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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR WILL

Dear Open Bible Family,

There is a song that keeps going over in my heart by Lauren Daigle entitled "I Will Trust In You." It has several lines in the chorus: "When you don't move the mountains...When you don't part the waters...When you don't give the answers...I will trust in You." That is the way I want to be with the Lord! No matter what happens, I want to trust in the Lord! May we be that kind of church! We will trust in the Lord no matter what happens!



We buried our good friend, Paul Lampman this past week. I know he is with Jesus and would not want to come back if it were offered. But I still have questions—Why Lord did he go this way? I believe in healing, but it wasn't meant to be. I return to the truthfulness of the above song—"When you don't move the mountains...I will trust in you!"

This is my encouragement to you, church! Trust in the Lord no matter what!

As always, I love you and appreciate being your pastor! You are an awesome church!

In Christ,

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PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, please give your request to Ethel McLaughlin and it will be put on the prayer list. Phone: 357-5094 E:mail: ethelmc132@hotmail.com



People meet at the church on Mondays at 1:00 pm to pray, plus many lift up your needs during the week. We are believing God's word.

CLUBHOUSE

We recently wrapped up our *Emotions* series that began a few months ago! We covered different emotions and a related Bible story to show how to love God from the inside out! Each week brought something new and was a lot of fun! I bet everyone has felt *embarrassed* at some time or another. Yet if we



follow Jesus, He will guide us and we don't have to be embarrassed and deny him like Peter did. Jesus will give us the strength to do what is right if we trust Him. We should reflect Jesus by the way we live. Light always overtakes darkness! Last but certainly not least, is *joy*. In one afternoon with Jesus, Zacchaeus was transformed from a miserable, crooked little man into a generous, loving person. He gave his heart to Jesus, and he chose to not only give back every penny he had stolen, but a little more in addition. Zacchaeus gave all of himself to Jesus, and he became a man filled with joy.



Jesus gives us all a reason to be joyful!

Thanks so much to the many helping hands that have been a part of Clubhouse this year. The support and prayers not only means so much, but does so much! Please continue to keep the kids and families in your prayers throughout this season and into the brand new year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Robin

LIBRARY

The holidays are over and now some of you will have time for a good book. Especially on a cold day when staying in the house is the best option.



There are so many good books to choose from in the church library. We have some new donations:

1. "Unleashing the Power of Joy" by Dale Crawshaw
2. "Imitation is Limitation" by John Mason

There is also a new fiction book. "Heaven In High Gear" by Joan Brady.

Take time in your life for a good book.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you, church, for faithfully giving back to God His part of your finances (the tithe or 10%) and for giving your offering. Without people who faithfully give, our church could not do what it does each month with our various ministries.

Here is an overview of November 2016 giving:

~Tithes and offering: \$13,681.63 ~MVP: \$390.55

~Prison: \$313.00

~Building Fund: \$790.29

~Benevolent Fund: \$50.00

Our Building Fund has \$184,923.95- as of December 18, 2016

Concerning giving receipts, we only keep records of giving for those who ask for a tithe number and then, who use it on their tithe envelope with their gift inside. If you would like a tithe number, please see our treasurer, Bev Grell. She will be happy



YOUTH



Happy New Year church! I am excited to start another year with the youth group. God has really given me a great bunch of kids to teach. In the coming year we are going to start talking about change. I am going to challenge students to think about what they really want to be about in this the coming year. I'll encourage them to change something they know needs to be changed and start doing something new they know they need to be doing. I want them to step into and actually do whatever is that God is calling them to. I know that with all your support & prayers this will be a great and wonderful new year with the youth group.

Ruth Crotty

CLUBHOUSE

I can't believe that we are just about ready to wrap up our *Emotions* series. So far, we have covered 9 different emotions and a related Bible story, to show how to love God from the inside out! To our list, we added feeling *thankful*. When Noah was able to be on dry land again, one of the first things he did was thank God! Noah could have complained about all the work he had to do, spending so many days on an ark, or maybe cleaning up after the animals, but he thanked God. We always have something to be thankful for because His goodness never ends. Next up is perhaps one of the best emotions, *love*. There are so many things to love and we are able to have the feeling of love because God first loved us! The whole Bible is about God's love for us. We can all rely on the words of 1 John 4:8 "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." Thank goodness his love never fails! We finished off the month by taking a look at *pride*. When we think we have everything we need, it can be easy to become proud and forget that it is God who gives us everything. We took a look into part of Solomon's story to show how pride can easily be our downfall. Even though God had given Solomon so much, Solomon still wanted something God had warned him against. He disobeyed God by taking on foreign wives who turned his heart away from the one true God. We all need to keep God as #1 in our life!



Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the kids, youth and adults who participated in talent night. Great job everyone! Just a reminder, on Saturday, December 10th, the children's ministry is hosting a family movie event, and on Wednesday, December 14th, is the Clubhouse Christmas party! Both will be such a fun time and I hope to see all the kids there.



Please remember to keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Thanks, robin

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD BANQUET



John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

We want to honor all those in our church that are reading the entire Bible in 2016, and also everyone who has taken the Scripture Memory Challenge this year, even if you did not participate in the monthly memory quiz.

A Special Meal will be served in recognition of your faithfulness and commitment to God's Word on Sunday, January 8th at 6:00 PM at the church.

If you are reading your Bible this year, having started in Genesis and soon to be finishing with the Book of Revelation, or if you have been diligently putting to memory all of this year's memory verses we celebrate your efforts.

Please join us as we honor you!

There will be a sign up sheet on the back fellowship table to reserve your place at this special event in your honor. Spouses are welcome to join as well. Thank you all for your dedication to His Word.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not **return** unto me **void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.