

ALLIANCE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Pastor's Corner

The Christian walk is at the same time the easiest and most difficult thing given to humanity.

On the one hand, God has done all things for the believer. He has bled and sacrificed to bring about redemption for those who have chosen rebellion. No amount of good works can earn what has been bought by God and given to us freely. The gift of salvation that God bestows upon people is freely given to those who would receive it. Then, once received, the believer

is given the Holy Spirit as both the sign of the greater restoration ahead, and as the power and strength to accomplish all that God has created the person to be. Paul's great exclamation reveals that the believer no longer lives, but it is Christ living through them. "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal. 2:20)"

Yet, on the other hand, God is not simply a puppeteer. God isn't a great marionettist controlling the pieces of wood to direct our path with no action on our part. Instead, he is calling us into his great adventure. He is the general calling his troops to follow as he moves throughout the battlefield. The Lord is the vanguard diving into the chaos of the conflict and we are to be his soldiers marching in step at his heels. It is in the midst of the fight where God calls out to us that we might move as he intends. Yet this is the difficult part; though he has done everything to bring the victory, he calls us to walk in it as it unfolds

around us. Here in lies the difficulty: responding rightly when the orders come. Too often we can only see that which is in front of us. Our vision is so narrowed by the smoke and mortar fire, that we question or even disobey the call to move forward or regroup. It is here, when the battle rages that the

**"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried."
— G.K. Chesterton**



Zip Line at Winter Camp

Christian walk is put to the test, and the options become what they have always been since the first humans were presented with the tree in the garden: do I trust God, or follow my own thoughts? This is where the Christian walk finds its most difficult moments. Moments where we question the God who has done all things to even bring us here, but will he continue? To stand firm in the faith is to remember what God has done and to trust he will do what he has said.

The 1897 hymn, Count Your Many Blessings, zeroes in on this very issue and gives the answer: look back on what God has done so that we may stand firm and move forward in what God is doing now. My challenge for you, wherever or whatever you find yourself in, is to count the blessings of God, see what he has done, and walk the path with him that he has already laid out.

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A Note From the Youth

May was a down month, just the typical Wreck nights. But Candice weathered it as my family and I were gone for most of the month on vacation. We saw some returns of old faces, and though the enemy was hard at work, the Lord is good in all things.

Looking to June, we need a lot of prayer. First, we will begin to see the transition of our 5th graders come into the youth group as they are now 6th graders. Pray for the transition to go well. Then our teens will have a 1/2 Nighter on the 12th, and then Vacation Bible Camp prep the following week. Then from the 21st-27th, they have their InTown Trip. This week long event is where the teens stay 24hrs a day at the church. In the morning they have



devotions, and community work projects. In the afternoon they run the VBC for the kids. Pray for them as they learn more about what it means to love God through serving the “least of these.”

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Also, pray for those who have accepted Jesus this past year. They are under constant attack from the enemy. Our

theme this year is An Army of the One, God is our Commander and Chief and we are to follow his orders. We know the enemy is looking for those whom he would devour, pray that our teens listen to the Lord and stay marching to his orders.

Be In Prayer For....

- Our Country, our President, our National, State, and Local Representatives, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Medical, & Military.
- The Church worldwide and persecuted Christians.
- Wars in Israel, Ukraine, and possible wars in Africa, and Iran. Pray for peace.
- Brad and his heart.
- Shirley and her continued cancer battle
- Louise recovering for multiple surgeries.
- David and Laura medical issues.
- Ancil and Faye at the passing of their daughter, Cyndee.
- Other church families who have lost loved ones this years.
- Evoire needing a physical touch.
- Church families experiencing personal, financial, physical struggles.
- Recovery for John and his surgery, and that he and his wife will be godly examples for their grandchildren.



Remember, if you would like to receive the newsletter online, or send in your prayer requests, simply e-mail us at quartzsitealliance@gmail.com.

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- Continued prayer for another John and his cancer.
- Prayers for William with GIST Cancer.
- Lucy who is recovering from a car accident.
- John and his tendon.
- Bob recovering from stint surgery.
- Shirley recovering from her fall.

- Family dealing with a horrible custody battle.

Also, sign up for our Prayer Tree by calling Ken at (928) 916-7777



Looking Towards the Future

Thank you to those of you who have started giving towards a new van. It will be a while before we can purchase it, but we know that will be in God's timing. In the coming months I would ask that your focus in this area would be in joining us in prayer for the transition of a new pastor. I want to share with you our timeline, because I have been asked about it by several people. Our timeline for the transition is a minimum of two years. First, we will begin our search in September 2026, we will take a least a year to work through candidates. In the past, this has taken up to a year and half. Following that, there will be a minimum of one year of training that we plan to take the new pastor through. On top of this, the Alliance wants every Lead Pastor to be ordained, which is a minimum of 18 months. If the candidate isn't ordained, this pushes the transition period to three years.

I want everyone to know that my family and I are committed to Arise Alliance Church and we are more than happy here. As long as the Lord has us here, we will be faithful and diligent in our calling as we serve this congregation. I say this because I've heard people say, we're trying to get out of here. If that were the case, we would up and leave. But our heart is here and we will continue to be here, until the Lord sees fit to move us. So let us each be faithful in what the Lord has given us and pray together in what he has ahead for us.

In Christ's Grip,
Jeremiah

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