

## Discouraged

Have you ever been discouraged? Do you think men like Moses, David, Daniel, Elijah, Peter, or Paul ever got discouraged? Many may not think that these men ever got discouraged doing the Lord's work, but they did. Elijah, after his fight with the prophets of Baal got so discouraged that he wanted to die; in fact he even prayed that he might do that very thing. Listen, "But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers" (1 Kings 19:4). Consider the Apostle Paul was discouraged when he was imprisoned that the Lord appeared unto him, "And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle. And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome" (Acts 23:10-11). He was discouraged about all the events that had taken place in his life that he was discouraged and the Lord appeared to him to help him during this time. The Lord will not appear to you but if you will open the Book and study it you will find the help that you need to overcome temptation and overcome discouragement as well. Another time Paul was discouraged was when he was aboard the ship heading to Rome. Through a number of decision that were out of his control he and his traveling companions were on a ship at the wrong time of the year that was conducive for traveling by water. Notice what is said, "But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have harkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, who I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul thou must be brought before Caesar: and lo, god hath given thee all them that sail with thee" (Acts 27:21-24). Great men of God have gotten discourage, but what did they do to overcome this discouragement? That is what we need to discover in this article.

Elijah was given to eat and rest and then was given some evidence of the power of God. He was also told that he was not alone, that there were seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal (1 Kings 19:18). When we become discouraged there is some advice that we need to follow in this example. We need to make sure that we are not discouraged because we are tired. Rest and make the next decision in the morning when you have rested. Some advice that given to the students at the Memphis School of Preaching

### Those serving...Next Sunday

Song Leading  
Scripture Reading  
Opening Prayer  
Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer  
Announcements/Invitation

Don Evans  
Jonathan Evans  
Frank Long  
John Thomason(P)  
Tom Parker, Jerry Martinez, Clyde Hill,  
Jerry Shepherd, DJ Allen, Albert Tolle  
Frank Thomason  
Tommy Wolaver

for many years was to never make a major decision on a blue day, this is still good advice not only for the student body of MSOP but also for every one. We also can see that Elijah was given examples of the power of God. First there was great and strong wind; second, there was earthquake; third, there was fire; yet none of these things seemed to be impressive to Elijah, but when the small still voice was heard, he wrapped his face in his mantle as though he was afraid of it. Which one of these examples of the power of God would make you hid your face? Would it be the wind, the earthquake, the fire or the small still voice? Do you know that these examples of the power of God are still before us? They were written for our learning (Romans 15:4). We can learn how to overcome discouragement by studying these examples. With Paul we find that one time the Lord stood by him and the other time an angel stood by him. Wouldn't it be nice to have that kind of encouragement today? If the Lord stood in your presence or an angel came to you and said something encouraging to you, wouldn't that be terribly nice? If you read your Bible wouldn't that be the same thing? They did not have the New Testament during this time to read so things like this had to happen to encourage them. We have these things written for us so that we too can overcome discouragement; do we read and study so that the Word of God can encourage us?

Do you realize what many of us do when we get discouraged? Do you realize that many of us do not turn to the help that is right before us? There is the Bible to help. How often are you reading your Bible? Reading your Bible on a daily basis is an area where you can help yourself overcome discouragement.

Another area is who are your companions? Who are your friends? To whom to you turn when you are discouraged? Consider, "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Corinthians 15:33). If we do not have the proper people to lead us out of discouragement then we are heading in the wrong direction. We are heading down the slippery slope of never ending discouragement. Who are your friends? Maybe a change of friends is appropriate to overcome discouragement or even temptation. Also, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Hebrews 10:22-23).

