

that in the best circumstances without God there is no peace, and in the worst circumstances with God one never lacks it.

Peace within is essential, for without it there will never be peace without. In the past 4,000 years there have been less than 300 years of world peace. World War II was billed as the war to end all wars. It didn't. In 1945 the United Nations set as its motto, "To have succeeding generations free from the scourge of war," and thus far that has not been true one single day. Every peace treaty ever brokered has been broken, and peace has proved to be only that brief moment in time when everyone stops to reload. The problem lies in the fact that we have delegated the job of peacemaking to politicians, statesmen, and diplomats and have failed to realize the only real peace the world will ever know will result when God rules in the hearts of people, a rule that only we as God's children are called upon and privileged to promote in our world. Our ultimate calling is a calling to be peacemakers.

In the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "The followers of Jesus have been called to peace. When He called them they found their peace, for He is their peace. But now they are told that they must not only have peace but make it."

Peacemakers are those who want others to have the peace they enjoy and actively commit themselves to sharing Christ. While the world thinks peace is the absence of conflict, Christians know peace is the presence of righteousness in the hearts of men and women, a righteousness that can only be experienced through a relationship with Christ (John 14:27).

Author and Missionary Don Richardson tells of working with the Sawi Tribe in Irian Jaya and the frustration he experienced in trying to help them understand the meaning of Christ and His death on the cross. At the time, the Sawi's were in a bitter feud with another tribe, and Don often wondered if there would ever be peace. He learned of a custom among the tribes that if a child was given as a permanent gift to the enemy, peace would prevail as long as that child lived. As the story goes, a father took his only child, ran from the village, and presented him to the enemy. That baby became known as the Peace Child, for as long as he lived, there was peace. Once he understood this, Richardson had his analogy. He presented Jesus as the perfect peace child, and as long as He lives, peace can reign in the hearts of His followers.

That is the story of a peacemaker. That is our story. Experiencing the peace of God in our own hearts (Colossians 3:5), we "make every effort to live in peace with all men" (Hebrews 12:14) and share the "gospel of peace" (Romans 10:15) with those who do not know it.

Practicing peace isn't always as easy as indicated by the following story. Each night as the lights went out in the barracks, a young soldier would slip out of bed and on his knees spend time in prayer. His sergeant, who had little use for anything "Christian," saw this one night, picked up his muddy boots, and slung them in the soldier's direction. The young man barely flinched as one of the boots hit him in the side of the head and the sergeant, muttering an obscenity, rolled over to sleep. The following morning the sergeant found his boots beside his bed, cleaned and polished to perfection. Peacemakers in the words of Jesus "love their enemies, pray for their persecutors, turn the other cheek, and go the second mile." Peacemakers make every effort to live in peace with others.

Ultimately, the enemy of peace is sin. While man's sin in the garden destroyed the relationship man first enjoyed with God, at the cross Jesus made peace a reality again. There He offered all who would seek Him and live under His Lordship the opportunity to experience a life of peace. Paul, speaking for all Christians, wrote, "Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Long ago God through the prophet Isaiah spoke of the "perfect peace" that belonged to that one who trusted in Him (Isaiah 26:3). Sinful man cannot create peace within or without. God is the only answer and Christians are the ones to bear that message of peace, the only message that offers a righteous solution to a sin-inflicted world. What a special calling it is to both experience and restore something that has been lost since the fall.

The promise to the peacemaker: They shall be called the sons of God. What an honor to be my father's son. What a greater honor to be a child of God. What a privilege to share with others what I have because of that relationship. Blessed are the peacemakers.

(copied from a sermon by David Swanger)

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel,

Ken Kirkpatrick, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Ken Nice

Monday, August 7

Food Kitchen.....5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 9

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 10

R Team 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Joseph Coats,

Gary Yarbrough, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 16

School Starts—Fall Semester

Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 17

O Team.....6:30 pm

Saturday, August 19

Men's Conference 8:00 am

Up-Coming Events.....

August 6 — Bro. Allan in Revival at First Baptist Church, Winston, MO

August 7 — Serve at the Food Kitchen

August 9 — Prayer Warriors 10:00 am

August 9 — Church-wide Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm

August 19 — Men's Retreat Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church

Don't forget to sign up in the hallway

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Nights

We will not meet tonight, Sunday, August 6th. Pray for Bro. Allan and the FBC of Winston as revival concludes this evening.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

Come pray for the direction of our church. Please plan to attend and pray this week. Hope to see you at 6:30 pm!

OOOPS! WE MISSED THE SJBA DISASTER RELIEF SPECIAL OFFERING IN MEMORY OF STEVE TIMMER

Churches in our association were encouraged to receive a special offering for DR July 30th in honor of the late Steve Timmer. Steve and Monica were instrumental in starting Disaster Relief in our association. We will observe this offering in our church next Sunday, August 13th. All gifts will go for DR supplies in our association.

Servants Needed

Help! Our current van drivers need some relief! Would you be willing to drive one month out of the year? See George or Mike.

Biblical Manhood Men's Conference

August 19
8 am to 3 pm
Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church

Have you made plans to attend? Are you inviting someone to go with you? There is a signup sheet in the hallway. Be sure to get your name on it so we know how many tickets we will need. We have 20 but we will get more if needed.

Apple Festival

The Missouri Baptist Children's Home sponsors this annual event September 9th at First Baptist Church, Raymore, MO.

9 am to 3 pm

BY ALL MEANS

Northwest WMU Retreat

Thursday, September 14, 2017
Grand Oaks, Chillicothe, MO

Missouri Missions Offering

Emphasis is in September. This year's theme is 1 Corinthians 3:9a—"For we are laborers together with God."

For the Record-

Attendance: July 30, 2017

Sunday School.....	38
Visitors.....	2
Total.....	40
Contacts Made.....	7
Morning Worship.....	48
Children's Worship.....	N/A

Sunday Night 6
Wednesday Night 11

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ... \$ 2,314.35

Offering Received by Mail:

August Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

August Van Driver:

Mike Green

Call 232-3747 before 8 am

August Member Birthdays:

02...Darlene Messner

09...Dottie Wildberger

18...Don Beavers

18...Tonia Meers

22...Beverly Lewis

August Anniversaries

David and Annette Schottel

August 5, 1989

Tim and Sharon Waters

August 10, 1985

Prayer Requests ...

Baby Peter, Stephanie & Jason Terpack

Shawna Hughes—cancer

Chad Bradford—heart surgery

Delores Rinehart—cancer

Susan King—brain cancer surgery

Gary and Sharon Yarbrough

Jo and Elmer Mayse

Mike Green—knee replacement

Larry Danner—cancer

Emily & Riley Jones, Tammy Panning

Gina Harr—recovery (and Randy)

Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister

Pat Means—Mary Sharp's Sister

Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son

Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim

Don and Marcia —Don's Health

Troy Griswold—cancer treatment

Gary & Peggy Fewins and family

Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery

Karissa and Matt Long and family

Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter

LoLeta Middleton—strength

Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law

Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris

Richardson's sisters

Rev. A. B. Brown Betty Campbell

George Ferbert Ellen Blanton / Lois Ulmer

Jim Winans Nellie Reynolds

Madeline Swink Ann Riddle

Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan
Louanne Laurence Leona Reynolds
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Kevin Duty Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Judy Anderson
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts Tim Izer
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
