

FAILURE IS A FACT OF LIFE...

For many of us, as we work and set goals each day. Fear can take us by surprise despite preparation. Look at the Titanic, Unsinkable? Peter-- Never forsake you Jesus?

Three simple steps to bounce back from failure. Proverbs 28:13 says He who conceals his sin does not prosper. We must admit and learn from our failures All of us sin and make mistakes. Again the Proverb writer says that a painful situation makes us change our ways. We must let Go of our Failures. Forget about the "If only" of the past. Confessing our sins and errors is paramount to moving on. Seek forgiveness and remember it does not disqualify you. We must Look to the Future. Remember Peter's great future after his failure. God knows you are valuable and we must recover. There is no failure, no pit so deep that the grace of God can't reach down and forgive you with a new chance and brighter future.

NOTABLE QUOTES ON FAITH- We never learn faith in comfortable surroundings; Faith does not wait until it understands, in that case it wouldn't be faith. Faith is saying Amen to God; A simple childlike faith...solves all the problems that may come.

The only way to learn strong faith is to endure some strong trials. All work is worth anything that is done in faith. Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservations. Christian Faith is not just a belief, but an obedient trust in God through Jesus Christ.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND CHURCH? People say we can worship anywhere, why attend Sunday? The Scripture says as Christians-- do not forsake assembling together. It is with the members you encourage one another, work the mission of the church, praise God together and hear teaching. It is in service, we accept the invitation of Christ to be at His table in Remembrance and lay by in store as we prosper, our offerings. You have 168 hours in a week. Does God deserve a couple of those, if you are a believer? Attending shows our priorities to others, especially to our family and our children. Attending and supporting your church shows Whose Side you are on!



The Greeter

FALL
2016

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION II OCTOBER 8-9



Following up our big Spring 100th anniversary celebration will be our fall weekend that will be very similar. On Saturday night, October 8th one of our former officers, Gregg Whitt, now minister at Slate Valley will be speaking and there will be those "surprise" special music features. In addition, we hope to give everyone a small booklet on the Centennial of Sugar Grove, outlining the history of the congregation, and who we are today in 2016.

On Sunday morning, for worship hour, Jerry Bliffen will be speaking. He is long-time minister at Coal Run Church in Pikeville, a great mission-minded congregation that has partnered with us so many times over the years in Workers for Mexico. Then our big fellowship dinner for everyone in the Community Center will be after service and wrap up our wonderful weekend.

Saturday night will be informal and we would encourage those who wish to wear your SGCC 100th anniversary shirts.

OCTOBER- ANNUAL MISSION EMPHASIS MONTH

As usual, we will be highlighting our Mission program during the month and at the final Sunday, announcing our planned giving for the 2017 year from the Mission committee. We will also have a special guest speaker on the 23rd as Jeff and Sherrie Hostetter from Ghana, Africa will be here. SGCC has supported their work for many years.

We also want to carry our mission emphasis over to November as the ICOM, International Conference on Missions will be held at Lexington Center, Nov 17-20

Workers for Mexico Mission will have a large booth in the Exhibition Hall and we expect a couple of our ministry workers from Mexico being with us. Your minister will be conducting a workshop. The entire church is registered through Rapid Registration and we hope you will plan on coming at least one of the days or evenings.

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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship and Communion..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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BROADCAST RELIGION -----BLESSING OR NOT?

Sugar Grove Christian has been on the radio for more than 50 years. First it was with a 30- minute Sunday morning program, "The Way of the Cross." Then in order to reach a wider and perhaps non-religious audience, we went with a unique effort known as "Sugar Grove Mini-Messages" three-minute program spots run during the day, Monday through Friday on WMST. Then came the switch to simply :60 commercial type format messages run at various times, on an every other month schedule.

As a 50-year retired broadcaster, I naturally believe in the power of the media, radio and television and been involved in many leadership positions in the industry. We all have encountered people who have heard about Sugar Grove and our stances through these means.

However, the rise of huge mega TV networks brings into question, what these particular people are really teaching and are they helping or actually hurting the true simple message of Jesus Christ, His Gospel and His Church.

Scandals of the Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swaggert types and others discredit any good they thought they were bringing and dozens have been investigated on financial practice grounds, bringing in huge sums of money and often living lavish lifestyles with several mansions, planes, designer clothes and the like. But that is part of their message—that God's people should be rich. Believe with enough power and you will be wealthy and healthy, with miracle cures. This "health and wealth" gospel is just one tragic error of the majority of these famous so-called evangelists, who somehow lure thousands to attend and support.

The common tactic is the idea of "sowing a seed" by sending them a gift that will hence be multiplied in your life. It borders on a gambling teaser. Yes, the Bible says we should sow generously but it has more to do with the seed being the "word of God" as in Jesus' parables.

Others are modern-day apostles, they claim, always talking about how God spoke to them and told them this or that doctrine. Scripture says God spoke finally through Jesus and the inspired Word. Still others are like the fortune tellers in tourist traps, telling us they see someone out there healed or ready to give big dollars or their problem suddenly solved.

Many of these programs are so caught up in trying to predict the "last days" they give us nothing to really benefit the spiritual life of the viewer. The dispensational view of these and the focus on Israel, as if the modern day country could actually be descendants of Jacob, is dangerous false doctrine, taking away from Christians, as God's people, His kingdom, and not returning to Old Testament temples, and even animal sacrifice, negating the entire point of the New Covenant.

They make Revelation out to be a modern day literal newspaper as if we are the only generation that the message was meant for, and take what is obvious symbolism of the battle of good to evil to literally mean there will be a future battle on horses of all things.

Their salvation message is always... repeat with me the "Sinner's prayer" and once completed, pronounce the viewer as saved and a new babe in Christ. Of course, we know there is no instance in Scripture of anyone being told to say a "sinner's prayer" for eternal salvation. The book of Acts, the history of the church, tells us how people came to Christ, but you never hear a sermon from those pages of the Word, and although baptism in some word form occurs 100 times in the Bible, you'll probably never hear it from the TV guy's lips. I don't watch these glitzy and often sickening shows but channeling through, I have never seen a baptism on the screen, nor a Lord's supper celebrated, the two great ordinances of the early church. All you hear are these last day predictions, which never come true, (witness Hal Lindsey and others) and the feel good philosophy of an easy Christianity, that requires only a prayer, an offering to them and all will be well.

It is a shame that we do not have a single true Bible scholar telling the Gospel message of Repentance and Baptism, of living a Christ-like life, of enduring persecution and trials and looking forward to the simple return of Jesus Christ someday, though no one knows the day nor hour.

NEWS AT THE GROVE.....

Fourteen made the trip to Matamoros Mexico in August to work at the Con Mis Manos Deaf School and La Villa church. Over \$10,400 dollars invested in new roof at school, new bathrooms and stage at church and getting ready for start of school. The church youth enjoyed a special visit by our Elsa and Anna, (our princesses -Hannah and Hannah)



Great time of "Sowing the Seeds for Christ" as our VBS concluded by making money for the Mexico school kids with a Farmers Market in the Community Center.



Getting ready to tee off, 12 Teams played golf at our annual Dicky Stull Memorial Golf Scramble and raised \$3,200 in Scholarship money.



Before our work team mission send-off, Edna McGuire was honored for her years of trips to Mexico as part of our Kitchen crews. What a wonderful job she has done on so many trips.

Youth take time out to help beautify the back patio at Church.

*****ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT AND CHILI SUPPER, OCT 30*****