible.

Mark can be reached at [sandario.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandario.mark@gmail.com)



Please join us on Wednesday Evenings for a time in the word.

We will meet every Wednesday, evening for

**BIBLE STUDY @ 6:30PM**

**SHARE & PRAYER @ 7:00PM**

Please come and be a part of the exciting things God is doing at Sandario