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To Labor and Look

Take a moment to read the following verses from Acts:

Act 1:12- Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Act 1:13- And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

Act 1:14- These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. This prayer meeting began right after the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of God. Before the resurrection they were hiding behind closed doors, fearful for their lives. Now that Jesus has risen, and they have been with Him, they are behind closed doors praying instead of hiding. The room of people was a "whose-who" of the early church. All those that we are familiar with were there.

Take special notice of the first ten words of verse 14: "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." Have you wondered what they prayed about? This was the brand new church. Nothing had been penned about prayer. No books were written. All they had was the Old Testament and the words of Jesus.

Yet there they were, praying as they obeyed the command of Jesus to wait for the Promise of the Father.

Evidently they were locked away in that upper room twenty-four hours per day. We read: Luk 24:50- And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

Luk 24:51- And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Luk 24:52- And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

Luk 24:53- And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

They were not invisible to the people of Jerusalem. No more hiding, cowering, fearful, or running. They were either publicly in the Temple or privately in prayer in the upper room



Church Events

- July 29 – Children's Church
- July 29 – Culver's After Church
- July 30 – Aug 2 – 7pm Prayer Meeting
- Aug 5 – Mission's Sunday
- Aug 5 – Mercy's Calling Quartet PM
- Aug 10 - Youth Service
- Aug 12 – Park Lane Ministry
- Aug 12 – BGMC Sunday
- Aug 20 – First day of School
- Aug 21 – First Chapel
- Aug 23 – School Picnic
- Aug 24 – Back-to-School Revival – Calvary Pentecostal Church
- Aug 25 – Joseph Habedank Concert
- Sept 10 – Christian Education Conference
- Sept 21-22 – Youth Extreme
- Sept 22 – BGMC Yard Sale

They continued in prayer and supplication. Some work out the calendar so that this prayer meeting lasted for anywhere from seven to ten days. During that time, they might have went home to tend to a few things or ended up back in the Temple witnessing and talking to people. But eventually they all found their way back to the upper room where they continued in prayer and supplication with one accord. They were in unity about what they were doing.

Our church has been praying for four evenings. We have gone to work, been at home, done our business, but have found our way back to the place of prayer each night. We broke Friday night to take a bus full to the Sunset Hills Family Camp in Granite City, Illinois. We didn't have Bible study nor kids' ministry on Wednesday, so we could pray.

You may have already noticed that prayer is labor. Prayer is sometimes easy, but often not. One must put their mind to it. Other things come easy, like gadgets, entertainment, or relaxation. We don't really have to work at any of those. But prayer takes some determination. It requires effort, and it is becoming rare to find Christians who can pray an hour. Remember what Jesus asked His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane? Mat 26:40- And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Mat 26:41- Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Can we watch one hour? Prayer doesn't have to be exactly one hour, but this is a good guide to have. Once a person begins to labor at prayer, and they begin to "break through," one hour is often too short.

Our church needs to pray. People are travelling on vacations, busy at work, or a host of other things. But none of these things need stop us from making back to the upper room to continue in prayer and supplication.

Next week we will pray again, Monday through Thursday. There will be no Bible study or kids ministries on Wednesday night. We will gather at 7 pm and seek the Lord. Next Friday we will break for youth service. Will you help us labor in prayer? When you come to the church to pray, make it your priority to pray for the will of God to be made known to us. Our church needs to know the will of God, and those who attend this church need to know the mind of the Lord.

If you can make it this next week, come with these two thoughts: to **labor** in prayer and to **look** for the will of God in prayer.



Friday night, July 27, the church bus headed to the Sunset Hills Family Camp in Granite City, Illinois. It was the last night of a week-long camp, and we made it the final night. The bus was completely full. During the service, the Spirit of the Lord began moving during the worship, and the service never recovered. Crowds were at the altar for over an hour getting help from heaven. After service the bus load headed to McDonalds in Edwardsville, Illinois for some food and fellowship. We arrived back in Wentzville before midnight! Thank you, everyone who rode the bus. It was a blast

Mercy's Calling is a Southern Gospel quartet from Berryville, Arkansas. They will be in concert with First Assembly of God on Sunday night, Aug 5 at 6 pm. Here is a clip from their website: "Mercy's Calling is a traditional quartet singing Southern Gospel favorites and original songs alike! They are dedicated to spreading the Good News. Mercy's Calling is composed of members John Hile, Gary Larimer, Anthony Writer, and David Writer. Their main goal is to encourage and uplift fellow believers, as well as help sow the seed among non-believers." Please invite!



JOSEPH HABEDANK

Wentzville First Assembly of God will welcome back Joseph Habedank on Saturday, Aug. 25 for his third concert. Joseph was Singing News soloist of the year, as well as favorite album of the year in 2017. He recently received his first Grammy nomination. We need to know that his ministry has been very effective, and he is loved, respected, and admired nation-wide. Our church is privileged to host Joseph Habedank once again. Make plans to attend, and invite, invite, invite!

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us from some food and fellowship at Culvers after the Sunday night service. You are more than welcome to come and visit with each other for as long as you want. After prayer and the Word of God, food and fellowship makes the church a better place. The best news is that you don't have to clean it up.



- Sunday School.....9:30
- Worship.....10:30
- Sunday Night.....6:00
- Wed Bible Study.....7:00
& Kid's Ministry
- Friday Youth.....7:00

