



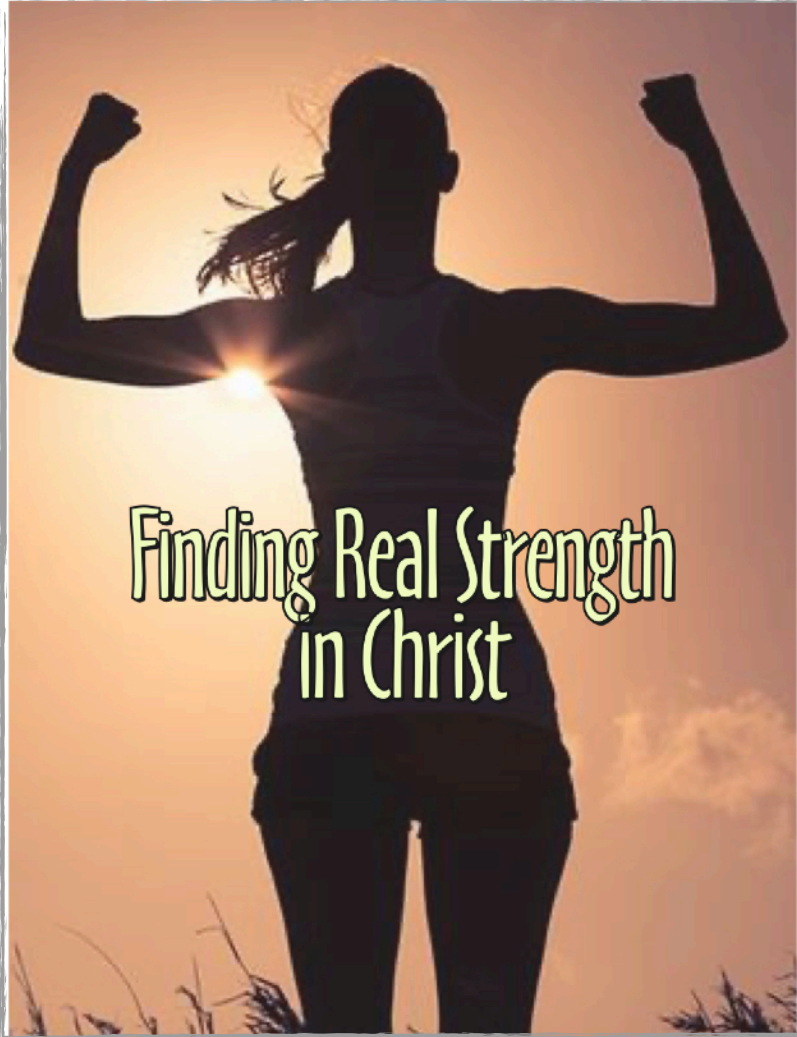
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Philippians 1:12-14; 4:10-14

“Finding Real Strength in Christ”

Measuring real strength God's way requires God's peace.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal
GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

PRELUDE “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
arr. Kim Williams

OPENING SENTENCE

Philippians 4:13 (CEB)

I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF GATHERING

“What A Mighty God We Serve” CEL #672

**What a mighty God we serve.
What a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him;
Heav’n and earth adore Him.
What a mighty God we serve. (2X)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

When God says “Be strong”

**We’re not talking about Everest
We’re not talking about suppressing emotions
We’re not talking about being all
things to all people
When God says, “Be strong”
God says, “Trust me”**

SING

“Revive Us Again” CEL #434

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

**Holy God, You give us great minds
for teasing out mysteries and solving
even the most complex problems.
You give us great muscles and skills
to achieve incredible acts. You give us
personalities and emotions to cope
with the most overwhelming
circumstances, good and bad. And
yet, when it comes to obeying your
Spirit, we are hesitant to receive that
gift. We are hesitant to receive you.
Help us, Lord, please, do better. May
we come to reflect your generosity as
enthusiastically as we receive it.
Thank you for listening, God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God’s love can change everything, even the power
of our sins over us. And it is God’s will that we
have this power:*

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

SING

“Gloria Patri”

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning.
It is now and ever shall be
world without end: Amen, amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*The Word of God doesn’t just inform: it reveals.
The Word of God doesn’t just tell us the truth, it
empowers us to live our true path. The Word of
God, by God’s own Spirit, teaches us to live. Let
us be open to this gift of God and ask for help
to understand. Let us pray...*

PRAY/SING

“O, How I Love Jesus”
CEL #92

**O, how I love Jesus!
O, how I love Jesus!
O, how I love Jesus!
Because He first loved me.**

*Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and
our ongoing place in God’s story...*

READ: Philippians 1:12-14; 4:10-14 (CEB)

Paul’s example and God’s strength.