If you do not come to the services of the church then how can you overcome discouragement? People are here to help you when you need it. "Blessed be God, evern the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). We can encourage one another but only by coming together when the saints are called together. This is one of the purposes of worship. Where are you when you are discouraged? Why not come to worship at all times! Love, Keith

### BULLETIN INFORMATION

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at [trudyblue1@yahoo.com](mailto:trudyblue1@yahoo.com). Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514

<b>Those serving...</b>		<b>For The Record...</b>	
<b>September 27th-A.M. Services</b>			
Song Leading	Tom Wolaver	<b>September 20th</b>	
Scripture Reading	Josh Sweeney	Bible Study	72
Opening Prayer	John Thomason	AM Worship	93
Lord's Supper	Frank Thomason(P)	PM Worship	49
	Tom Parker, John Hughes, Art Hein, Zane Whatley, Duke Allen, Eugene Hendrix	<b>September 23rd</b>	
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon	Bible Study	48
Closing Prayer	Jerry Cooper	<b>Offering September 20th</b>	
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon	\$2464.25	
Announcements/Invitation	Larry Eldridge		

<b>September 27th-P.M. Services</b>		<b>September 30th-Wednesday Services</b>	
Song Leading	Tom Wolaver	Announcements	Larry Eldridge
Scripture Reading	Josh Sweeney	Lead Singing	Tom Wolaver
Opening Prayer	Frank Long	Speaker	Frank Thomason
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon	Closing Prayer	Frank Long
Closing Prayer	Albert Tolle	Media Attendant	John Newham

**LADIES DAY 2015**  
We will host our annual Ladies Day here on November 7th. Please start inviting your family and friends. It will be a great time.

**HEARING DEVICES**  
If you need a hearing device for worship or bible study please let Dwayne McCannon or John Newham know.

**DIRECTORY PICTURES**  
If you would like a new picture taken for the directory OR if you have recently placed membership and need your picture added to the wall please see Larry Eldridge.

**PROJECTS FOR THE BUDGET**  
The elders will be putting together a new budget and are asking for any ideas of new projects that you may have. Please let Tommy or Larry know of anything you have in mind.

**NEW COMPUTER**  
With the donations made by Susan Thomason's work and the offerings from the members we were able to upgrade our recording equipment. Thank you to all who gave.

Please keep any electronic devices on silent during worship.  
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**SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

**Assembly Times:**  
**Sunday**  
 Bible Study-9:30 am  
 Worship-10:30 am  
 PM Worship-6:00 pm  
**Wednesday**  
 Bible Study  
 Morning-10:30 am  
 Evening-7:00 pm

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 KEITH DIXON

**GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION**

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Acts 17:30
Confess	Romans 10:9-10
Baptized	Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully	Matthew 7:21



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*Visitors Welcome!*  
 You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

**COME BACK TONIGHT! SERVICES START AT 6PM.**  
**UP**  
*Community*  
**EVENTS**  
**TEAM 1 NEXT WEEK!**  
 Please see your team leader for the menu for next weeks lunch!  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED- 9AM - POT-LUCK CAFE**

**NUSRING HOME VISITATION-EVERY 3RD SUNDAY!**  
 FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON!

**LADIES DEVO EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**  
 Clyde Hill's father, Fermon passed away last week. Please keep Clyde and Amy in your prayers.  
 Clyde also had cataract surgery last week.  
 Karon Sims has been diagnosed with osteoarthritis. She had another lumbar injections recently.  
 Jerry Martinez's daughter, Christina, was able to come home. Jerry Cooper was in the hospital with blood clots. Please keep him in your prayers. And Almeda too!  
 Larry Eldridge is recovering after gall bladder surgery.  
 Kim Layfield requested prayers of the church for her grandson, Robbie. He is in ICU after coming into the world a few weeks early.  
 Donna Parker will have a mass removed soon.  
 Sean Nolan, a friend of Donna Parker, has a malignant tumor in his throat.  
 Don Evans is having to care for his parents and they are not local. Edwina is recovering after having foot surgery..  
 Kay Davis will be taking care of her mother-in-law.  
 There are others in our congregation that need prayer.

**PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY**  
 Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd,  
 Shilo Crane, Tim Dixon, Matt Shepherd, Corey Henry  
**IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE ADDED PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-SEPT.**  
 The pantry is used for members or anyone in need. Please help us be able to keep these items on hand. Let your kids bring them to class. They'll be excited to help!

- Canned Ham
- Pork-N-Beans
- Mac-N-Cheese
- Mouth Wash
- Tooth Paste

**LADIES DAY 2015**  
 We will host our 3rd Annual Ladies Day here at Monroe on November 7th. Please invite ALL of the ladies you know. A meal will be served afterwards. Register online.