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Satan is Waiting at the Door

The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." Cain had just offered a sacrifice to the Lord, but it was not held in regard. Angered by his sacrifice not being accepted and potentially jealous of his brother who had his sacrifice accepted, the Lord spoke the previous words to him. What stands out to me is the phrase, "sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." If sin is at the door, we better be convinced that Satan is there waiting as well.

Life seems to be a constant battle of resisting Satan and pursuing God. James 4:7 supports this thought, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to your." I would like to remind everyone of the fact that Satan and his minions are prowling around this world seeking those whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8–9).

How does Satan seek to devour people? He knows our weaknesses and points of temptations. With Cain, Satan was potentially waiting for his moment of weakness—and it came in the field when Cain's anger rose, and he murdered his brother Abel (*Genesis 4:8*). What is the point of all of this? Satan is crouching at your door, waiting for your next moment of weakness. We must be on guard everyday with an understanding that Satan is real, and he is really seeking to devour us. But also remember, God is real, and he desires that we draw near to him. As we resist Satan and draw closer to God, God in turn draws even closer to us!

Austin Johnson

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Announcements

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES

THIS Wednesday night, August 26th will be our last night of our Summer Series. ALL classes (this includes kids) will meet in the auditorium, at 6:30 pm. Our theme for the summer is: The Waters Of The Bible.

August 26th Speaker: Bill Bagents (Heritage Christian) Topic: Heaven...A Place of No Sea **Revelation 21**





Everyone is invited to a Baby Boy Shower, honoring Maggie Clifton, Sunday, August 30th from 3:00-4:00, in the Family Room. She is registered at Target. Also, instead of cards, it is requested to bring a book, with a handwritten note, on the inside cover Shower Team #1 will be the hostess



SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Brett Webster and his family, in the passing away of his aunt, Peggy Tidwell. She passed away last week.

We also express our sympathy to Kaye Holderfield and her family, in the passing away of her dad, Leldon Jones. He passed away on Monday, August 17th.

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Reed & Sue Canerday, Danny Coats, Gene Gooch, Harlon Goolsby, Mary Garrett, Eleanor Martin, Bobbie McGee, Donald O'Kain, Helen Parker, Benton **Richardson, Delores Williford**

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Junior Burns (uncle of Sonya Cox), Larry Hunter (father of Kevin Hunter), June Jones (mother of Kaye Holderfield), Larry Martin (son of Leo & Hazel Martin-brother of Deb Harrington), Vance Pitts (husband of Patsy Pitts), Diane Williams (daughter of Benton Richardson).

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111; LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME: Mary Nix, Room 6; Glen Gist, brother of Rayford Gist, Room 13

THANK YOU

Dear Florence Blvd brethren, Thank you so much for your cards and especially your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.

> In Christian Love, Cindy Hathcock (sister of Don Williams)

Dear brothers and sisters at Florence Blvd, First, let me say how much I enjoyed being with you in your Summer Series on August 12th. I cannot recall a time I was treated with such grace and hospitality. I was made to feel very special by everyone, and for that, I am thankful.

Second, thank youfor the confidenceyou placed in me to proclaim the glorious truths of God's Word. You were kind and considerate, and for that, I am very thankful. It is my prayer that everyone grew in faith, hope, and love.

I pray that you will continue to prosper in the Lord and He will bless you all physical and spiritual blessings. May He grant unto you peace, happiness, and strength.

In Christian Love, Mark Posey

FOR THE RECORD Sunday AM & On-Line Views: 640 Sunday School: N/A Sunday PM & On-Line Views: 497 Wednesday & On-Line Views: 393 Budget: 12,400 Contribution: 11,125

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2



August

16th TNT @ Elrod's House @ 6:30 PM (dinner provided)
17th Family Picnic @ St. Florian Park
19th Popsicle Night after Service
21st Guys Camp out @ Coats Creek 6pm- 9am Sat
21st Girls Sleep over and Movie night @ Peery's 7 pm
23rd KFC Online for Jr Youth and Family(Packets on Youth Table)
27th Tail Gate Brooks Football game
30th Young Men's Led PM service

September

2nd Lads to Leaders Kickoff 2nd Sr. Youth Dinner (Meet at Blue Coast/ 5 guys @ 5:15) 2nd Family Devotional online 6th TNT @ Johnson's after PM services 9th Sr. Youth Dinner (Meet at Blue Coast/ 5 guys @ 5:15) 9th Family Devotional online 12th Scavenger Hunt around town 13th KFC Online for Jr Youth and Family(Packets on Youth Table) 16th Sr. Youth Dinner (Meet at Blue Coast/ 5 guys @ 5:15) 16th Popsicle Night after service 16th Family Devotional online 20th Dinner and Bowling after Service 23rd Sr. Youth Dinner (Meet at Blue Coast/ 5 guys @ 5:15) 23rd Family Devotional online 27th Baskets of Fall (For primetimers) 30th Sr. Youth Dinner (Meet at Blue Coast/ 5 guys @ 5:15) 30th Family Devotional online



AUGUST MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH Fred Asare Village of Hope PO Box 18169 Accra, Ghana fredasare@gmail.com

Sermon Titles:

AM: Make Your Life Matter (*Ecclesiastes 4–5:6*)

PM: Sin in the World (1 Peter 5:6–11)

Assignments

Greeters for the Day: East- N/A West- N/A

Morning Worship: Scripture Reader:

Nate Fulmer

Prayers: Opening - Mike Davidson Closing - Jake Van Dyke

Youth Led Devo: (4:55pm) Song: N/A Scripture: N/A Prayer: N/A

Van Drivers: Sun. AM - N/A Sun. PM - N/A Wed - N/A

Enter Attendance Cards: $N\!/\!A$

Evening Worship: Scripture Reader:

Bruce Rivers

Prayers: Opening Charles Hester Closing -Mike Medley

Young Boys to Pick Up Cards: 1 - N/A 2 - N/A 3 - N/A

4 - N/A 5 - <u>N/A</u>

Baptismal Items: Carolyn Poole Rotha Smith

Elder Contact: Mark Willingham

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: