



LUKE 10:27

A Community of Faith

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“Come to Me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.” Mt. 11:28

A Letter to Luke

From Leslie

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An Unexpected Explosion

The other day . . .

...when you were exhausted, what did you do?

...when you were angry, what did you say?

...when you were overwhelmed, where did you go?

Was there an unexpected explosion of passion?

Sharp words. Worn out bodies. Tear stained cheeks. Hurt feelings. Worried hearts. They are never planned.

But, they happen. Unexpected explosions of passion.

We want the circumstances to change. Actually, we want the people involved in the circumstances to change.

And they don't. . . .

And we won't.

So we choose. Add another brick to the wall. Sweep another elephant under the carpet. Hide another lie. Wear another mask.

And God asks . . .

“Are you weary of worry?”

Wear Me.

Are you tired of trying so hard?

Try Me.

Come here. Sit with Me.

In the midst of the chaos, Come.

In the heat of the moment, Hope.

Hope for something different. Finer. Smoother.

Lovelier. Hope for Me.

And I will bring you an unexpected explosion.

An unexpected explosion of peace.

I'm big enough to do it, you know. In fact I love doing it.

Shattering thoughts that want to shatter others.

Silencing demons that shout you are worthless.

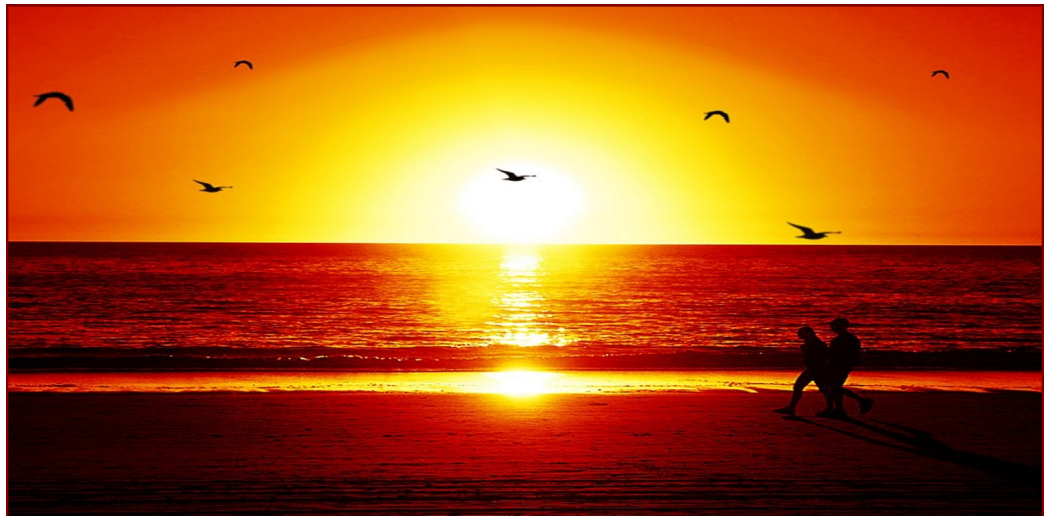
Creating light where there is only darkness.

It's what I do.

Let Me do it for you.

You are Mine. And I am yours.

You are My beloved, let me bring you an unexpected explosion of peace.”

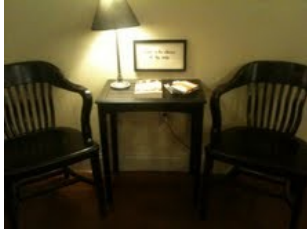


7 Prayer Stations surround you in our sanctuary.

Our elders explain them and invite you to experience them.

Soaking In The Saints

By: Nancy Hill



Have you noticed the Soaking In The Saints Center?

It is in the back of the Sanctuary at a little table with two chairs.

There you will find small booklets containing some of the most rich and varied testimonies ever written.

A deep well from which a wealth of wisdom can be drawn.

St. Augustine, John of the Cross, Theresa of Avila, Catherine of Seina, St. Francis of Assisi,

Just to name a few.

Take some time to explore the depths to which these Doctors of the Church have explored the love and power of our awesome God.

It is a true saying that we do not learn in isolation but by standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.

Learn from these mighty soldiers who fought the good fight and have left a treasure of insight and knowledge for us to glean from.

Pray
for
healing



A Center for Healing Prayer

By: Frank Akin

The healing center is a place where we can bring our brokenness, our imperfections, our problems, our pain and disease and lift them up in prayer to the Lord, and ask for healing.

I will give you back your health and heal your wounds, says the Lord. Jeremiah 30:17

Dr. Gerald May, psychiatrist and teacher (and he also calls himself a “reasonably careful scientist.”) says that in any explanation of healing “we are left with mystery and to be healed, to be made whole, there must be a willingness to participate in that mystery through faith rather than through intellect or comprehension.”

