

02-06-19 Wednesday Musings

This week starts a new chapter of our Wednesday Musings for us here at First Christian. And it is one that needs your input. I (Joan Paschal) will be writing the musings and will need your help in providing a complete and accurate prayer list. Please call the church (336-226-7428) and keep me informed.

I've been thinking a lot about change lately... Our church is experiencing major change... but also in life, change is inevitable... we cannot stop it from happening. But we can control our reaction to it.

Scripture speaks to the subject of change in many places. Change can bring on an array of emotions... joy... sadness... anxiety... nervousness... excitement... are just a few.

Paul addresses the subject in many of his epistles...

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

In Hebrews 11:8 we see:

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Most of us hate change. It upends our comfort levels, leaving us insecure and afraid. It challenges our expectations, our routines, our understanding of the world and how we live in it.

But here's what doesn't change: God is good... He loves us... He will take care of us... Even when we feel overwhelmed by all of life's changes, God is constant. His love for us never changes.

Malachi 3:6 tells us... **6** "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

And again, in Hebrews 13:8 we find... **8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

So... as we find ourselves in an ever-changing world... rest assured that God has got this... He is ever faithful to be by our side.

This week continue to pray for Donna Freeman, Anna Gerow, Anne Mary Greer, Nancy Thomas, Margaret Turner, Louise Walters, the family of Lee Whitfield (son of Bobby and Mary Jo Whitfield), Harvey Sharpe, Delores Johnson (sister of Troy Johnson), and Debbie Bolick (daughter-in-law of Elsie Bolick).

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And please keep the church pastor, deacons, leadership, and pastoral search committees in your prayers as well... that God's will for First Christian may be clearly made known to them.

On the church's activity front... the Official Board meets this coming Sunday at 8:30 am. Also, the Board of Christian Education will meet at 11:45 am in the library.

The March/April *Upper Room* devotionals will be available in and around the church this Sunday.

May God's peace surround you,

Joan ☺

