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# THE LIGHTHOUSE

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# **From the Pastor Jeremy Tennery** "Building the Soul"



As we enter the holiday season, I think about all our family's plans on the calendar.

We have Thanksgiving planned and almost every weekend leading up to Christmas planned out. It's a busy time for everyone, and with this holiday busyness comes holiday anxiety and stress that we have become accustomed to during the holiday season.

I get it. This is anxiety and stress on top of the everyday life anxiety and stress we deal with. Scripture tells us to "Be anxious for nothing...". More specifically, Philippians says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." At times, the holidays can also make us feel alone in our struggles, anxiety, and stress.

I want to remind and encourage everyone to remember what Hebrews 13 teaches us. That you are not alone. Jesus promises that He will never leave you or forsake you. Even when we feel alone, and struggle with fearing that the world is coming down on top of us, Jesus is always there. When we feel abandoned, Jesus is there. When we feel overwhelmed, Jesus is there. He is always there.

So how do we manage? Just as scripture tells us, pray. Get on your knees before Jesus, lay your stress and anxiety at His feet, and like I say to my family at Stone Creek Fellowship, leave it at the feet of Jesus when you stand up.

You are not alone. Jesus is always with you and wants to give you peace and joy during this season.

# <u>Audrey Willett</u>





Stone Creek Fellowship strongly believes in reaching out to spread the good news about Jesus Christ and salvation. This commission extends beyond our local community to the entire world. One of the ways we support this commitment is to support missionary efforts in other countries. One of the missionary programs we support is Kids Alive International.

Audrey Willett is from Texas and just graduated with a Bachelors in Human Development and Family Science from the University of Texas in Austin. In 2018 she served with Kids Alive as a summer intern in the Dominican Republic. It was through her internship that Audrey fell in love with the mission of Kids Alive and knew God was calling her to serve at-risk kids as a full time missionary. In This issue:

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Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.



# Dr. B.L. Worsham Power of Prayer "Building Our Soul"

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Psalm 127:1)

We take our text to mean that the "house" we are building is our own Christian soul. Never forget Christ has saved your soul ("by grace, through faith"); but your growth into the Christian lifestyle—that is what you develop yourself into, will largely depend upon the spiritual food you feed yourself—or fail to. Jesus has given to us, a "sound mind" --- and for some things we must take responsibility.

Long ago Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve—as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15) In essence, his mind was made-up ahead of time, his goal is set forth in advance, and his vow is spoken to God even before he met the troubles and temptations of life. It is not enough to wait until sin is at the door to decide what you will do spiritually. You need to have a made-up mind already! So, go ahead, make the commitment—to yourself and before God. It will give you strength when you face the devil—which you will! Jesus has warned, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you might have peace; in the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Now we must pay close attention to Jesus when He declares, "You are my friends, if you do whatsoever, I command you." (John 15:14) To know the words, then is not enough. The Bible says, "He that keeps His commandments dwells (lives) in Him---." (1st.John 3:15) We may yet find ourselves "laboring in vain." Thankfully, Jesus tells us: "Grow in grace (underserved love), and in the knowledge (revealed obedience) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2nd Peter 3:18) Now we are not "building in vain." The answer to all the foregoing is prayer! Direct communication with God; constant praying in Jesus' name will fulfill your life, answer every question and draw you closer to your Heaven Father.

God Bless You, Dr. B.L. Worsham Pastor - Ret

## **Humor For The Soul**

A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

## **Bible Trivia**

- 1. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
- 2. What did the woman pour on Jesus' feet at the home of Simon the Leper?
- 3. Which human author wrote the most books?
- 4. How many people were saved on the ark?

5. How did Saul die?

- 6. How many kings of Israel were there?
- 7. True or False: John the Baptist wore clothes made of goat hair.

See Last Page For Answers

Fall is here and the weather is cooling down. It's time for some hearty meal favorites. This month's recipe for potato soup is a family favorite from Sylvia Williams. Each month, we will publish one or more recipes from our members and others.

# This Month's Recipe - Potato Soup

**Courtesy of Sylvia Williams** 



#### <u>Ingredients</u>

Servings: 5 servings Prep: 20 minutes Cook: 30 minutes Ready in: 50 minutes

- 6 cups peeled and diced Russet potatoes (about 5 medium potatoes. Dice into small cubes about 3/4inch)
- 1 1/2 cups chopped yellow onion (1 medium)
- 1 1/4 cups peeled and diced carrots (3 medium)

- 1 cup diced celery (2 stalks)
- 2 (14.5 oz each) cans low-sodium chicken broth
- · Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream\*

#### <u>Optional Toppings:</u>

 Cooked chopped bacon or chopped cooked ham, shredded cheddar cheese, chopped green onions or chives

#### Instructions:

- Combine diced potatoes, carrots, celery and onions with chicken broth in a large pot and season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Cover pot and bring to a boil over medium-high heat (it will take about 10 minutes to reach a boil).
- Once it reaches a boil reduce heat to medium and continue to cook about 15 20 minutes longer until potatoes are very soft when pierced with a fork.
- Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan melt butter over medium heat, add flour and cook for 1 minute while whisking constantly. While whisking, slowly add milk and cook, stirring constantly until mixture begins thicken.
- Once potatoes are soft add thickened milk mixture to potato soup mixture and stir (potatoes should start breaking down into soup).
- Add sour cream and mix well.
- Ladle soup into serving bowls, top each serving with bacon or ham, cheddar cheese and green onions. Notes
- \*Try substituting heavy cream or half and half for the sour cream. It is also such a delicious option.

#### <u>Our Motto is:</u>

#### KNOW - GROW - SERVE

### Our Purpose Is:

To tell the Good News that Christ has come, Christ has died, Christ has risen from the dead, and that Christ offers eternal life to everyone who will repent of sin and believe in Him.

#### **Our Mission:**

To reach every people and nation with the plan of salvation. We are attempting this through the outgoing evangelic ministry of our church to the local community, and through our commitment to The Great Commission

#### **Our Beliefs:**

A family of baptized believers who have trusted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. We believe that the Bible is God's Holy Word without error. We believe that salvation is attained only by believing in Jesus Christ, who is God's Son, as Savior. We believe in the security of the believer, and we believe in the literal return of Christ to planet earth

Stone Creek Fellowship is God's House where his believers worship in music, song, word, and fellowship. Everyone who walks through the doors of Stone Creek is welcomed to our family. Our pastor, Jeremy Tennery and his wife, Amanda, bring God's Word to us with passion and a faithful spirit.

We are a growing church located in the country west of Huntsville, TX. If you are drawn to messages of love, faith, salvation and worship, we invite you to join us and experience uplifting celebrations of praise and worship to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.





### <u>SUNDAY</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:30 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP	11:00 AM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	11:00 AM

### <u>MONDAY</u>

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE 5:30 PM

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#### Trivia Answers:

- 1. John 11:35 Jesus wept
- 2. Jar of expensive perfume
- 3. Paul wrote 13 books
- 4. Eight
- 5. Fell on his own sword
- 6. Nineteen
- 7. False. It was camel hair.

