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VICTORY OVER PAIN

From the Pastor's Desk

The Pain-Free Promise

Philippians 3:20-21

Have you ever had one of those pains in your side that just would not go away? How about the ache you feel in your knee when it is about to rain? Or the migraine you get because you ate too much chocolate the night before? Our bodies are strange, aren't they?

Just yesterday I had a pain in the place my gall bladder used to be. It was one of those days that no matter what I did I could not get relief from the pain that should not have been there.

As I began to think about the pains I had in the past couple of weeks, it was amazing to think of what we go through as we get older. For example, I had pains in my legs – from what I do not know. I constantly have pains in my ankle from an old sports injury and an Achilles heel tear. There is a constant pain in my knees from the type of work I do outside my ministry here at the church. I had at least one migraine this past week that has more to do with heredity than anything else – in other words there are things I should not be eating. I have a nerve that was poked a year ago in my left arm with a needle when I went to the emergency room that has not recovered and not only aches on most days, but makes it hard to pick things up as well.

These are just a few of the things that I feel in any given week. How about you? I bet if many of you stop and think about it for a moment, your list is as long as mine, if not even longer. Now before I get a lot of you coming up to me to ask me what am I really getting at with this list of aches, I just want to tell you now I am not asking for more money for health insurance. I am not looking for sympathy. And I am definitely not seeking medical advice from anyone.

What I am pointing out is that we live in this fallen sin-ridden world of pain and problems and, if we stop to think about the pains and aches we get, we may not get out of bed most mornings. I get out bed if for no other reason than I need to stand up and get my feet cracking so they feel normal – but you know what I mean. There is enough in society, politics, work, and family to keep one in bed, never mind the pains you got.

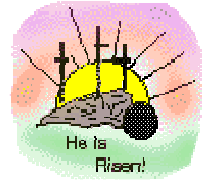
Upcoming Events and Meetings

Apr. 3, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Saturday Breakfast

The men share a meal, then discuss the book of Mark.

Apr. 4, Easter Sunday

10:45 a.m. – Worship Service and Lord's Supper



Apr. 11, Midday – Annie Armstrong Missions Dinner

Apr. 17, 7:00 p.m. – Family Glow Bowling

Meet at church at 6:15, then head to Boutwell's Bowling Center in Concord

Apr. 24, 8 a.m. till done – Spring Work Day

Getting the church ready for summertime.

Well as I think of various pains that this life brings – and I am not talking about just the physical – I am reminded of a verse in Philippians 3:20-21 in which we who are Christians are given a promise. Paul writes, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself." (NASB)

Did you catch what Paul said Jesus would do with our bodies? He will take the body of this humble state, that is, your body and mine, and make it like His. That is amazing isn't it? This body of bumps, bruises, and scars will no longer bear the marks of this world. Our pains in the flesh will all disappear in heaven when we are transformed into His likeness. If you have a pain in the ribs that just will not go away, then that pain will disappear. If you lost a body part in this life, then your body will be whole in the next. If you have been dealing with a chronic illness for ten years, you won't be when you are with Him in paradise.

There is something deeper here than what is on the surface. And it is this: for when we are with Christ, all sin and sin-ridden problems are done away with. We no longer have to worry about tomorrow's pain. We no longer need to worry whether or not we have insurance. We no longer need to fret

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over how bad things are getting. We no longer need to be concerned for what is passing in this world, because we know that in the end, when we are with Him, that He will transform us into His image and be glorified just as He is in the body. Not only will He do this, but He will even subject all things to Himself. That means the pains of our bodies and of this world will be in subjection to Him.

Praise God that we as Christians no longer need to worry about tomorrow, for He is in power today. May you know the blessing and freedom that comes with this promise of His victory over the pains in our lives.

✠ Pastor Jim

Men's Breakfast

For a change of pace, Men's Breakfast has switched to the **first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m.** This means the next breakfast will be on Saturday, April 3rd. This month, Dale Greenly is the Chef du Jour.

This change will hopefully allow more men to participate, eliminate the need for some to have to take two cars to church on Sunday, and reduce the time constraints that were in effect on Sundays. The Bible time will end early enough for you to still have plenty of time to take care of Saturday chores and errands.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Our goal this year is to raise \$1,000.00 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This is our part of the goal of \$70 million nationwide.

