

"GOD IS OUR STRENGTH"

Let's take some time each day this week to meditate on this great thought that **God is our strength**. Both individually and congregationally, we frequently come up against things that seem beyond our ability to handle. There are awesome tasks to be accomplished, fearful dangers to be risked, terrible temptations to be overcome, and serious needs to be filled. Nearly every day we are reminded that we can't make it on our own. And we ought to be genuinely thankful that we don't have to do so. Since God is our strength, our confidence is in Him.

God is the inexhaustible supply of everything we need to live joyous lives and do His work productively. Are we in any kind of physical jeopardy? Do we fear for our lives or our health? Is Satan assaulting us with persecution or temptation? God cares, and He will help us. Whatever we need to do to be victorious over the bad things in life, God will see that we can do it. Paul's attitude can be ours: **"I can do all things through him who strengthens me"** (Phil. 4:13).

Do we worry over not having life's material necessities? Do we fear being inadequate in the spiritual work God has for us? Do we feel inferior or needy? God knows how we feel, and He is the strength that we need to rely on. In fact, God's strength shines through brightest during our times of greatest need and apparent weakness.

To the Corinthians, Paul wrote, **"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong"** (2 Cor. 12:9,10). And concerning their own work, he wrote, **"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work"** (2 Cor. 9:8).

God wants us to be cheerful and courageous, not because we feel adequate ourselves but because we can be strong in Him. Jesus told His disciples: **"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world"** (Jn. 16:33). If God is truly the God that we believe He is, we can **"be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might"** (Eph. 6:10). DP

MONTHLY SERMON PREVIEW

**APRIL 17: Gospel Meeting, Jerry Brewer
Music?**

MAY 1: Why Acapella

APRIL 24: There is a God in Heaven

MAY 8: Sizing up Satan

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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

We appreciate your willingness to worship God with us this Lord's Day! If you would like more information about the Church of Christ, or if we may assist you in other ways, please let us know. **BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY– The Salisbury Church of Christ.**

*****Please fill out a Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate*****

ORDER OF OUR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER

SONG # 537 HEART OF A SERVANT

SONG # 88 GIVE THANKS

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE – DANIEL 2:24-28

SONG # 329 TEN THOUSAND ANGELS

LORD'S SUPPER

CONTRIBUTION

SONG # 417 WALKING IN SUNLIGHT

SERMON: "THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN"

SONG # 880 SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

SONG # 795 THIS WORLD'S NOT MY HOME

CLOSING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS, & CONCERNS

LET US PRAY FOR: for both spiritual and numerical growth of our church. Debbie Post, Jimmy McMillon, Stella Reidy, Jack Callaway, Katie Gray, Flossie Hull, Barbara Kuykendall, John Tillman, Paul Marchesault, Marilyn Artis, Linda Alaban, Florence Tucker, the Jones/Dale family, the Gibson family, Larry Laten, Prince Ituen and all missionaries and military personnel serving overseas.

- **Jane Willie** was diagnosed with degenerative disc disease and arthritis. Aside from the pain & discomfort, Jane says she is doing okay. Please continue to keep sister Jane in your prayers. .
- **Jenn Striecker** has been battling cancer for some time but is now refusing treatment. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Jan King**, Bob's sister, will be having surgery on 5/1 for removal of kidney. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Wilma Duke's**, mother needs our continued prayers as she struggles with dementia.
- **Geri Plourde**, Doug & Debbie's aunt in NC, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and given 6 months to one year. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- **Eva Post** fell while visiting Doug & Debbie. She has 3 fractured ribs, a separated shoulder, & fractured pelvis. She has been transferred to Health South and will be there for a week or two. Thank you for your prayers.
- **WELCOME OUR NEW SISTER IN CHRIST! CONGRATULATIONS** to Elaine Bradley. Baptized into Christ Wednesday, April 20th, 2016. Love You Sister!
- **Please provide Doug Post with your phone numbers and email addresses. Thanks.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 7 (Saturday) Ladies Bible Class

May 8 (Sunday) Pot Luck

FOR PERSONAL STUDY & REFLECTION

Philippians 2:1-4

Key Idea: We should be humble about ourselves and always do what is best for the Lord's work.

Questions for Family Growth: What is "selfish ambition"? What is "conceit"? What does it mean that each should "count others more significant than yourselves"? What are some ways we can look out for "the interests of others"?

Wisdom for the Week: Proverbs 10:7

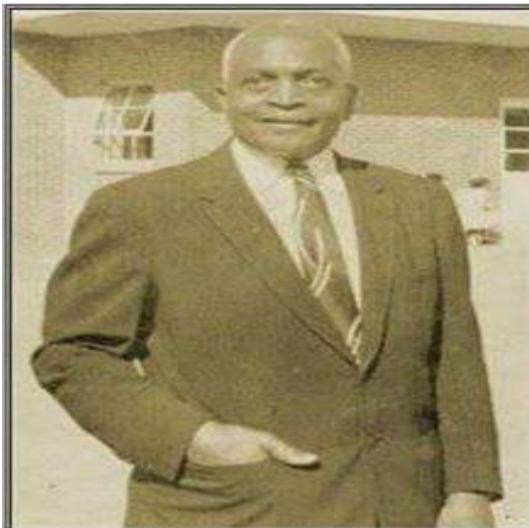
**Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 AM Sunday Worship – 10:30 AM
Wednesday Bible Study – 6pm**

“JESUS TAUGHT US TO PRAY”

We may be busy, but none of us has ever been busier than the Lord. There were times in His ministry when there was so much to be done and so many people crowding around Him that Jesus and His apostles “**had no leisure even to eat**” (Mk. 6:31). Even so, the Lord did what had to be done to spend significant time alone with His Heavenly Father. Mark records one occasion when “**rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed**” (Mk. 1:35). On the very busy day when He fed the five thousand, we are told that “**after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray**” (Mk. 6:46). Luke tells us that the Lord “**would withdraw to desolate places and pray**” (Lk. 5:16). Jesus is, of course, our example in everything. And if He taught us anything by His own actions, it is certain that *Jesus taught us to pray*. We can't be spiritually strong if we neglect the means through which that strength is built.

One of the really unfortunate things about most of our lives is that we spend the least time on the things that we say are most important. Perhaps because so many important things are easily procrastinated, we find ourselves spending the bulk of our time doing “urgent” things that matter very little in the long run. What a difference it would make in our spiritual health if we started putting first things first, devoting amounts of time to our spiritual lives that accurately reflect how important we really believe that side of life is. More time in prayer would be conducive to great progress in our relationship with God. This week let's take more time not only for prayer but also for Bible study and meditation. Let's think about the important fact that our love for the Lord and our diligence in His service depend on whether we take the time to build our spiritual resources. In the physical realm, we understand how foolish it is to expect a machine to run indefinitely without sufficient maintenance. The same thing is true in the spiritual realm. Even if the work we are so busy doing is the Lord's work, it is still true that we require regular replenishment and refreshment. Prayer is one of the activities through which we gain spiritual strength. If we don't take time to pray, we won't be strong spiritually. DP

WHEN THE SAINTS MEET HERE IN SALISBURY



“A man is not saved and then baptized. A woman doesn’t wash clothes because they are already clean. I’ve seen a lot of smart women, but not that smart. She washes the clothes because they’re dirty. Man is baptized because he’s dirty and needs to be cleaned.” - - - Marshall Keeble

ACTS 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.