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"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."

Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV)

Many generations have passed since Isaiah penned the words above in holy Scripture. People have come and gone. Societal mores have come and gone, with some returning again to our detriment. An ancient philosopher is credited with saying, "There is nothing permanent except change", (Heraclitus). And we see this change in both the generations of people and the societies we have molded. Nothing appears to be static except the evil apparent in the deeds of men (and women) and the societies he has formed. And truly even this does not remain the same; it spirals downward in an ever-increasing approval of depravity.

God's word, however, remains the same. The permanence of His Word is as immutable as Himself; what has been spoken by the Lord will never be changed for He changes not (Mal 3:6). And within His word we find how we should live and function, both as an individual and as a society. For in the Bible, we find the truths of good and evil as well as a call to shun evil and embrace truth. We also find that three things are key for this in our lives.

First, <u>we must know Jesus</u>. Second, <u>we must be learning the Lord's teachings</u>: given to us in the whole Bible. Finally, <u>we must apply what we have learned</u> to ourselves even as we continue to build on what we have learned.

All three are crucial in the order given. However, it is the application of the Lord's truths that makes an impact on others. For it is when we apply God's truth to our lives that we learn to stand for and live in the faith we have received. And when we do this, the world takes notice. And so do the people with whom we interact. Our friends. Our co-workers. And especially to us, our children and grandchildren.

Worshipping God in community with our Brothers and Sisters is a wonderful thing. I ask you to consider whether or not the rest of your week reveals you worship the Most High God. This is what impacts your co-workers, your children, and your grandchildren. What do they hear in your words? What do they see in your actions? Do they hear and see Christ? We pray they do!

May you strive to be "...blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life" (Phil 2:15-16a NIV). Does it really matter? It matters to God. That is enough.

Mission to Memphis

Thank you for your prayers for the Mission to Memphis during the Beale Street Music Festival. The festival had been moved this year, making some of the crowd inaccessible. However, God used the increased shuttle traffic provided by the city to bring the crowds to us downtown. And many of them made the pilgrimage to Beale St.

Eight men were called to be a part of this mission to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord to the crowds. The Gospel was preached, conversations were had and over 6,000 Gospel tracts were passed out. We thank the Lord for Tyrone's response to the Gospel.

When a call for a decision was made, he responded in repentance, with faith, asking Jesus to take charge of His life! Please be in prayer for Tyrone's discipleship, as well as for the seeds sown that weekend.

Many thanks to the folks at Leawood Baptist for providing lodging and fellowship for us while we were in Memphis. Your facilities were a blessing to us. However, the graciousness of the Lord, which was apparent in everyone we met, as we fellowshipped with you was the greatest blessing. We are grateful to the Lord for you!

Ministry to a Ministry

We are collecting clothing and other items for Vieux Carre Baptist Church. These items will be used by them in the ministry of sharing the Gospel and meeting the needs of the homeless (and others) in the French Quarter of New Orleans.

We are asking you, your Sunday School, and your church to prayerfully consider helping us bless this ministry that they might be a blessing to others. If you live in the Southern Illinois area, we will happily pick up the things you choose to donate. If they are winter items, we will gladly store them until the time we take them to New Orleans.

If you live farther away, we ask that you pray about making a cash donation toward this effort as we will be purchasing some items for their ministry. Just tell us it is to be used for "Vieux Carre" when you send it. All donations designated for Vieux Carre will be used to purchase needed items or given to them as a cash donation. Below are the items/sizes that are needed.

Gently used

- Men's pants waist size 30-40 (No dress pants)
- Men's shorts waist size 30-40
- Men's long sleeve tees and shirts (no dress shirts)
- T-shirts size Medium XXXL
- Clean used socks (Men's and Women's)
- Belts
- Good, used tennis/walking shoes and work boots
- Used backpacks and duffle bags
- Travel shampoos
- Men's & Women's winter coats size Medium XXXL
- Men's hoodies size Medium XXXL (no sweaters)
- Men's winter hats
- Men's winter gloves
- Back packs

Purchased items

- Disposable razors
- Small deodorant
- Socks (Men's and Women's)
- Men's underwear size 32-38

We ask for your prayers for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace mentioned above. We also request your prayers for the following:

- Pray for the Lord to use our upcoming service to Him.
 - Indy 500 Outreach (May 27th 29th)
 - WBA Foodbank (May 28th)
 - Hillman Ferry Outreach (June 3rd 5th.)
 - Whiteash Foodbank (June 9th)
 - Beach Reach Ocean City, MD (June 12th 16th)
 - WBA Foodbank (June 25th)
- Please stand in the gap for your Brothers and Sisters that we, as His people, would act with faith on the promise in 2 Chron 7:14.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Pray for godly men and women to become our leaders through the upcoming elections.
- Please pray for the enemies of our nation; those within and without. Jesus desires to change their hearts also.
- Pray for the families of all who have been touched by the fragility of life. Lost or saved, may they turn to the hope and peace in the promises of God. Promises made available to all who will call upon the Lord Jesus.

Is there something we can pray for you? If so please let us know.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help and we are thankful to the Lord for your service to Him with us. If He calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

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~Cindy's Bottom Line~

As we seek to apply the Word of God to our lives, it can be helpful to learn key truths. We should call to mind the Lord's promises, principles, commands and prayers. It is important to not only know these, but to allow them to take root and become a part of who we are in Christ.

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