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From The Pastor

Memory

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Memories are powerful things. They tie us to people, times, experiences, etc. that are often not possible for us to live in the here and now. A few days ago my son, Wyatt, and I were sitting on the steps talking. It was a bit of somber conversation and the mood was a bit gloomy. When we finished, I told him that someone had bought my old blue Chevy truck and I saw his eyes begin to water as he looked up and said; "But that truck has all our memories." We started naming off things we had done together in that truck from watching the sunset over the river from midway across the Grant Bridge, to watching fireworks sitting up in the truck bed, to grabbing breakfast and going fishing. As we shared those memories our mood changed and we found ourselves laughing together. Mem-

ories are powerful things.

In Psalm 77, the author is in the midst of some type of major life turmoil or tragedy. He is compelled to voice thoughts about God like: "Has His unfailing love vanished forever?" and "Has God forgotten to be merciful?" Then he comes to a critical place of choice. In verse 10 the author says, "Then I thought, 'To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out His hand. I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles long ago.'"

What follows is a recitation of some of God's mightier acts in the history of His people: the parting of the Red Sea, the provision during the wilderness wanderings, etc. He shares not only memories of God's past actions but also what those actions reveal about the unchanging

character of God. His psalm ends with these praises. His heart has found new hope and reason to celebrate by remembering God's past faithfulness.

Psalm 77 is not the only place this happens. In many places throughout Scripture we see God's people dealing with their doubts, afflictions and trials by recalling the wonder of God's character and actions in their lives and in the lives of their ancestors. I have found it a wonderful way to help break through gloomy or troubled days in my own life, and I'm sure it will work in your life as well. The next time life gets hard, dreary, or uncertain, turn to Psalm 77 and remember the goodness of God in Scripture –and in your own story. Memories are powerful things.

Pastor Sean Shrall



Sunday Worship Services

Sunday Worship Services are **11:00 am** in the *Sanctuary* and **6:00 pm** in the *Family Life Center (Gym)*. We are asking people to: sit with members of your household, and practice the social distancing.

We also need *volunteers* to help us run the technology

equipment. If you are interested in learning to run any technology devices please contact the church office.

We could offer more morning services if we had more volunteers willing to be trained on technology.

In the event we need more seating in the Sanctuary, we do have seating available in the Laura Ward Sunday School Classroom, across the hallway from the Sanctuary.

Pastor Sean Shrall

Upcoming Events

Trustees will meet *Saturday, August 7th at 10:00 am.*

Methodist Women will meet *Wednesday, August 18th at 12:00 pm* in the Fellowship hall (basement). Please notice the time change! Please turn in your order and money by August 11th!

Administrative Board will meet *Tuesday, August 17th at 7:00 pm.* (Zoom meeting)

Adult Bible Study: meets *Wednesdays at 7:00 pm* on the Church Website (advance church.net) & Facebook.

Discipleship Group: meets *Thursdays, at 7:00 pm* in the FLC (Gym).

Children's Ministry: We would like to Welcome *Connor Crace* as our Children's Director.

Oakmont Mondays at **3:15 pm.** *Singing* at **2:45 pm.**

Youth Group: meets *Wednesdays at 6:30 pm!*

***Facebook:** Advance SURGE Youth Group

***Instagram account:** SURGE Advance Youth Ministry (@surgeadvance)

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Psalms 3 (KJV)

¹ Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

² Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.

³ But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

⁴ I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

⁵ I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

⁷ Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

⁸ Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.



Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Advance Memorial United Methodist Church on **Thursday, September 30th 2021.**

A package of five screen-

ings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered. **Carotid artery** ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke. **Abdominal aortic aneurysm** ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the larg-

est blood vessel in the body. An **EKG** to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increase the risk for stroke. Ultrasound of the **lower legs** to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease. Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for **osteoporosis.** These 5 vital screenings

are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the "circle" to 797979,



Upcoming Events

Summer Lunch Program
We are serving lunch (takeout only) **Monday through Friday, until July 30th!** If you would like to Volunteer for the Summer Lunch Program, please contact: Bill Thompson, Jacob Atkins or the Church Office at 606-836-5634!



Fellowship Nurture & Outreach committee are planning a **Community Block Party!** Please pray for this event and sign up to help!

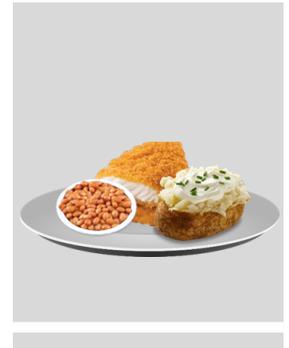
We need people to: Advertise, Overall Leader, Information Booth, Hospitality, Parking Attendants, First Aid, Set Up/Tear Down, Drama Team, Music, Games, Face Painting, Crafts for Children/Adults, Water, Food, etc...

The Trustees will sponsor a **Fish Fry, Car & Old Time Equipment Show** on **Friday, July 30th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

Fish Fry Price:
Adults: \$8.00;
Children 12 & Under: \$4.50

Entry Fee (For Car Show)
\$5.00

Menu: Fish or Chicken, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Drink



The Power Of Choice

I am with you, that is all you need. My power shows up best in weak people. 2 Corinthians 12:9 (TLB)

A director of a camp whose purpose is to lead young hoodlums to Christ says, "Being a Christian is the toughest thing in the world. What's tougher than loving your enemy?" One boy, who developed

into a rugged disciple of Christ at this camp, said, "In this outfit we're all brothers and we're all men. It was too tough for me at first, but then I heard that through Christ everything is possible. Then the roughness went away. I say a man is not a man, not a full man, until he gets to know Jesus Christ." Yes, the Christian life is tough

and rough; but it's challenging. It's worth everything it costs to be a follower of Jesus Christ. You will soon find that the cross is not greater than His grace. When you pick up the cross of unpopularity, wherever you may be, you will find God's grace is there, more than sufficient to meet your every need.

Prayer for the day
Lord Jesus, teach me the lesson that Your grace is abundantly sufficient to meet my every need.

from the Billy Graham Evangelist Association Daily Devotion

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Rain

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my son, Matthew, spoke up from his relaxed position in his seat. "Mom, I'm thinking of something."

This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while, and was now ready to expound all that his six-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear.

"What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain!" he began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away."

After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond. "That's really good, Matthew."

Then the curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So I asked.... "Do you notice how the rain keep on coming? What does that tell you?"

Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer: "We keep

sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us." I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on.

In order to see the rainbow, you must first endure some rain.

We must continually come to the Lord and seek His forgiveness.

From: Inspirational Christian Stories on God's Forgiveness
