



# Senior Heartbeat



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## Dr. Smith to lead study of Jeremiah

By Dale Oden

It's finally here! Fall has officially arrived and now we can look forward to some cooler days and nights.

Plus we will get to enjoy the beauty of the season when we get some change in the colors on the trees. I always enjoy this time of the year.

Some of you have

been coming to some of the activities here at the church. It has been good to see some folks in worship, Sunday School, Wednesday night Bible Study, plus our Tuesday morning Sunday School in the Sanctuary.

We have enjoyed the study of Isaiah over the past few weeks. I have had the

pleasure of teaching the past three Tuesdays. Dr. Galen Turner should begin teaching soon. For those of you who have not felt comfortable to attend these services, we certainly understand. We are all praying for the day when we will be able to get back with each other.

I am excited to let

you know that we WILL have our Senior Adult "Not-Summer" Bible Study in October.

Dr. Argile Smith has agreed to come be with us Oct. 26-28, Monday through Wednesday. He plans to lead us in a study of the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah lived through some tough times and has a message that speaks to our lives today.

We will meet in the Sanctuary for the study all three days. There will be plenty of room to spread out and be socially dis-

tanced from each other.

So I hope we will have a good crowd each day to hear Argile as he leads us in this wonderful study of Jeremiah. Time for the study will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Since we have not had any meals served here at the church since March, we are not planning to have a meal after the Bible study as we have had each year.

So come enjoy the uplifting Bible study and pick up something to eat on the way home!

## Hope's humor still delights

On his death bed, comedian Bob Hope was asked where he wanted to be buried. His answer was, "Surprise me."

Here are some other memorable comments from Hope.

On turning 70: "I still chase women, but only downhill."

On turning 80: "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

On turning 90: "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

On turning 100: "I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

On giving up his early career, boxing: "I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them."

On never winning an Oscar: "Welcome to the Academy Awards, or, as it's called at my home, 'Passover.'"

On golf: "Golf is my profes-

sion. Show business is just to pay the green fees."

On presidents: "I have performed for 12 presidents but entertained only six."

On why he chose show business for his career: "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, 'Congratulations, you have an eight pound ham.'"

On receiving the Congressional gold medal: "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."

On his family's early poverty: "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

On his six brothers: "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."

On his early failures: "I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

—From Fred Benefield



"I understand their pastor takes a hard line on tithing."

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# Chuckle Corner



After returning from Sunday School, a small boy was playing in his front yard when a neighbor wandered by. The neighbor asked the boy what he had been doing that morning.

"I've been to Sunday School," the boy replied, "and I've learned a lot about God."

The neighbor, who was an atheist, said, "Well, if you can tell me where God is, I'll give you a quarter."

"Sir," the boy replied, "If you can tell me where God ain't, I'll give you a dollar."



A little boy was told that the pastor would be the family's

guest for Sunday dinner of home-cooked fried chicken. His mother warned him to be patient and let the preacher be served first.

Unfortunately, the boy's patience was thin, and he exclaimed, "Please pass me the chicken before the preacher eats it all."



Another minister visited another home for dinner. After he asked a short blessing over the food, a child in the family said, "You don't pray nearly as long when you're hungry, do you?"

—From the Joyful Noiseletter

## How important are sermons?

A few years ago, the editor of a church publication received the following letter:

"Dear Sir: I have been a regular worshipper for over 30 years, and I calculate that I have heard over 3,000 sermons. I can honestly say that I do not now remember one of them. I wonder if I should have lost much if those sermons had never been preached? I raise the question in no carping or hypocritical spirit. I know how much labor and effort pastors spend on the preparation of their sermons. Might not the time so spent be

better employed and with no real loss to the congregation?"

The editor answered:

"Dear Sir: I have been married for over 30 years. Every night when I get home my wife has ready for me a nicely prepared meal. Looking back over the years of my married life, I can honestly say that I cannot remember a single one of those meals. But I am quite sure that if I had not had them, I should not be the happy and healthy man I am today."

—From The Joyful Noiseletter

### FRANK AND ERNEST



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*Try, Try Again*  
'Tis a lesson you should heed,  
Try, try again;  
If at first you don't succeed,  
Try, try again;  
Then your courage should appear,  
For, if you will persevere,  
You will conquer, never fear;  
Try, try again.

*Once or twice though you should fail,*  
Try, try again;  
*If you would at last prevail,*  
Try, try again;  
*If we strive, 'tis no disgrace*  
*Though we do not win the race;*  
*What should you do in the case?*  
Try, try again.

*If you find your task is hard,*  
Try, try again;  
*Time will bring you your reward,*  
Try, try again.  
*All that other folks can do,*  
*Why, with patience, should not you?*  
*Only keep this rule in view:*  
Try, try again.

—J. H. Palmer

### Happy 100th Birthday!

Best wishes to Mrs. Inez Payne for a happy 100th birthday on Oct. 20.

# Our troubles enable us to help others in need

By Ann Clark

A very wise lady once said to “never forget in the light what you are learning in the darkness.” Sometimes this journey through the life we are living can be so difficult that we’re simply overwhelmed and it seems there is no end to the darkness.

