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Our Love Story

On any Sunday morning as you enter either set of double door at the First Christian Church; you will be met with greetings from the most loving and kindhearted people you will ever meet. After many smiles and hugs you will smell the aroma of fresh coffee, which will draw you to our coffee area. As you are pouring your coffee you will notice some history of the church – the cradle roll and a picture of a large congregation posing on the platform of our Sanctuary. From this picture you can tell this was a very happy time in our church. I can just imagine the giggle sounds of children and joyful conversations among these people as they enter the Sanctuary to hear the good news from their Pastor.

This church grew and prospered under the guidance of the Man of God for this season. The Family life center was built, classrooms over flowed, and new ways of worship were introduced. Its seemed like the church was flowing in the fullness of God. But, satan planned an attack. Division got into the church and once this attack reached it fullness many of the members and the Pastor left.

This left the remaining members in a “Wilderness Experience”. Tough decision had to be made along with many financial sacrifices. The emotional scars that were inflicted on this congregation were beyond belief.

Then, one day, a new Man of God came in the church. It seemed that we were no longer a derailed train. We

were back on track and moving forward. This Pastor and his wife ministered to this grieving congregation. Members came back, committees began to form, and Sunday school classes were increased. However, this Man of God and his wife had a personal crisis in their life that also affected this congregation. Once again, the Pastor and members left.

The end of this story has not been written yet. It is going to be up to us to make the choice how it ends.

How can we as a church take this crisis and help our community. It seems our story mirrors each day’s headlines.

- . Many people have had their security shaken by someone leaving them or a job loss?
- . Many people have had to make tough financial decisions?
- . Many people have division in their family?
- . Many are suffering from emotional scars?
- . Many have experienced set backs beyond belief?
- . Many have had family or close friends go to jail?

We have become a church that has an opportunity to help people recover from our same story. We have the opportunity to let hurting people know that no matter how dark your situation looks – God is still reaching his arm from heaven to give you strength and hope. May these words inspire you to search for answers and may God speak to your heart.

In His Love, Melissa



Prayer Request

Prayer Requests - Prayers for Adam Lindsey as he left for Iraq on 2/7; for Billie Avey as she begins chemo treatment; for Dee Cowan as she recovers from major back surgery; for Harry Avey who hospitalized and will be released to Grace Living Center for rehab this week; for Jerry Irwin as she recovers from pain management treatment

Continued Prayers for Barrie's 90 year old friend Bob who will have hip replacement; for Wayne (Barrie's coworker) as he recovers from hip replacement; for two business associates of Cam asked for prayers for their children Brent Hammonds' young son in the hospital and Andi Webb in hospital after car accident with little brain waves; for the people in Haiti and those going to help; for Pam Newburn's friend, Laura Lange whose breast cancer has spread into her lungs.

Ongoing concerns - Grandma Jerry; Gail Lundsford's son and Martha's brother Rick and his wife Mary Jane; Charlie Lyons' friend's dad, Les, has advanced stages of cancer; those having financial difficulties; and those dealing with unemployment - Tony Rongey, Heather Jones; those with assorted health and other issues: Georgia's sister Jeanne has moved into skilled nursing unit; Shannon Taylor; Connie Ginn; Jenifer Nixon; Gerry Gentis; Sue Gentis; Harry Avey; Dean and Lee McDaniel; Connie Ginn's son; Melody Terry's niece; Lynette Sweet; Pam Harrison's parents; Larry Cowan's father..

Joys – Safe trip for the Lindseys as they visited their new grandson; Levi Davis Lindsey is reported as doing well; Pam and Dale's niece Katy had an emergency appendectomy and is recovering well; Keith Abernathy celebrates his daughter's commitment to attend ORU.



Serving Schedule

(February 21)

Elder– Billie Avey

Deacons– Carrie Parsons, Jordan Lindsey,
Heather Jones

Greeters– Roberta Montgomery

Lay Leader– Pam Newburn

Scripture Reader– Cam Lindsey

WOW– Alice Lyons and Martha Rongey

Acolytes– Dakota Lyons, Alyssa Chanley

Sponsor-Pam Newburn

Our Mission

Everyone: The following is an excerpt from Rev. John MacArthur's "Grace to You", 8 a.m. on 970 AM radio Feb. 10. PLEASE READ---it's short.

Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

MacArthur: that's why we're here to SEEK and SAVE those who are lost. Not wait for them to come to us.

John 17:1 "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you."

Mac: WE are to glorify God, by following the Great Commission.

Christ goes on to tell God that He has trained His followers to spread the Word and that they understand God's work to be the truth and would bring the lost to Him.

Now, me: We have to have the intense desire to carry out the Great Commission---or we're not doing what Christ promised God we would do.

With great love and PASSION,
Billie Avey

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Sunday Activates:
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship

Monthly Events:
Gospel Music Night first Saturday of
every month at 7 PM
2nd and 4th Wednesday Prayer Group
6:30 PM

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