

Finding Peace In The Storms Of Life

By Mike Riley

During a terrible storm on the ocean, a small passenger ship rolled precariously in the roaring tempest. The furniture and anything else that could move were tied down, and the passengers were confined to their bunks for their own safety. Many on board thought the vessel was doomed.

Finally, a passenger who was determined to find out if there was any hope for survival set out to see the one who was in command. Clinging to the walls and handrails, he made his way to the wave-lashed deck, up a ladder, and into the wheelhouse. He noticed that the ship was nearing land and was between some jagged rocks. It became apparent that the captain was trying to reach the safety of a calm bay up ahead. Knowing he could not make himself heard above the roar of the wind and waves, the captain just turned wordlessly to the worried passenger and smiled. Reassured, the man returned to the others and said, "Don't be afraid. All is well. I've seen the captain's face, and he smiled!"

When we are battered by the storms of life, we may be tempted to give in to feelings of hopelessness. But if we look to our sovereign Captain (Hebrews 2:10 KJV) and commit our way to Him (Psalm 37:5), we will find peace even in the midst of great turmoil. We can trust Him to bring us through the storm (Mark 4:36-41).

Master, with anguish of spirit
I bow in my grief today;
The depths of my sad heart are troubled;
O waken and save, I pray!
Torrents of sin and of anguish
Sweep o'er my sinking soul!
And I perish! I perish, dear Master;
O hasten, and take control!
The winds and the waves shall
Obey Thy will, Peace be still!
Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea,
Or demons, or men, or whatever it be,
No water can swallow the ship where it lies,
The Master of ocean and earth and skies;
They all shall sweetly obey Thy will,
Peace be still! Peace be still! —Palmer



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
Sermon- Charles Fricke

Next Sunday

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell
Communion- Travis Rogers **Closing Prayer-** Arthur Binford
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

—**Christmas Program and Potluck:** Our yearly Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for December 14th. There will also be a Potluck preceding the program. More details to come, but mark your calendars!

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

Carlton Hollis, Markeeta Evert, Rick & Debbie Cook, Katherine Simmons, Lavenia Freeman, Terry Smith Atwood, Shirley Taylor, Kris McKoin, Debbie Bright Chunn, Lester Pinkard, Charles Matheny, Don DeLukie, Carla Owen, Rhonda Rogers, Katherine Riley, Kathy Gilbert, Gavin McDaniel.

Bereaved: Family of Larry White, Kevin McCracken.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Joyce Moses, Pam Few, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



If you don't think
you'll be able to
get through it,
then *pray* through
it



November Birthdays

- 3 - Elaine Repond
- 3 - Mesha Thomas
- 5 - Glenda Wells
- 8 - Brad Smith
- 9 - Raelyn Freeman
- 9 - Sydney Rogers
- 11 - Tommy Wells
- 13 - Susie McGough
- 20 - Dana Fowler
- 30 - Ayden Richardson

November Anniversaries

- 17 - Buddy & Carlton Hollis
- 18 - Randy & Kathy Manning
- 21 - Travis & Rhonda Rogers