1:12 Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that the things that have happened to me have actually advanced the gospel. 13 The whole Praetorian Guard and everyone else knows that I’m in prison for Christ. 14 Most of the brothers and sisters have had more confidence through the Lord to speak the word boldly and bravely because of my jail time.

4:10 I was very glad in the Lord because now at last you have shown concern for me again. (Of course you were always concerned but had no way to show it.)

11 I’m not saying this because I need anything, for I have learned how to be content in any circumstance. 12 I know the experience of being in need and of having more than enough; I have learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance, whether full or hungry or whether having plenty or being poor. 13 I

can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength.
14 Still, you have done well to share my distress.

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"Strength to Be"

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray with Lord, Listen to Your Children"

arr. Mary McDonald; Duet: Noah and Lora Melton

SERMON "Finding Real Strength in Christ"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SING "Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples"
GTG #757

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

"Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus"
arr. Martha Mier

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Let us pray...

"Down to the River to Pray" Traditional

**O Christians, let's go down,
let's go down, come one down.
O Christians, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.**

**O Children, let's go down,
let's go down, come one down.
O Children, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.**

**...Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our debts as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into**

**temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SONG OF SENDING

"Blessed Assurance"

GTG #839

SENDING & BENEDICTION

Let us say together the Benediction...

**Measuring real strength God's way
requires God's peace.**

SING "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"
GTG #187

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us: we are yours.**

POSTLUDE

"Revive Us Again"

arr. Cindy Berry



PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- Staff of the month: Noah Melton
- The Family of Clint Barrett
- The Family of Jeff Beel
- Henry Crisp—at home under palliative care (father of Sylvia Crisp)
- Hawfields Child Care Center—direction
- HPC Nominating Committee
- Stephanie Herndon—recovery from surgery
- Emily Johnson—recovering from hip surgery following a fall
- Tanya McClain—rheumatoid arthritis
- Cindy Napier & Family—health concerns; husband had an accident (Tammy Neese's cousin)
- The Family of Rachel Patterson (sister of Barbara Phillips)
- Shelby Perry—return of cancer on leg
- Residents of Alamance County who were impacted by the recent floods
- Texas flood recovery
- Helen Thomas—back surgery on 8/11
- Jane Williamson—surgery to replace vertebrae on 8/1

Our prayers continue for:

Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Susan Loy (Alamance House), Joe & Beverli McAdams, Josephine Minor, Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Room, #A-9), Danny Thompson and Pat Webster



CHOIR NEWS

- We are thankful to the guest musicians and soloists who have participated in the music ministry of HPC this summer so that choir members could have a brief hiatus before jumping back into another busy season this fall. Now, we are beginning to anticipate the Sanctuary Choir's return to worship leadership, which is set for Sunday, August 24th. Please note, Wednesday rehearsals formally commence on August 20th at 6:30 PM in the choir room.
- This year's Christmas Cantata will be on Sunday, December 21st during the 10:00 AM worship service. It is entitled "Mary, Did You Know?" This choir is scheduled to begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 17th from 7:15 - 8:00 PM. Every Wednesday thereafter we will dive into another fantastic work of art with the intent to celebrate the birth of a King with GREAT JOY!
- Both of these groups have a way of drawing you into a deeper relationship with God. Please consider joining either the Sanctuary Choir or the Cantata Choir and serve God through music!

THE 2025 SESSION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

POWER MOVES

We measure strength in lots of ways. Influence. Endurance. Power. Authority. Control. But how often do we measure strength by Submission? The true strength of a person of faith is submitting to God's will. What checks do you have in place to ensure you know what God's will is? What practices do you have in place for actually following God's will in your life? And when thinking about the strength of others, is your first question whether they are strong with faith or skilled in other ways? As you move through the week, consider how better to use God's measures for strength in your perspective and self-reflection (which means you have to actually do some self-reflection!).

QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Based on your own definition, do you consider yourself a strong person?
- How important is it to you to be a strong person?
- How do you think God measures your strength?
- If you get help with something are you still strong?