Now, how do we, as a small church way up here in the Northeast benefit from this yearly offering? Thanks for asking. As we give to the North American Mission Board (NAMB) through this offering, we in turn receive funds to support more local missionaries – missionaries who have it placed on their hearts to reach the lost for Christ, even in our own communities.

As we show in our weekly video series, missionaries in all parts of the country benefit by having funding available to build churches, buy Bibles and tracts, supply food and comfort for those who need it, and provide other necessities to help spread the Word. Over 5,300 NAMB missionaries are hard at work for those of us who cannot "go and do likewise."

If all of us give according to what God lays on our hearts, His Word will be spread around this great nation of ours like a wildfire! Pray and listen then act on what God tells you to give.

"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:6-7

✠ Dale Greenly

Fellowship Events

On April 11, Hillside is hosting a special church-provided dinner to celebrate the conclusion of our season of focusing on the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. A special love offering will be accepted at the dinner and all donations will be designated for Missions.

So you will have one more opportunity to contribute to this effort to support missionaries reaching out to unsaved people in the United States and Canada. Contact Shannon or Dale Greenly if you can help with the preparations.

Property and Space Patrol

The Spring Church Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 starting at 8 a.m. The church needs a thorough cleaning inside and major yard cleanup to get ready for mowing.

The air conditioners need to be installed. The sand barrels need to be stowed for the summer and the upper yard raked from snow plowing.

We should be finished by noon. It will be a great time to fellowship together and to join in the upkeep of our church facility.

✠ Pastor Al Page

Family Glow Bowling Night

On Saturday, April 17, Hillside is having a Family Glow Bowling Night. We will meet at church at 6:15 p.m. and then head over to Boutwell's Bowling Center on North Main St. in Concord. We have reserved three lanes starting at 7:00 p.m. and hope to have a dozen people sign up for the outing, giving us four bowlers per lane.

Glow Bowling is a sensory overload with pop rock music, strobe lights, disco balls, black lights, and ground fog, in addition to the groaning and whining whenever someone throws a gutter ball. It's pretty popular so you have to make reservations.

The costs involved are \$25.00 per hour per lane plus \$2.00 per person for shoes. We estimate that 12 people on three lanes can play two games in an hour, so this works out to \$8.25 per person, slightly more if we have fewer people. So that's a pretty inexpensive night out considering how much fun it will be, especially for the younger set.

All that we ask is that you decide ASAP that you will be attending, and let Pastor Jim or Michael Frascinella know so we can get a head count.

Book Review

About a month ago we received interesting feedback from the Hillside web site. It was from S.S. Urberg in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a retired pastor of the Lutheran Church out there. He was pleased to discover that a search of the web turned up a book he had written in 1976. The book turned up on Hillside's online library catalog!

I wrote back to thank him for contacting us and that it was (See Books, p. 3)

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pleasant to receive word from the author of one of our books. I also forwarded the feedback to our pastors, as I typically do with any feedback from the web.

After a short search of the Hillside Library one Sunday, I found the slim, 61-page, soft-cover book. It was an easy read and turned out to be a formula-driven book that discussed the books of the Old Testament in their chronological order, using a one-page template and facing time chart to describe each book.

The key page is perhaps page 60, which contains a chart of what Urberg called the backbone books (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and others, ending with Nehemiah) showing where in the historical line other Old Testament books belonged. For example, he placed Esther next to Ezra and Malachi next to Nehemiah.

There are many other books in the library. Take a look some Sunday or browse the online catalog.

✠ Michael Frascinella



It is a Happy Easter because we serve a Risen Savior!

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating a birthday this month:

- 4/6 Ruth Bubacz
- 4/6 Ashley Pouliot
- 4/21 Laurie Carpenter



Hillside also wishes God’s blessing on the following couple celebrating a wedding anniversary this month:

- 4/28 Al & Rachel Page

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, Dale Greenly, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It will be our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus our Lord.

On the Web

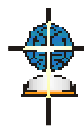
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