



Grace Notes

*Welcome *Worship *Praise

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It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. Psalms 118:8

In our Wednesday evening Bible study we learned Psalms 118:8 is the exact center of the Bible. Of course we know the chapters, verses and even the order of the books of the Bible are not divinely inspired, but as it is, this verse is not far from summing up the whole of the Bible.

The Bible's big idea is to show us who God is and who we are. The fact that our character and God's character are so different is what prompts the psalm writer to implore us to take refuge in God – not in man. And he does this because our leaning is to do the exact opposite. We believe more in our abilities than in God's power. We lean on our limited understanding when God's knowledge is readily accessible if we would but humble ourselves.

Why do we do this? Why do we persist in believing more in our abilities than in God's? Well, the short answer is because we are fallen. We are infected with what is called original sin. We have from the time of Adam and Eve to this day said to God: we know what we are doing. Leave us alone!

And how has that worked out for the human race? Well, other than wars, human atrocities, selfishness, evil and a host of other negatives, we have done pretty well. Or so we think.

We have not actually done all that well. We still long for peace, living together in harmony, and being cared for by others. But we do not have those values as the driving force of our world. We fall short.

I call you to humbly take refuge in the Lord. Trusting in man has not worked out so well. We don't really know what we are doing. Lord, we trust in you.

Pastor Phil

7/14/2021
Budget
Actual
Current
2409.10
1871.24
Missions
269.23
228.20
Cap. Imp.
192.31
182.56
Total
2870.64
2282.00

Attendance
Worship
55
Sunday School
0
Video
7

Greeters this Sunday July 18th: Mary Webb and Vangie Webb

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Prayer Requests

Health: Jeff Ashworth, Bonnie, Marcia Bush, Caroline, Peggy Dunn, Ben Gentry, Reece Hall, Nancy Henry, Jerry Head, Bonnie Hespelt, Dave Hoitenga, Jim, Ima Jean, Pat Kirk, Betty McCanna, Larry Merriman, Monte, Mike Nelson, Sharon Patterson, David Pine, Scott Pullido, Doug Stallard, Gerry Stallard, Larry Stallard, Mark Stallard, Steve, Jackie Thorn, Troy, Wanda, Don Wenger

Other: ABW, Burma, Campers, Chinese friend of Dennis Farabee, NE Christian University/India, Disasters in the USA, Family Promise, Grace Baptist Church/Interim Pastor, Sunday School, Day Care, Diaconoate, Law Enforcement, Lenders of Nation and State, Medical Staff Workers/First Responders, Refugees, Ruth Naw, Search Committee, Shootings—World Conflicts, Our Missionaries, Those Traveling

Bereavement: Beth Sigley, Bev, Jerry LeBar, Ruth Turnage