WE WELCOME GUESTS TO OUR PULPIT

With David and Mandy taking vacation, we welcome Elder Brody Cameron to our online and morning services and Danny Yancey in the evening!

BIBLE HEROES

Over the next several weeks we are featuring as a theme in the Morning and Online worship services a Bible hero. We are using the lives of these folks to

watch how God operates and contrast their choice-making with our own. From Noah, Abraham, Joshua (Rahab), Moses, Jesus, to the Gospel itself, we will explore people and their stories, examples God gives us to live, learn and, frankly, laugh at ourselves. We perhaps might find the hero of faith God intends for us to be.

THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH IS WRITTEN IN OUR CONNECTIONS

Whether we're talking about history or our ever-emerging present, God's goal has always been to connect us with God's Spirit and each other. A big way this happens is through our stories. *Linking Lives* is an opportunity for folks to share their stories and in so doing help link us together with each other. Over the next 12 months, there will be opportunities for us to learn more about and, most importantly, *pray* for every family in our congregation. We will feature profiles and have times for personal prayer and chatting as well as bi-monthly opportunities for a podcast featuring faith stories (1st week of the month) and/or burning faith questions or theology (3rd week of the month). Look for your invitation letters to come beginning in August.

THE WORK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee works at the behest of the congregation. They are seeking to empower and inform the right of the congregation in our system to elect its leadership. Elders Tammy Karnes, Sandy Muller and Carol Phillips are serving to provide

us with a recommended slate of nominees. To aid them in their work, most principally, pray for them. Also, feel free to suggest names to them under these three conditions. First, ensure you have your suggested person's permission to submit their name. Second, make sure that they are, in fact, a member of the congregation. Third, and most important, prayerfully consider God's call on them to serve in this way.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We will be collecting school supplies for children at Garrett Elementary and Hawfields Middle schools through **August 31st**. Donated items can be placed in the containers in the vestibule and Fellowship Hall.

Items needed are:

- *Composition notebooks (blue, green, red, black and yellow) wide ruled.
- *Plastic folders with pockets and prints (blue, green, red, black and yellow)
- *Plastic folders with pockets - no prongs
- *Colored pencils
- *Pencil top erasers or pink erasers
- *Pencil pouches and pencils boxes
- *Glue sticks
- *Scissors
- *Crayons (24 count)
- *Washable markers
- *Headphones (corded) and earbuds
- *Expo Markers (dry erase markers) Black
- *Clipboards
- *Highlighters

Front office/Teacher wish list items: Kleenex tissues, Lysol or

Clorox wipes, Band-aids, ziplock bags (sandwich size).

COMMUNITY DAY DONATIONS

Once again we will have prize giveaways at Community Day. If you have something you would like to donate or know or work with someone we could ask please let Ira Trollinger know at iratrollinger@gmail.com

ATTENTION SHEPHERDS:

Thank you so much for your willingness to serve our church family in this important ministry. Please remember to make sure you stay in touch with each of your sheep during these last hot days of summer and especially continue to pray for them. We have been updating, changing and reassigning some of the church family sheep to different shepherds. If you do not know who your shepherd is, please contact the church office or Sandy Muller (336-263-2773). We welcome Kimi Massey to our family of shepherds. If you would like to serve as a shepherd, please let Sandy know.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AMYouth Sunday School
9:15 AMCoffee & Treats (F. Hall)
10:00 AMTraditional Worship Service
6:00 PMFaith @ Night Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

11:00 AMSenior Fitness (F. Hall)
7:00 PMBoy Scout Meeting (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

10:00 AMBusy Bees Workshop
1:30 PMHawfields Jammers
6:30 PMNarcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AMCoffee & Prayer @ Habit Coffee
11:00 AMSenior Chair Dance (F. Hall)
6:30 PMAA Meeting (Fleming Room)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 AMWalking Group (church track)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 AMYouth Sunday School
9:15 AMCoffee & Treats (F. Hall)
10:00 AMTraditional Worship Service
11:00 AMYouth—Water Balloons
1:30 PMCommunion @ Compass
6:00 PMFaith @ Night Service

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BY THE NUMBERS 7/28/25

Giving Budget 2025\$346,202.00
Gen. Fund YTD\$127,537.05
Needed monthly\$28,850.17
G.F. Month to date\$13,401.00
Needed weekly\$6,657.73
Last week\$3,386.00
Building Fund\$140.00
Youth\$237.00
Helping Hands Balance\$510.00