What a year we have experienced! Who would have thought a year ago we would be experiencing what we are today — worldwide? Our comfortable, predictable lives have been disrupted and, in many cases, may never be the same.

What we need to remember though is that what we do with the circumstances we are given — how we talk about them, act because of them, trust or distrust God through them — influences others. When they catch a glimpse of Him in us, then they know they are not alone either.

Paul writes this same thought to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 1:3-11), after describing the terrible difficulties he and his team endured in Asia. Paul wants the Corinthians to

understand how God can redeem even our darkest moments.

We’re comforted, he says, so we may learn how to comfort others. “God comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God (v. 4).”

Paul and his team were learning things from God during their trials that they could use to comfort and advise the Corinthians when they faced similar difficulties. And God does that for us as well, if we’re willing to listen. He will redeem our trials by teaching us how to use what we’ve learned in them to minister to others.

As the scripture says, judgment begins at the house of the Lord first. “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17) If we think this is bad, what will the judgment be like for the lost world? We may be in the darkness right now but be encouraged by Paul’s word and

experience.

Trust that God is right now directing your steps and that He’s also stamping His truths on your heart so you can share them with others who are in similar circumstances. You’ve been there, and you know the way home.

**Prayer:** Holy Father, help those who are hurting today so they may see and know your loving presence in their darkest hours. And may we never forget in the light what we have learned in the darkness. In Jesus’ name. Amen

## Songs of Joy

*Let those who will  
Sing songs of grief.  
I’ll sing songs of joy  
And tap my feet.  
Even when the days are dark  
Oh God, let me hear the lark  
That sings  
And bring those I love  
Eternal spring.  
—Marjorie Spalsbury*

## Give Jesus your best; He deserves no less

By Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage

*As He sat at meat there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious.*  
— Mark 14:3.

That woman could have gotten a vase that would not have cost so much as those made of alabaster. She might have brought perfume that would have cost only 50 pence; this cost 300.

As far as I can understand, her whole fortune was in it. She might have been more economical; but no — she gets the very best box, and pours in it the very best perfume, and puts it all out on the head of her Redeemer.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, the trouble is that we bring to Jesus too cheap a box. If we have one of alabaster and one of earthenware, we keep the first for ourselves, and we give the latter to Christ. We owe Jesus the best of our time, the best of our talents, the best of everything.

If there is an hour in the day when we are wider awake than any other, more capable of thought and feeling, let us bring that to Christ.

We are apt to take a few moments in the morning when we are getting awake, or a few moments at night when we are getting asleep, for Jesus.

If there be an hour in the day when we are most appreciative of God’s goodness, and Christ’s pardon, and heaven’s joy, oh, that is the alabaster box to bring to Jesus.

We owe Christ the very best years of our life. When the sight is the clearest, when the hearing is the acutest, when the arm is the strongest, when the nerves are the steadiest, when the imagination is the brightest, let us come to Jesus, and not wait until our joints are stiffened with rheumatism, and the glow is gone out of our temperament, and we arise in the morning as weary as when we laid down at night.



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## Congratulations!!!

### October Birthdays

1	Edith Hawkins	10	Melba Sumlin	16	Pam Williams	22	Mike Jones
1	Randy Moore	11	Glenn Scriber	16	Shirley Stephens	23	Karen Hylan
1	Paula Osbon	12	Bill Belding	17	Bruce Helm	23	Sharon Franklin
2	Gary Acklin	12	Rachel Gay	18	Ann Futrell	23	Suellen Turner
3	Erma Hudson	12	Susan Rasbury	18	George Thomason	24	Philip Johnson
4	Steve Coyle	12	Bob Woody	18	Sadel Oden	25	Marilynn Lewis
5	Robert Davis	13	Linda Echols	18	Margaret Alexander	25	Carolyn Mahaffey
7	Tim Babcock	13	Lou Ann Smith	18	Ronnie Vail	25	Brenda McIntyre
8	Larry Causey	13	Julie Post	20	<b>Inez Payne (100th!)</b>	26	Frances Rich
8	Cliffo Crump	14	Martha Miller	20	Larry Ginn	26	Sharon St. Andre
8	Sandra Perdue	14	Jane Sherrard	20	Curtis Tubbs	28	Alan Trammell
8	Joy Carol Rowe	15	Leonard McAdams	21	Ben Gullatt	30	Murray Rasbury
9	Patty Slaughter	15	Babs Barham	21	Doris Humble	30	Byron Williams
9	Pam Owen	16	Margie Hearn	21	Rosemary Reeves	31	Kay Church
10	Peni Armstrong	16	Rose Butler	22	Wanda Ginn	31	Mike Haight
10	Phyllis Rambin	16	Delaine Moseley	22	Mary C. Ayres	31	Graham Morris

### October Anniversaries

2	Connie and Gary Acklin	8	Mildred and Dennis Smith
4	Carolyn and Mickey Sumrall (1998)	14	Susan and Murray Rasbury (1966)
7	Suellen and Galen Turner, Jr	26	Brenda and Gene Smith (1968)

*If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary added to the lists published each month in Senior Heartbeat, please call the Church Office (255-3745).*