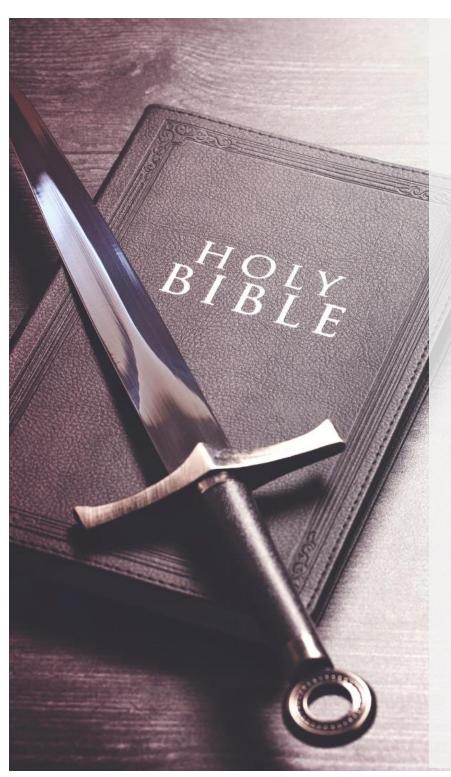
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-Psalm 34:4

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"Not By Might, Nor By Power, But By My Spirit"

Time and time again in Scripture the Lord reminds the Israelites not to depend on themselves when pursuing victory or success. In Deuteronomy 17 God gives laws concerning how kings should conduct themselves.

He tells them in verse 16, "Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again."

Why would God give such a command? Isn't being prepared and gathering resources for battle a good thing?

What God was saying was the Israelites were not to rely on their own means. They were to look to their Deliverer, Yahweh, for victory. If they were to be victorious in battle because of many horses, God would not get the glory.

The same is true for us. This summer we have many trips & events taking place. VBS, Student Mission Trip, Centri-Kid Camp, & Panama Mission Trip. It is tempting to try to do all these things in our own strength.

We know however, we can do nothing, have no success, apart from the presence and power of God. Whether we're on the go or unable to go, let's ask the Lord to work among His people this summer. Let's do the work of prayer asking God to build His kingdom.

As the Lord spoke through the prophet Zechariah, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts."

In His Service,

Peyton Kelly







CHILDREN'S Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Monday, June 26th @ 6:00PM in the CLC

Catered by Ingram's Farmer's Market



WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM



Sunday Morning

8:45am Sunday School
10:00am Morning Worship

Sunday Evening

5:00pm Adventure Club & CBSM Connect Disciple Life Classes

Tuesday

6:00pm CBCC Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday

6:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting CBSM The Well & Torchlighters 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY CHILDCARE

We are in need of additional volunteers

- to add to the nursery rotation on Wednesday nights from 6-7PM.
- to supervise elementary children whose parents are in choir practice from 7:00-8:15PM



Please be in prayer for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
JUNE 4TH-8TH



Camellia Family,

James 1:17 tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from God. That would include the gift of Summer.

Summer brings a season of relaxation and refreshing. Children and teachers are off from school. Many of the activities our families are involved in take a break for a few months. The weather beckons us to relax and take vacations! For all of these things, we are grateful.

But I want to encourage you to ensure you are not taking a break from your walk with the Lord. Even if Summer changes your daily habits, make sure you still make time for Bible study and time with the Lord.

Let's prioritize our relationship with Christ this Summer. Let us utilize the slower pace and more free time to prioritize Christ instead of letting our relationship with Him slip off with the rest of our daily habits. This applies to church involvement as well.

Hebrews 10:23-25 says, "Let's hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

I want to encourage our church to hold fast to our commitment to Christ and His church. Let us not waver and wane in our devotion merely because of a change in the seasons.

Let us not follow the habit of some and allow the activities of Summer to replace our church devotion. In our Sunday School classes, let us take God at His Word and consider how to encourage one another to greater faithfulness, to challenge one another on how we can hold more firmly to our confession without wavering. "For He who promised is faithful." His faithfulness to us drives our faithfulness to Him and each other.

Camellia family, I am so grateful for each of you, and I look forward to how God will continue to work in the life of our church this Summer.





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