

REFLECTIONS

Decades ago, we had a leader in our church who would on occasion recite from memory a poem from Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) called *Success*:

*To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
and affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child,
garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;
To have played and laughed with enthusiasm
and sung with exultation;
To know even one life has breathed easier because
you have lived. This is to have succeeded.*

This is a beautiful understanding of a satisfying life. How do you measure success? Emerson began his public life as a Harvard-taught minister two hundred years ago. Then his young wife died of tuberculosis. A crisis of faith naturally followed. He questioned his place in the great scheme of life. He struggled with issues of faith and science, eventually settling on what I characterize as “the transcendence of creation” as the touchstone of his life. Sadly, he had abandoned the Christ of Christianity. His writings became foundations for what was called “Transcendentalism,” which still has great appeal today.

The Bible speaks very little about success as we define it today. My understanding of Biblical success is not found in popularity, prestige, possessions, or power. Biblical success does not equal great leadership or numbers of followers or ministries or even mission endeavors. To me the Biblical definition of success is faithfulness to the teachings of Jesus. When things come down to the very end, the question from on High will not be if you were successful, but rather, “Were you faithful?” Were you faithful to God’s word, faithful in your relationships, faithful in your daily actions? Faith is fully trusting God. Faithfulness is living in gratitude for God’s great love and salvation.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Succeed through faithfulness. And let's experience the love and power of God together.
Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning

Continental Breakfast

Worship

Bible Study & Conversation

9:20 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening

The People's Pantry

The Clothes Closet Ministry

Prayer Service

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

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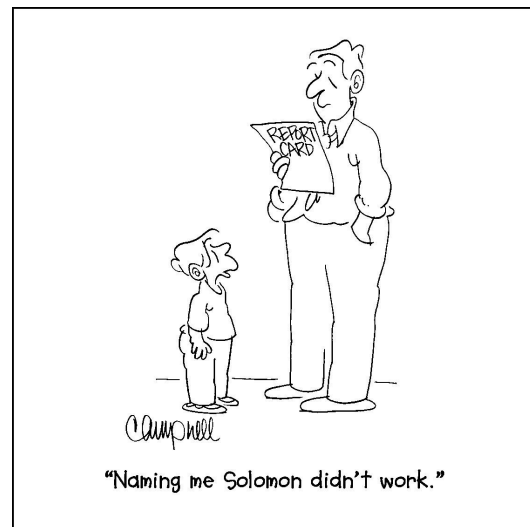
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February

21 Russell Ford

March

2 David Anderson



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Making Bible Promises Personal
 —Psalm 19:7-14

How do you know the difference between a Bible promise, and a Bible promise that applies to you? This week we examine the steps to making Bible promises your own. Invite your family and friends to church this week and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Conversations with the Pastor
 Ladies Bible Study
 11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 WCBC Foundation Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:45 a.m. Monday Morning Prayers
 Call (712) 832-8330, then access code: 887-7647

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations
 Kevin Avery's Facebook Zoom link

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
 Clothes Closet Ministry
 Light Supper
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:00 a.m. The Promises of Answered Prayer

Behind the Scenes

WCBC FOUNDATION MEETING SUNDAY

There will be a meeting of the White City Baptist Church Foundation **this Sunday, February 18**, at 11:55 a.m. in the classroom by the kitchen. The main topic will be the rising costs of church insurance and possible necessary adjustments. The WCBC Foundation has covered the insurance costs for the last 40 years. There also will be a discussion of possible new investments to gain greater interest returns. *Casey Gilmore* serves as president of the Foundation.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRIES UPDATE

Our Wednesday evening community ministries continue to have a strong and positive impact on our neighborhood. Last week we added another 1,700 pounds of food for The People's Pantry to carry us through until early March. In addition our Clothes Closet provides emergency winter clothes, blankets, sweaters, hats and gloves to those in need. This is a good time to find deep "end of season sales" on many of these things. Also, remember the year round needs of our neighbors as you do your own spring cleanings. Also, we have added a weekly hot light supper for our neighbors to enjoy inside at the tables with us. These activities begin at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts February 11	\$ 842.88
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

Thank You to all who are providing sustaining tithes and offerings.