Let's Get Connected!

Sunday Mornings

Covenant Café 8:30am (Coffee and grits served)

Sunday School—8:45a.m.-9:45a.m. <u>Book of Exodus</u>—Mike Folsom Room 8 <u>Intercessory Prayer</u>—Prayer Room

Pre-Service Prayer—9:45a.m. Main Event Worship Service—10:00a.m.

<u>Wednesdays</u>

Fire By Night Prayer -Sanctuary - 6:00p.m. Youth with Pastor Alli in the Youth Room— 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

Folsom Home Group in Moultrie, GA— 6:30p.m. (Dinner and Bible Study included)

Living Under the Influence Life Group with Pastor Dave in Room 8 - 7:00p.m.

IF GOD IS ALL YOU HAVE YOU HAVE ALL YOU NEED



August 11th 7:00p.m. In the Oasis Fellowship Hall. *We'll provide the ice cream. Bring your favorite topping!*

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From the Desk of Pastor Dave Allen: "Live Life With Urgency"



Alli and I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for our prayers and love. We are making improvements. I want to thank Alli for preaching for me Sunday a message called "The word of your testimony." Last week Wednesday Nancy Stacey taught on the subject of *Prophetic Dreams* and shared with the class her personal experiences and gave excellent suggestions regarding handling them. Thank you Nancy for taking the time to give us such a great teaching!

I want to share with you an incredible story of heroism, and selfless love for fellow man. Most of us are familiar with the story of the sinking of the Titanic. Perhaps you haven't heard of the bravery of Pastor John Harper. Here's his story.

The night the titanic sank in 1912 on April 14th, 1,528 people went into the frigid waters. John Harper, after putting his only daughter on a lifeboat, was seen swimming frantically to people in the water leading them to Jesus before the hypothermia became fatal. Rev. Harper swam up to one young man who had climbed up on a piece of debris. Rev. Harper asked him between breaths, "Are you saved?" The young man replied that he was not.

Harper then tried to lead him to Christ only to have the young man who was near shock, reply no. John Harper then took off his life jacket and threw it to the man and said "Here then, you need this more than I do..." and swam away to other people. A few minutes later Harper swam back to the young man and succeeded in leading him to salvation. Of the 1,528 people that went into the water that night, six were rescued by the lifeboats. One of them was this young man on the debris. Four years later, at a survivors meeting, this young man stood up and in tears recounted how John Harper had tried to swim back to help other people, yet because of the intense cold, had grown too weak to swim. His last words before going under in the frigid waters were "Believe on the name of the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." Pastor John Harper know what it meant to live life with urgency.

This powerful testimony serves as a reminder that when we're confident of who we are in Christ and sure of where we are going, we have no reason to fear death and can live a life abandonment and service to others. Let's make the most of the time we have on planet earth for the Kingdom of God. Do you have a sense of urgency for the lost? Pray for them. When you have an opportunity, walk through the open door and share your testimony of what Jesus has done for you. Isn't if awesome to know that God has blessed you with a testimony that someone needs to hear? Get ready. Get ready for an increase of opportunities to be a blessing. We are in a season of Holy Spirit wanting to lead us into the supernatural and the miraculous. I pray you will yield to His leading and step out of your comfort zone to give an encouraging word to someone in need. Let's live life with urgency.

Prayer ShieldPat PooreDaniel & Gwen GainesTeresa FitzgibbonsDoris—Cathleen Wilson's momBetty Hill—Gwen Gaines momBetty Hill—Gwen Gaines momPastor Dave's dad: Dave AllenShane Myers—Alli's brother

Mike Folsom

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil." Luke 6:35AMP



Taking Care of the Temple of the Holy Spirit

The following is taken from https://www.faithandhealthconnection.org/

There are probably a few hundred reasons that might motivate you to care for yourself and to be healthy. Here are four reasons why God would want us all to be motivated by.

- 1. It glorifies God
- 2. You're taking care of your body His temple
- 3. It's being a good witness
- 4. You'll have more energy be better equipped for what God has planned for you

It Glorifies God

The Bible says in <u>1 Corinthians 10:31</u> that whatever we do we're to do it to the glory of God. It also tells us in Isaiah that we were created and formed by God to glorify Him. This is our primary purpose in life – to glorify God. We do that when we care for our body and live a healthy lifestyle.

Our Body is God's Temple and for Us to Care For

One scripture that reminds us that our body is God's temple is <u>1 Corinthians 6:19-20</u>. God's Holy Spirit lives inside a believer. After we accept Jesus into our heart, God gives us His Spirit to help us live the kind of life He wants us to live. Since God actually lives in us, Paul tells us in this verse that our body is His temple. Since God "bought" us with a high price, Jesus' death, than we are obligated to care for our body which is His temple.

Being Healthy is Being a Good Witness

Acts 1:8 reminds us that we are to be witnesses for other people. People look for us to be models of the Christian faith. We ought to desire to live our lives in a way that represents our faith well. Taking care of our health is one way that we can be a good witness.

You'll Have More Energy to Do God's Work

Ephesians 2:10 helps us see that we are God's masterpiece, created to do the good things that He had planned a long time ago for us to do. We all know that the more fit and healthy we are the more energy we will have. The more energy that we have, the more we can put into whatever task we are doing. We'll also be better able to sustain ourselves for the long haul.