

GREETINGS FROM GREENVINE



Most of you know that Janie and Scott Schulz, our daughter and son-in-law have been working on their home that needed to be leveled. Karen and I have been keeping their children for about three weeks now. They have gone back to their home and we are alone again.

One of the most significant changes that has taken place in our home is the grocery bill. Wowzers! Milk, bread and cereal along with pancake mix and chicken don't last long around here. I usually have to make a couple of trips to the HEB several times per week. Even then, I have had to make quick trips to Dollar General to get milk and eggs at times. We are helping the economy to no end. The country ought to be thankful! With 2 that are approaching teen age, and the others expending so much energy during the daylight hours, they eat like there is no tomorrow.

Interestingly enough, Karen and I began looking at our diets a couple of months ago and made some changes that will help us at our ages. The changes were good, but they are out the window with 5 kiddos and at times Janie here to check in on them. They just like to eat. Fortunately for us, they don't do junk food nor fast food. We don't do McDonalds or any others like that, so we can decide what the meals will be. We are finding out what their likes and dislikes are. One of them is a very picky eater. Pickier than anyone I have ever met. He eats only certain parts of a chicken leg. Will not eat certain foods, and when asking Jahnni about what they all like, it usually ends with "everyone likes that except" Interesting to see and try to make some kind of decision about.

Food. So important for our lives. So important for the grands growth. Nutrition must be taken into the fray. We want to provide meals and snacks that will meet their needs. We are thankful that their parents have always encouraged them to eat fruit and vegetables as snacks. So we have continued that practice.

That brings me to spiritualize our experience. Nutrition is what we need both physically and spiritually. Jesus fed thousands miraculously while He was here on the earth. However, He was quick to point out that there was "food" much more important than what we eat physically.

It is also interesting to me that He fasted often. One time for 40 days. On the cross He said, "I thirst." The book of Hebrews tells us that He was tempted in all points like we are, "yet without sin." Food, drink and other physical satisfactions were a part of His being human.

He also often used food and drink to illustrate deeper spiritual truths that are applicable to us today. I'd like to spend a little of your time to look at some of those.

In **John 4: 34**; **“My food, Jesus said, is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work.”** Jesus' real nourishment comes from obeying the Father. He also said, **“Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees the Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son does also.”** Such a synchronicity! The Trinity is always in agreement. Nothing is done by one without the knowledge of the other; and it's permission.

That is the way we should be. Nothing we do is outside what the Father and the Son agree upon. That can only happen when we know what the Godhead wants. We must be so in tune with what the Father wants of us, we will accomplish His goals in our lives.

Very similarly, when Jesus used food to illustrate spiritual truth, He always explained what He was truly doing. When He fed the 5000, He went across the lake and the people found Him. He told them that they only followed Him because He fed them physically. His desire was to feed them spiritually.

He even used food to illustrate what He accomplished for us on the cross. When instigating the first Lord's Supper at passover, He said, “This is my body broken for you. After they had eaten He took the cup and said, “This is my blood shed for the remission of your sin.”

The bread and the contents of the cup were only symbols of a spiritual truth that He wanted to teach His disciples. It also fulfilled the truth of the symbolism of the Seder meal in the passover. It had been taking place for thousands of years without the participants even knowing what it all meant. How fortunate are we, who come years later and realize from Holy Scripture what He was really saying and meaning. I bless God that we are on this side of Calvary and have been shown what all of those Old Testament pictures represent.

We sometimes sing, “In Christ alone, my hope is found.” It is so refreshing to realize that the Old Testament, that is sometimes hard to follow, contains truth that is explained to us in the New Testament. I really like finding those truths and realizing what it is all about.

As some of you know, we are taking on a new road in our lives. We are fostering Missy's son for a while. He needs some really good examples of Christian life, and we are willing to help all we can. By the time you get this newsletter, we will have him with us at the parsonage. We covet your prayers, and look forward to how we can help Isaiah in his life. We intent to speak truth into his life by the Word of God.

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You all can help as well. He has to attend church with us, so he will be there both on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We hope to show him, through you how Christian community really works and succeeds. We bless God that you are in our lives, and as a result will be in Isaiah's life as well as Missy.

Please be in prayer for them and us as we desire to teach the truths of the Word of God in both their lives.

Blessings to you all. Jack & Karen

Announcements

- Please remember to complete your information card for the directory.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study -Wednesday nights @ 6pm
- Women's Ministry - 2nd Tuesday of each month @6pm - Next meeting June 8@6pm
- Woman's Bible Study -Saturday June 5 @10am
- Men's Prayer Breakfast - Wednesday May 26, @ 7am
- Volunteers needed for Camp Hope June 7-11 (at Greenvine) and June 14 - 18 (at Camp For All)
 - Adults needed to help with children's programs.
 - Cook a taco meal for 50 - 75 people
 - Please see Charlotte to sign up.
- _ Remember to fill your baby bottles and return on Father's day.
- Special offering for Bible Sticks ministry on Sunday May 30
- 4th of July Barbecue- Sunday July 4th - 5pm - dark - Stay tuned for more details

Prayer Requests

Please remember to pray for those in our congregation that live alone.

Please pray for direction and wisdom for Jack and Karen as they make decisions about his health.

Jack has developed a cyst on his wrist and is waiting on Dr's report to see what needs to be done.

Pray for Jack and Karen as they foster Isaiah

Patty Merryman - Praise - Eyes are getting better and Dr has taken her off some of her medication

Patty Merryman's friend Wanda - Going through cancer treatments

Byron Rutland - Recovering from eye surgery

Becky's granddaughter Taylor who has Cystic Fibrosis and is having health issues

Colin Smith - 18 yr old with a Traumatic Brain Injury. (Patient of Karens)

Patty's Brother Scott - Recovering from surgery

Gerri Smart's daughter Terri has been diagnosed with cancer. She will be starting chemo prior to surgery then more chemo and possibly radiation. Please pray for strength as she walks through this and prayers for Gerri as well as she she helps Terri through this process.

Gerri Smart has seen another eye doctor and he wants to hold off on another eye surgery for now. Please pray for healing in Gerri's eye.

Keith Whittington - Recovering from back surgery

Cliff Reed's dad is recovering from a UTI (He was hospitalized earlier this week)

Juliette - recovering from gun shot wound - she has been able to go home.

Joe Durrett - Stomach cancer and heart attack - home on hospice care

Ray and Bev Morris - Bev and been diagnosed with Alzheimers

Cliff's dad has dementia and is not doing well.

Bobbie Schulte - Doing better

Mandy Forester - Upcoming Brain surgery

Sandra Carson's daughter Candace is having some mental health issues

Bob & Sadie Easley - Health issues

Ed Ehring's sister Julie Robison is suffering from Alzheimer's.

Vicky Hoffman - legally blind but her eyes are getting worse

Chain of Love - Pray for the children, the house parents, the teachers and pastors that work with them

Sandra - housemother is in ICU with Covid

Valdir - COL Maintenance - ICU with Covid

Prayers for those working in health related jobs, for protection. Especially those from our own families:

Karen at St Joseph - Susan - State School - Zella Johnson

On going Covid-19 pandemic