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When You're Tired of the Battle Stay the Course, and Persevere.

We all face battles in different seasons of our lives. Some seem to drag on and on without any end in sight, and we grow weary. We feel drained and find it harder and harder to keep going and press forward. We say to ourselves, "I don't know how much longer I can do this." *Ever been there?* Maybe you're feeling this right now in some area of your life.

The Bible teaches us to *never tire of doing what is good*, but how do we do that when we're running out of steam?

We find the answer in Paul's letters to the Thessalonians. He shows us how we go the distance as Christians who persevere as God calls us to. In the beginning of 2 Thessalonians 1: 3-4 we read this amazing nugget of truth, "*We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.*"

Your faith is growing more and more, and the love for one another is increasing. *Therefore*—perseverance is the fruit of growing in faith and love for one another. Be intentional to deepen your faith in God, and call forth the Spirit to increase your love for others around you. We read in 1 Corinthians 13, "*love is patient, love is kind...it always hopes, always perseveres.*" Let our faith in Him and His love for all flow through us freely, so we might persevere with courage and unending hope.

2 Thessalonians 3:13

*And as for you,
brothers and sisters,
never tire of doing
what is good.*



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Giving Thanks for Sisterly Bonds

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV ⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ¹⁰If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

We give thanks to God for all the ladies He has grafted together into this church body, according to *His divine purposes*, to build us up in our faith and encourage us through life's challenges.

Women's Ministry leader, Karen Breneman expresses her gratefulness with the increasing participation in our women's breakfasts, our monthly prayer group and the sharing of prayers throughout the month in our ladies prayer chat group. She invites all ladies to participate and connect more with these various forms of ministry because the friendship of a sister in Christ is to be cherished. There is a strength that rises as we walk together and a comfort in knowing we are not alone in our struggles. Too often the enemy wants us to believe we are the only one dealing with some struggle and that is simply not true. Please engage in the sisterhood of Christ and experience the truth that "two are better than one." You are all welcome and encouraged to connect in some ways! Talk to Karen as to how you get plugged in. We are always open to other ways to connect that work with your schedules too. Please share your ideas with Karen in ways we can gather and support one another in our journey of living by faith.

We would also like to encourage all ladies to set aside Saturday, October 8th as we host our 6th Dear Daughter of Mine Conference at Living Gospel Church.

We have amazing speakers lined up and our focus will be centered on "savoring the sweet fragrance of sisterly council." Come and be lifted up! Bring other ladies that need to be lifted up and encouraged!

Celebrating- August Birthdays

Patricia Plotner	August 1
Joan Theel	August 1
Cindy Waterworth	August 13
Gary Waterworth	August 14
Bob Benisch	August 14

Wedding Anniversaries

Ann and Dan Jennings	August 1
Karen and Bob Breneman	August 12
Marlene and Bob Dreifke	August 14
Brittnee and Mike Walker	August 21
Abra and Jordan Denman	August 22
Cindy and Nick Keunzli	August 25



5 Day Club Fun!

This past week our children have been enjoying great fun coming together each afternoon for 5 Day Club.

This fun week is facilitated by Child Evangelism Fellowship. It is a free program for all children to attend.

This year they have been focusing on

“Jesus is the Greatest Treasure!”

One of their key verses is from

*Ephesians 2: 8-9 NLT
8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

They had different verses to learn each day for an opportunity to earn prizes at the end of the week.

A big thank you to Abra, Dawn and Brittnee for volunteering as helpers and to all who donated snacks!

What a joy to see our children learning about the gift of knowing Jesus as their personal Savior.



Developing the Fruits of the Spirit

Galatians 5: 22-23 NLT ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! .

Children's Church is working on a few new things!

Each month the teachers have been focusing on simple concepts that bring us all closer to God and emulate His heart. Our teaching focuses on helping the kids learn how we develop Godly character as we walk with Him.

In June we talked about Love; July we focused on Forgiveness; and August will be all about Kindness.

We teachers are using art & science projects, games, music, and everyday scenarios to explain how these feelings are acted out every day. How God IS each one of these things and calls us all to be these things too - *EVEN when it's really tough.*

Each month we teach a simple bible verse and the children are encouraged to learn it to earn prizes! We offer the children an opportunity to have their own prayer request time and it is so cute to hear the sweet little things our children are praying for! This month we also have some fun *out-of-church* events planned and we're looking forward to more activities to encourage friendship.

You will all be invited to join in on some of the fun too so watch for those announcements!

Abra Denman-Children's Ministry Leader

Coming Events

Friday, August 12th Outdoor Movie Night at church with the kiddos! A kids' movie will be shown on the church lawn. All are invited to join in. Gathering time will be 7 pm for some fun games before the movie. Movie to be shown at dusk.

Monday, August 15th Ladies Prayer Group. 9 am at church. Outside if it's nice!

Wednesday, August 17th– River Haven Homeless Shelter Fundraiser with the DeLawder Family performing. Rio Depot Park. 5:30 pm. Singing blue grass gospel music and Barney Fife impersonations. Concessions and silent auction items.

Saturday, August 20th Rio Annual Street Dance. Come downtown for a parade at 2 pm and then enjoy family friendly activities beginning around 2:30 and live music.

Connect in a Small Group.

Wednesdays: 7 pm Adult Study and Fellowship– **Do come and join the fun! Get to know God in a new light.**

Wed's don't work? **Create your own small group-**"Where 2 or 3 gather there I am"

Seek Him and find He is always GOOD!

*Always Here for
You*

**Let us be in the habit
of meeting together.**

Is there something
troubling your heart?
Could you use someone
to talk to and pray with?
Could you use some
spiritual counsel on a
matter?

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**May God Bless You
and Make His Face
Shine Upon You.**

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