



Be Strong

As we get older, one of the things that we seem to lose is our strength. Some of this is probably because we do not do some of the same laborious work that keeps muscles strong. And so, we can't do all of the things that we used to be able to do. Although that is the way it works with our physical bodies, the opposite should be true spiritually as Christ followers. As we grow to maturity in Christ, we should become stronger and stronger in the Lord. **Ephesians 6:10**: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

There are at least four ways in which we can be strong in the Lord.



Be strong in the Word. Joshua 1.7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." When we study the Bible, learning it's instructions for us and then applying them to our lives by obeying them, we gain strength to stand for Christ in every aspect of life.

Be strong in prayer. Ephesians 6:10-11,18 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes...¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Some of our strength comes from putting on the full Armor of God. But notice he wraps up his discussion on the Armor of God with the command that to be truly strong against the schemes of the devil, we must pray on all occasions.

Be strong in trusting in the Lord. Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." **Psalms 28:7**: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped." Our strength does not come from trusting in our own strength. If we do that, we lose. We must trust in the Lord and in him alone in all circumstances.

Be strong in doing the Lord's work. Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." James reminds us in his letter that we are not just to read the Word of God, but we are to be doers of the Word of God. The Lord calls us to do many things. And he will give us the strength to do them. Our answer when the Lord calls should be the same as Samuel's, "Here am I." Our answer should be the same as Isaiah's, "Here am I, send me."

Let us "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

In Christ Alone



CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

What a glorious time we had together at the worship conference in Greensboro, North Carolina. How pleasant and sweet it was to dwell together in unity for those three days. I am grateful to all who worked diligently to make this event happen. It truly was a taste of the divine!

Permit me to use this format to encourage you to pray for your sister church, and if you have not yet claimed your 'prayer partner,' I would like to encourage you to do so. What a privilege it is to pray for one another. I can think of no better way to see God work His Unity than through this chosen method. I promise you will be blessed! My prayers this month will reflect Paul's prayers for the Body of Christ that he cherished deeply. I hope these prayers will help us pray for each other and that our prayers will be pleasing to our Father! Please email me to receive the information needed to begin praying for a 'Sister to Sister' church and developing a relationship with a church body you may never see here on this earth, but will enjoy for eternity. My email

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"Now all Glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into His Glorious Presence without a single fault. All glory to Him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are His before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time." Jude 1:24-25 NLT

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Canaan Congregation in Tanzania, Africa and Pastor John Tdashi Masinde
- Capan Chapel Congregation in Points, WV seeking pastoral leadership

Attention All Ladies
Wednesday, September 3rd
 7:45 pm
 (Front of the Sanctuary)
 Practice will continue on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
 New Members are Always Welcome!
 See Betty Engle if you have questions

Women's Choir

Prayer & Praises

- Chelsey Meyers-Yost shared praise and a prayer request for her Dad, Brian Meyers. His PET scan results show that while the cancer is aggressive, it has not metastasized and is only in the prostate. They are meeting with the doctor this week to determine the best course of action.
- Sue Deardorff requested prayer for Mike Drury (Sue's brother). Mike's wife has cancer in lymph gland and will have surgery on September 17th.
- Please keep Sandy Hengst-Martin in your prayers, as there have been a couple of deaths in her family.
- Please keep Tom and Deb Zipfel in your prayers. Tom's current doctor is unsure how much more can be done for his shoulder, so he will be seeing a shoulder surgeon in 3 weeks.
- Please keep all of the children in our schools and colleges in your prayers as school has started that they would be safe and drawn to you.
- Continue to pray for Joel Miller. He is recovering from his back surgery. Pam Miller requested prayer for Brett Miller. He injured his hamstring on Saturday. They are really asking for prayer that it will heal and not require surgery.
- Audrey Flickinger requested prayer for her brother Alan Harbaugh. Alan fell and had a broken ankle, lacerations on his head, and bruises to his arm. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Pat Michael requested prayer for Linda Hollinger, who has been having health problems.
- Tammy Breighner requested prayer for healing for her aunt, Elva Dubbs, who is in the hospital with blood clots in her lungs.