“Jesus told His disciples: Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and don’t doubt, you can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea and it will.” Mark 11:22-23 (CEV)

Come to the healing prayer center in faith with the knowledge and assurance that there is no concern, no brokenness, no imperfection, nothing too large or too small, that is beyond the Lord’s power to heal.

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick and the Lord will make them well. And anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. James 5:14-15

Holy Communion

By: Durwin Walker

What does it mean to believe in Sacrament?

The concept is so profound as to almost defy putting it into words. Perhaps I can share some thoughts that may prove helpful.

As you look toward the front of the sanctuary imagine yourself in ancient Israel. In order to look upon what you are seeing, you would have to have not only been a priest, but the high priest on the Day of Atonement. You would be in the Holy of Holies gazing upon the mercy seat between the wings of the seraphim on the top of the Ark of the Covenant. It is the very physical presence of God upon which you gaze. Not an idea of God, but God actually present in the physical limitation of the Ark.



The idea of Sacrament is that Jesus, having opened the Holy Of Holies to all, is actually present to you physically in the Bread and the Wine in just as real a way as God was present upon the Ark. Hear him as He offers himself to you saying, “This is my body which is given for you.”

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Pray for Israel

By: Debra St. Romain

Why? Israel is the Promised Land, where the holy city of Jerusalem is and the home to God's chosen people, the Hebrews, who are the "apple of God's eye." (Deuteronomy 32:10, Genesis 12:2-3) God chose Israel to be the one through which He would be made known. Through the seed of Abraham this nation of God's people was born, and it is through this nation that Jesus, the Messiah, was born. It is through this nation that we get our heritage in Christ. Israel is the focal point of the Messiah's return; therefore, the focal point for the destiny of the world. God has not turned His back on His chosen. As Believers we are called, through His word, to take care of His beloved people. (Romans 15:27) What better way to do that than through prayer. Psalm 122:6 encourages us to pray for Israel. What is it that God wants for Israel, Jerusalem, and the Jewish people?

- 1. God's peace** for Israel and Jerusalem, total harmony and completeness.
- 2. God protection** for Israel, the well being of God's chosen people in Israel and for the remnant scattered throughout the world.
- 3. Salvation.** That the Jewish people recognize and believe in the Messiah.
- 4. Reconciliation and restoration** between the Christian world and Israel, the healing of wounds.
- 5. Unity,** that God will break down all barriers between Christians and the Jewish people, making them One.
- 6. Light.** That God's truth and Light shine in the darkness, and that it will be a beacon to Israel, its leaders and its people.

Study + Create

By: Michelle Lavergne



Study. God's love story, God's Wisdom, God Himself,... all of these things are found in His Word. Spread out and examine these gifts from the Father. There are Bibles of different translations. There is paper to jot down what comes to you. This is a sacred space where you mind can be renewed and your life transformed by the Living God.

Create. Ever wondered what would happen if you scribbled that thought down that floated through your head during prayer? Would it be the beginning of something? It is kind of a vulnerable place. What if it looks bad, sounds dumb, or feels awkward? Can't risk that, right?

So risk it. If you feel like there is something in you that needs to be expressed, don't stop until it is released. You might not feel anything is in you, but give creating a try.

There are markers, note pads, blank paper, paints, and pencils on the left side of the sanctuary. Pray with God or get lost in scripture and then begin... I am sure God will enjoy being a co-creator with you.



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Pray for our Sister Church

By: Gary Chapman

Christmas is just around the corner. Shopping for gifts has begun in full force. Stress has increased in our lives- again. How can I pay for all the gifts I need? I want this and I want that. I just don't have enough money for everything I need.

Sound familiar? Sometimes we forget how blessed we are. If you want a reminder, step to the back of the sanctuary and kneel at the Honduras Prayer Station. Our sister-church in La Cuesta, Honduras is poor beyond your imagination. Yet, in their poverty, they pray for you (the congregation of Luke 10:27) every day. They are faithful in their commitment to pray for us. They have nothing to give us but their love and prayers. We can do the same. Pray for the people to have enough to eat. Pray that the children will be able to go to school. Pray for safety as so many travel up the mountains to pick coffee. Pray that the water they drink will be clean and not make them sick.



Pray for them because they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pray for our Children and Youth

This center will be filled with pictures of our children and youth this Sunday (11/20) If you have not emailed or texted a picture to me (Leslieluke1027@cox.net), please do so as soon as you can. We want your loved ones included!!!

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REMEMBER:



Thanksgiving Covered Dish Dinner

This Sunday, November 20th

11:45 am

Turkey sharing with our neighbors @ 3pm



Advent is coming!

Sunday, November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent.

During worship on the 27th we will be handing out
family devotion books for the season.