

Online Services

Sun.	2 May	Gun Hill News now on line, ready for Sunday.
Sun.	2 May	Online Service of Praise, Worship and Ministry of the Word of God with Graham Jones
Mon.	3 May	Bible Studies of Practical Topics— Righteousness
Tues.	4 May	Bible Study - Hosea ch.13
Wed.	5 May	More of Pastor Tony Jordan's short readings from his book: "King David—His Times and Our Life"
Thurs.	6 May	Prayer Time.
Fri.	7 May	Kids' Stories from Uncle Bill

Gun Hill Events for 2021

Diary Dates for Month Ahead

Sunday 9 May - Sunday a.m. online Praise, Worship & Word of God

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Signed..... Date.....

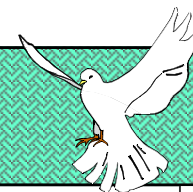
Text for the Week:

**“The blessing of the Lord, it is rich, and
He adds no sorrow with it.”
Proverbs 10 v 22**

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Summer Graces

“Some fell upon stony places”

Matthew 13 v 5

There is a thin covering of soil on the rock. The seed sinks in a little way, and the heat radiating from the rock causes it to shoot up at once. This represents a class whose religion is emotional. At first they give great promise. They are easily moved by any appeal. The feelings work immediately to the surface. Such persons always seem most affected by sorrow. They weep inconsolably; but their grief is soonest over. In like manner they appear to be most deeply affected by religious appeals. They begin a Christian life with an earnestness that puts older Christians to shame. They attend all meetings; they weep as they sing and pray; they talk of Christ to their friends; their zeal is wonderful. “Immediately it springs up, because it has no depth of earth.”

But such quick growths lack root, and cannot endure the heat of summer. The sun soon scorches them, and they wither. In spiritual life also the analogy holds. Emotional religion is not apt to be permanent. It bursts up into great luxuriance today, but we are not sure that it will be found to-morrow in healthy life. Too often the enthusiasm is but transient. In the heat of trials, temptations, toil, or sorrow, the rootless graces wilt down and die.

Usually the religious life that is most permanent is that which springs up naturally, and grows slowly to strength and luxuriance. It has good soil, and the roots go down deep into the earth, and are unaffected by the frequent changes in temperature, by heat or cold, by rain or drought.

If anyone finds that his spiritual graces are rootless and that there is a hard rock in his heart underneath the surface, he should seek at once to have the rock broken by penitence and prayer that the plants of righteousness in him may have opportunity to grow.

Your Words Reveal Your Heart

Matthew 20 v 23

To succeed in life you need thick skin when it comes to handling criticism. It is what separates those who say they want success from those who are prepared to pay for it. For example, if you have been praying for a mate to share your life, ask yourself if you are prepared for the sacrifice and the responsibility that comes with marriage. Are you stable? Are you unselfish? Are you mature enough to provide for a family? Or if you are asking God to increase your business, are you providing outstanding service to your existing clients? Someone quipped, “A peacock that rests on its feathers is just another turkey!” Sometimes we are in love with the *image* of success, but we have not counted the actual cost of succeeding. It is a good thing God does not automatically give us everything we ask for. Often we want something because it looks good in someone else’s life. But God in His wisdom knows that right now it would hurt us because we are not mature enough to handle it. God tests us with what we *have*, in order to develop our consistency and strength. He observes how we handle the pressures that accompany the blessings He has already given us. He wants to bring us to the place where we are impervious to adversity; where we have learned to appreciate the Giver more than His gifts. When we reach that point, we shall hear Him say, “You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master’s happiness!” (v 23 NIV) . Those words will make everything you have been through worthwhile.

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Morning & Evening Bible Reading		
Date	Morning reading	Evening reading
9 May	Hosea 1 to 5	I Timothy 1
10 May	Hosea 6 to 10	I Timothy 2
11 May	Hosea 11 to 14	I Timothy 3
12 May	Joel 1 to 3	I Timothy 4
13 May	Amos 1 to 4	I Timothy 5
14 May	Amos 5 to 9	I Timothy 6
15 May	Obadiah and Jonah 1 to 4	II Timothy 1

Prayer for our fellowship and loved ones

Pray for all who receive invitations, and tracts - for the Lord to open hearts to receive Him and to join in fellowship with us. Pray for our fellowship, for people to be saved, the sick to be healed and those that are burdened or crushed by problems and difficulties to be set free.

Pray that we all may experience a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit, that we all might be filled with His Spirit to praise His wonderful Name and to see His glory manifested every time we meet together.

Prayer requests

- ⇒ Pray for Vijula—unwell
- ⇒ Ellen’s daughter Karen—severe depression etc
- ⇒ Abigail—PJ’s niece— infection after neck op
- ⇒ Rose—now back home
- ⇒ Nikkie Jones (George’s daughter) - much pain
- ⇒ Danielle in Basildon hospital & conscious.
- ⇒ Worley—seems to be making good progress
- ⇒ Bernard husband of Joyce (tracts) - not well
- ⇒ Keep supporting Rosejoy in prayer
- ⇒ Sheila Barr— some anxiety .
- ⇒ Tom & Jean Pegg for healing
- ⇒ Heidi—emergency operation cancelled

Answers to Prayer

LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE
KNOWN TO GOD WITH
THANKSGIVING

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“Now this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions we have asked of Him.” I John 5 v 14 & 15 *Write your prayer requests on a piece of paper and give to Graham for inclusion here.

Prayer requests from Elim Missions

India and the Nations Please pray for:

- ⇒ God to burden us with the weight of this global situation, that we will not be able to shake it off and we’ll be driven to our knees to stand in the gap for India and other nations.
- ⇒ For a turnaround in the power that this virus currently has over the nation of India, the province of Metro Manila and other areas of the world.
- ⇒ The unbearable pain, fear and desperation for families and individuals who are sick and hurting.
- ⇒ For leaders, pastors and workers having to lead while in deep pain with loss and sickness of their own families. Pray for protection and strength.
- ⇒ Also pray for Nepal, Pakistan and Elim partners and workers there, as news reports are suggesting that they are preparing for a rise in Covid cases.

If you want a visit or to share a problem or need, please do not hesitate to contact Graham on 01268 553423 ** Please keep us updated ** with how the Lord is answering.*