

AUGUST, 2019

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Bible speaks a great deal about clouds. God set His rainbow in the clouds as a reminder to never destroy

the world by flood again. When He led the children of Israel out of Egypt, God went before them is a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. When He gave the 10 commandments to Moses He spoke out of a cloud. When the Tabernacle was complete the glory of the Lord entered it and a cloud enveloped the place of worship. There are countless more times that God's manifests His Presence and speaks to man from a cloud. As I was studying this recently, I was reading in 1 Kings 18:41-44 (NKJV) "Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." So, Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So, he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again." Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said,

"There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So, he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.' " Understand that it had not rained in 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. Elijah had prayed and God withheld the rain because of the wickedness of the day. The people had turned to the worship of Baal. So, Elijah called them to Mt. Camel for a showdown and if Baal or God answered with fire from heaven and consumed the sacrifice offered then that was the true God of Israel. Well, God did answer in a mighty way and Elijah executed all the prophets of Baal and then he goes up on the mountain to pray. He tells the king that he hears, the sound of the coming rain and the deliverance of God. Now, once on the mountain Elijah asks his servant 7 times if he sees a rain cloud. There hadn't been a cloud in Israel for 3 ¹/₂ years. Finally, the servant says that he sees a cloud but it's far away because it looks like the size of a man's hand. He then tells the servant to tell the king to

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return home because the rain will stop him if he didn't leave then. As I thought about this, I realized that there are times that God allows us to hear the approaching rain to prepare us for His Presence and deliverance. A few weeks ago, we celebrated a night of Praise and Prayer and we prayed for breakthroughs in the lives of many people. At that time, I could since that God's approach and "His rain" was on its way. Since then I have had many people share their testimonies about how God's rain had a brought a breakthrough for them in their health, their relationships, their fears, their finances, and how God is restoring His integrity among His people. What I'm saying is that when we seek God's face for breakthrough is when He begins to move on our behalf. So, listen, for the rain; it's coming.

God bless, Pastor Walter

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4: Youth/Kids Swim at Valley Ranch

August 7: Hurricane Preparedness Meeting - 6 p.m.

August 7: School Prayer Walk Meet at HPF at 7 p.m.

August 11: Spaghetti Lunch Youth Fundraiser

August 14: First Day of School

September 5-8: Women's Conference

TUESDAYS

Quilting Ministry 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m..

Celebrate Recovery - Lake Room 6:15 - 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

Hi-Life (adult studies) Wacky Wednesdays (children) The Harbor (youth)

Service Times

Sunday

BIBLE STUDY ALL AGES

9:30am-10:15am CONNECTION CAFE 10:15am-10:40am ELEVATE FOR CHILDREN-K-5th Grade

Worship Service 10:45am-12:00pm

BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY

We will be baptizing our kids this Sunday at the end of service. Pre-teen camp was a great time and many students gave their lives to Christ during the week! Plan on staying a little later to witness their declaration of new life in Christ!

We were never intended to live life on our own!

Jesus walked through life with a group of twelve. Life Groups are the beginning of life for all of us. In these relationships we see our primary examples of how to live together, life to the fullest and life at its toughest. Jesus had to deal with life like you and me, day in and day out. We live life to the fullest when we follow his example. We have life groups that meet throughout the week in various places around the surrounding area. Please take a look at our current schedule of life groups and come join us in the greatest adventure life has to offer as we move forward together! Visit our website: www.hpfchurch.org or email lifegroups@hpfchurch.org for

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Check out Life Group times and locations and begin the adventure!



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Classes for Preschool Kinderganten 6th Linade

Sundays at 9:30am & 10:45am Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Volunteers

Upstairs:

1st Grade -2nd Grade -3rd Grade -4th Grade -5th Grade -

Front Desk:

Downstairs: Nursery Young Learners Elevate Jr. - 3/4 Kindergarten

Chelsea Stuckey Chelsea Stuckey Meagan McKeever Meagan McKeever Meagan McKeever

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This week at HighPoint

Radical Gratitude

"Radical Roots"

Sunday @ 10:45 a.m.



Furnish HPF

New Chairs have arrived!

Want to help furnish HighPoint ?

You can purchase additional chairs for \$40 each.

Celebrate Recovery

Every Tuesday 6:15pm-9:00pm A Christ-centered 12 step program for life's Hurts, Habits & Hang-ups Childcare available.

> For more information contact: Kirk Bieck 713.202.7588

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