

A Time to Weep

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The wise teacher wrote that there is, “a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;” (Ecclesiastes 3:4, ESV). I don’t know how you are feeling, but I am sad. Especially considering the loss of six lives at the hands of a violent killer, I feel like this is a time for our nation to weep. It seems like this is a time for Christians to weep.

Paul commands us in Romans 12:15 to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, [and] weep with those who weep.” If there’s anywhere to be sad, church is the place for it. If there’s anywhere to cry, church is the place for it. If our worship services more closely aligned with those of the Psalmists, we would weep more often in our worship. Psalms 10, 63, 69, 74, 79 are “Psalms of Lament.” They’re sad songs. How many sad songs do we have in our songbook?

We know that “Jesus wept” when his friend Lazarus died (John 11:35). At one time, Jesus wept when saw Jerusalem, knowing that its inhabitants would reject him and the city would be destroyed. Jesus affirms that it’s right and righteous for us to be sad sometimes. Jesus taught, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” (Matthew 5:4, ESV).

We mourn loss. We weep over the loss of innocent children and the pain their families are experiencing. We weep over death, and we weep over suffering. We weep when Christians go astray, and we weep when there is discord in the church. We weep over sin.

If you’re sad, don’t rush to find a solution or share your opinion. Don’t jump to “look at the bright side” or find a positive spin on a bad situation. Just be sad for some time. Tell God that you’re sad. If a brother or sister in Christ is sad, be sad with them.

Allowing yourself to be sad doesn’t mean you lose hope in God or wallow in misery forever. There is a time to be sad, so be sad for a time! In the book of Lamentations, the inspired author cries out in pain about the suffering that God has allowed him to experience. As he cries, the author knows that sadness is not the end.

Lamentations 3:21–24

- [21] But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
[22] The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
[23] they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
[24] “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.” (ESV)

Caleb Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good - Titus 2:14




Kay Anderson, Travis Bell, Carol Bessman, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Don Deffenbaugh, Katherine Enfield (Debi's daughter), Kathy Friend, Rile Friend, Beth Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Pete Griffin, Karen Honeycutt, Molly Jackson, Lexie Kidd, Shanna Kraft (Cheryl W's daughter), Cheryl Langley, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Bob Murray, Tim Murray, Larry Owen, Lyn Pendegraft, Susan Phillips, Mebyl Privett, Brandon Ross (Debi's grandson), Harold Speir, Stephanie Talley (Vera C's granddaughter) Edith Toney, Ken Tyler.

Colby Daniels made the decision to be baptized after Sunday evening services last week. We rejoice with the angels on his commitment to Christ. Colby is the son of Kent and Jennifer Daniels and the grandson of Keith and Lisa.

The Langleys ask that you pray for their friend, Stacey Jones who lost their husband. She has two daughters.



Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped someone who experienced a fire in the home. If you know someone in need, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 in the activities center. Invite your friends and come for the devotional, donuts and fellowship. 

If you can't be here when we **worship**, visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel to join us live or to catch up on what you missed.

Today's Sermons



A.M.: *How to Eat the Lord's Supper*
(1 Cor. 11:17-34, Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *What Is She Doing Here?*
(Luke 7:36-50, Danny Boggs)

Men's breakfast has been postponed one week. Join your brothers on April 13 at 7:00 at Dude's House of Donuts.

Join us today at **Gran Villas** at 1:30 for a devotional and to encourage the residents there.

Continue to pray for Bethany Boggs and three of our teen girls who are returning from **Ruth Rally** today.

Tri-State Youth Series will be at Miami today, The van will leave at 3:00.

This weekend, the following young people will be participating in **Lads to Leaders** in Arkansas: Annie, Amelia, Brady, Corbin, Ellana, Ellie, Isis, Jonah, Lexie, Liam, Matthew, Roxxi and Wendy. We wish them the best as they participate in different events. They, along with their parents, the Deffenbaughs and Honeycutts will leave Thursday and return Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity to be with other peers and families that are striving to follow God. You can fill an **Easter basket** for one of the children going to Lads. Pick one up from the foyer, follow the instructions and return it on Wednesday.



On April 16, after morning service, there will be a teachers' meeting and appreciation lunch for current **cradle roll through grade 6 teachers** and their families.

Our **Spring Formal** for high school students is Saturday, April 22. We will have a blast spending an evening together in Rogers, AR. The cost is \$10.00. See Caleb for more details. RSVP by Wednesday, April 19.

Our **gospel meeting** is just four weeks away, April 23-26. Eric Owen, a highly respected minister, will be our speaker. You will want to make plans to attend each evening and invite your friends. Flyers are on the welcome desk.

Enroll for week 2 at **Green Valley Bible camp** at the GVBC website. It will be a wonderful week.

*To my sisters at Hillcrest,
Thank you so much for the beautiful bag, coffees, popcorn, snacks, chocolates, journals and gift cards. That was such a thoughtful surprise! It was wonderful to be with you. Thank you for all the work you put into making the weekend a wonderful time of study and fellowship. Y'all are an encouragement to me!*

*Love,
Jill*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Matt Hayes
AM Closing Prayer: Karson Thomas
Communion Prayers: Mike Kidwell

Evening

PM Opening Prayer: Harold Speir
PM Closing Prayer: Joe McLain

This Wednesday

Announcements: Jim Friend
Singing: Sam Collinsworth
Invitation: Josh King
Opening Prayer: Stuart Anderson
Closing Prayer: Liam Hayes

RECORDS

| | 3-26-23 | 3-27-22 |
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| Bible Study | 136 | 156 |
| AM Worship | 186 | 211 |
| PM Worship | 122 | 134 |
| Wednesday | 149 | 129 |
| Contribution | \$8,495.68 | \$8,963.65 |
| Budget | \$8,250.00 | \$8,250.00 |