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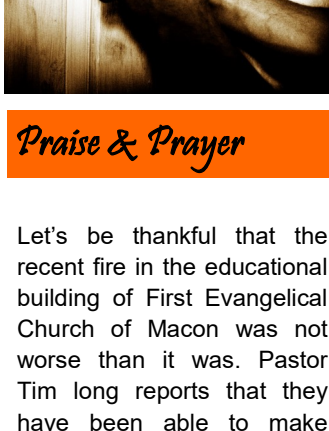
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Transcending Anxiety

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We are living in perilous times. It seems like everywhere you turn and listen where people are talking, in articles in the newspaper or on-line and TV, there is extreme criticism of almost everything and everyone. Authority is questioned like never before.



Praise & Prayer

- The President... "infamously denied any involvement in the... scandal with his now timeless defense."
- "I've looked on a lot of women with lust. I've committed adultery in my heart many times."
- "He's cutting the heart out of the American dream to own a home and have a good job..."
- The President "is probably about as religious as I am, meaning zero, but his managers made a point of making sure that every Sunday morning he is in church singing hymns."
- "He is a man who is unusually incurious, abnormally unintelligent, amazingly inarticulate, fantastically uncultured, extraordinarily uneducated, and apparently quite proud of all these things."
- "America, we have reached the critical mass of Epic Weird."
- The President "should have not been selected as the representative man of any party. His weak, wishy-washy, namby-pamby efforts, imbecile in matter, disgusting in manner, have made us the laughing stock of the whole world."
- Numerous allies and appointees have turned against the President such as the Vice President, the Postmaster General and an Ambassador. Outside the administration prominent supporters who turned against the President included journalists and the news media.

Let's be thankful that the recent fire in the educational building of First Evangelical Church of Macon was not worse than it was. Pastor Tim Long reports that they have been able to make adjustments and keep their full schedule of classes and Bible studies. Demolition and clean up was still on hold as they waited for the power company and insurance company to complete their investigation as to the exact cause. Let's keep this congregation in our prayers as they move forward.

(In case you want to know, the quotes above were written in regards to the following Presidents: Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt.)

Thank the Lord for recent interest and inquiries into the association. Be praying for God's guidance for those who have contacted us.

This negativism creates anxiety which often leads to extreme crisis. If I spent time listening to everyone and believing all I heard, I think I would choose to remove myself from this life... perhaps find a cave somewhere and hide myself from everyone. In other words ESCAPE!

Pray for those who are faithfully working their way through our course of study.

It is important to put things in perspective.

Be praying for our upcoming Ministers' & Wives' Retreat.

FIRST, I think about all that Christ has done for me: my salvation; the comfort of the Holy Spirit; the gracious LOVE of God; God's calling on my life; watching people around me receive hope and change in their life and realizing God chose me, an unworthy vessel, to be used in the process; my precious family; friends I have made over a lifetime and can see them literally around the world on Facebook (yes, it can have a good purpose), and the opportunities to rejoice with them and pray for their burdens.

SECOND, I realize ALL things are not what they seem. When I think about politics for instance I realize that over my lifetime I have voted in 12 Presidential elections. Five times my candidate of choice won... five times my candidate of choice lost... two times my candidate of choice never made it out of the starting blocks. AND you know what... the world is still functioning. The moon, stars, and the rising and setting of the sun still fascinate me as I watch GOD paint his splendor in the vastness of space.

Then I am reminded of what Paul wrote of God's promises:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

My only regret today is that life is too short to truly enjoy and comprehend all the blessings God has given me. My prayer for all of us today is GOD's love will transcend our anxiousness.

Resources

Missions

We continue to encourage your support of our parachurch member, **The Pierced One Ministries**. Please consider inviting Lance Snipes to come to your church to share about this ministry.

If you are seeking additional missions or missionaries to support, the following is a list of missionaries which some of our churches support or have had to come and share in their services. They would recommend these to you to remember in prayer, to support financially, and to invite to speak at your church when they are in your area.

When you are aware of a missionary whom you would recommend traveling through the area, please pass that word along so others might be able to take advantage of the opportunity to support them and to be blessed by their ministry.

- Allhouse**, Bill & Lydia – WGM (World Gospel Mission)
- Gentry**, Troy and Jenny - OMS (One Mission Society)
- Kunkle**, John & Priscilla – WGM
- Kunkle**, Nina – WGM
- Lindsey**, Leroy & Kay – OMS
- Lubeck**, John & Diane – Evangel Bible Translators
- Mayo**, Jonathan & Lisa – WGM
- Moon**, Don & Glenda – WGM
- Osana**, Nobue (Megan Nason's sister) – Jian Hua Foundation
- Overholt**, Larry & Angie - WGM

Calendar

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April 3-5, 2018: Ministers' & Wives' Retreat at Amicalola State Park in Dawsonville, GA

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July 10-12, 2018: Annual Meeting at Highland Manor & Conference Center in Townsend, TN