

BBC Family Update

Set Free!

Recently our family has gone through some frustrating circumstances regarding a particular Rothling and the court system due to some "traffic infractions." While we knew our child was guilty, we had the opportunity to follow the instructions of the court, and in doing so, his record would be cleared.

We did our best to accommodate the court's requests, however, there were some complications that interfered with the process. The court was patient with us as we resolved these issues, but it was frustrating nonetheless. Eventually every requirement was met and after meeting with the judge for the third time, we finally heard the words, "You're free to go." It was finally over.

Not that our situation was anything too serious, but we were quickly reminded of the fact that we were at the mercy of the court, and at times it seemed to be lacking in mercy.

One of the most frustrating aspects of the process was the lack of opportunity to justify why we did what we did, but the judge didn't seem to care. He only addressed the facts and wanted answers to the questions he asked. While I understood that, I still wanted to justify our actions.

Many people attempt to justify themselves in regards to their salvation. "I've done many good things." "I'm not a bad person." "I go to church...a lot." While these are good things, they are not enough to justify your position in Christ. Only the facts are what matters, and in this case, the fact of whether or not we believe in Jesus. Only when we believe in Jesus are we justified in God's eyes, and nothing else that we have done contributes to our change in status.

Our justification in Christ moves us from a verdict of guilty, to a place of freedom. Our Judge declares us righteous in Christ and we can live knowing that we have been set free. What a great feeling!

Unfortunately, all too often we hear the voice of the enemy reminding us of our sin and the guilt of shame in what we had done in the past. Sometimes we allow that guilt to affect us negatively and impact our walk with the Lord. We begin to question God's love for us, and maybe even doubt our own salvation.

God's Word undeniably refutes these lies and we can rest assured that we are held firmly in the grasp of God's hands and He will not let us go. His love and faithfulness never fails and our salvation in Him is sure. As children of God, we can know without a doubt that we have been set free!

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13 ESV

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- We extend our deepest sympathies to the Bing family in the passing of Karen's mom, and also to Janet Konczak in the loss of her husband. Our prayers are with both of your families.
- Praise the Lord for Charlie Bing's successful conference opportunity in Beijing, China. Pray for his upcoming trip to Burundi, Africa on August 10, as he teaches local pastors at the GraceLife Institute.



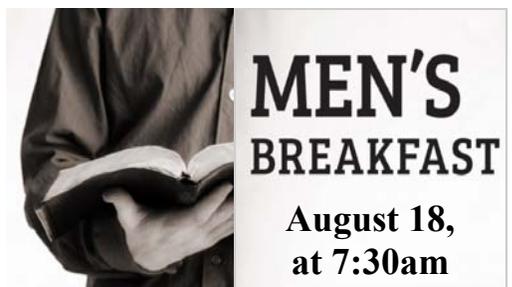
6 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm

12 - Baptism Service

17 - Ladies' Night Out, 6:15pm

18 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am

26 - Promotion Sunday



Promotion Sunday is August 26.

Children will be moving up to their new classes this week. If you are unsure of where your new class meets, information will be made available Sunday morning.

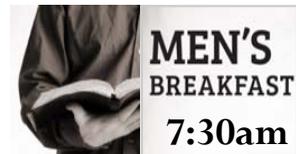


Ladies' Night Out

Dinner & Movie
at Leilani Matlack's home
August 17, at 6:15pm

RSVP is preferred, but not necessary. For more information, please contact Leilani.

AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>*Birthdays</i></p>			1 <i>*Gabe Dick</i>	2	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>6 <i>*Bella Van Wart</i></p> <p>Evening of Prayer 7pm</p>	7	8	9	10 <i>*Julie Hutchison Brinley Hutchison</i>	11
<p>12</p>  <p>9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship</p>	13	14	15	16	<p>17</p> 	<p>18 <i>*Melody Maddox</i></p> 
<p>19</p> <p>9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship</p>	20 <i>*Marlie Beth</i>	21 <i>*Jagger Marshall</i>	22 <i>* Donna Brown Alyssa Hallak</i>	23	24	25
<p>26</p>  <p>9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship</p>	27	28 <i>*Allison Dick</i>	29	30	31	