Wednesdays
September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm with Pastor Gary
Finishing:
Highlights in the Book of Proverbs
Life Group
 On the 10th - we will start a study on the book of Daniel and we will start meeting in the Sanctuary again

Classes for all ages

10:20 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be NO Sunday School on 10/5/2025 due to Love Feast or on 11/2/2025 due to the Congregational Business Meeting.

Pastor Gary will be on Vacation from September 12th – September 16th

Pastor Matthew will be preaching on Sunday, September 14th!



Fruitbelt Farmworker Trip

October 7th at 5:30

We will be leaving the church at 4:30

Women's Fellowship will be providing dinner so if you plan to attend, please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board.

We will be taking them gifts that are needed.

- Jackets (they trim trees in the winter and prefer mediums and large)
- Hats
- Hooded Sweatshirts (prefer mediums and large)
- Blankets, new if possible or very gently used

A container is outside Shepherd's Hall.

If you have no time to shop, money donations may be given to Meghan Repogle, who says she would love to do the shopping.

Questions: Contact Meghan Repogle who has offered to take on this project



LOVE FEAST

Love Feast will be observed on October 5. On that Sunday, we will celebrate our normal worship at 9:00 AM. After this celebration worship, we will move to the Gathering Place for Love Feast, where we will find our seats at various tables. We will then celebrate in the normal three-fold way: feet washing, Lord's supper (common meal), and communion (the bread and the cup). There will be feet washing and hand-washing areas away from the table seating. Feet and hand washing will remain male/female separated. After the feet/hand washing, we will share a meal together which will include two different kinds of soups. After the meal, we will remain at the tables to celebrate communion with the bread and cup. For those of you who have never celebrated Love Feast before, this will be a great opportunity to see what this blessed ordinance is all about. We hope you all will join us.

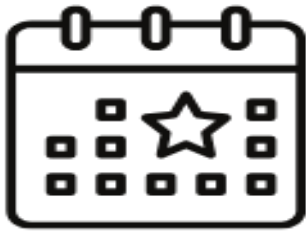
Childcare will be available..

OCTOBER 12TH – 15TH

REVIVAL


EXPERIENCING THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF JESUS

Guest Evangelist:
Pastor Stafford Frederick



Reminders

Wednesday 09/03

6:30 pm – Life Group 

7:45 pm – Women's Choir Practice

Thursday 09/04

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group



Wilmer Grim's Birthday



Galen Julius's Birthday



Meghan Replogle's Birthday

Friday 09/05



Cheryl Kurtz's Birthday

Saturday 09/06



Lois Breneman's Birthday



Joel Miller's Birthday

Sunday 09/07

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersections Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Tuesday 09/09

6:00 pm – Commissions Meeting

7:00 pm – Board Meeting

Wednesday 09/10



Fred Shultz's Birthday

6:30 pm = Life Group 

Thursday 09/11



Ray & Dawn Hunt's Anniversary

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

Friday 09/12



Kerry & Traci Kauffman's Anniversary

Pastor Gary out - Vacation

Sunday 09/14

Pastor Gary on Vacation

09:00 am – Come Worship – Pastor Matthew
10:00 am – Intersections Café
10:20 am – Sunday School
12:00 pm – Widows & Widowers Luncheon at
Dover Valley Restaurant

Monday 09/15

Pastor Gary on Vacation

Tuesday 09/16

Pastor Gary on Vacation

Wednesday 09/17

6:30 pm – Life Group 



Owen Verbosky's Birthday

Thursday 09/18



Andrew Yost's Birthday

Saturday 09/20



7:00 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast at Dover Valley
Restaurant



11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Faith & Fun Carnival



Ron Engle's Birthday



Jeff Keeney's Birthday

Sunday 09/21

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersections Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Wednesday 09/24

6:30 pm = Life Group 