



## The Pastor's Quill

*The other day I told God, "I did everything I could! Now I'm done!"  
God replied, "Good! Now I can start."*

Selah and Shalom Church Family:

I don't know about you, but on many days...too many days, that quote fits like a glove. It's one of the issues I struggle with most often: that very thin line between relying on me too much and relying on God too much.

I think it is something most of us struggle with, and in the process we get in our own way, and God's as well. "If I just worked a little more/harder or applied myself more", or the other side of the coin, "If it's meant to be, God will make it happen" and do nothing to help make "it" come to pass.

Regarding the former, this mindset can lead to the belief that the chief task of Christian living is an endless treadmill of things to improve ourselves. We keep working and working and working in the ways we think are correct, righteous, and holy, all the while ignoring our inner voice. Ultimately, this only produces fatigue & frustration.

With the latter, understanding that God typically doesn't work that way, meaning we do little to nothing, putting everything on God. This is kind of like the story of the two kids who are late for school and the 1st kid says, "Let's sit here and pray we get to school on time." To which the 2nd kid screams back, "No way! Let's pray we get to school on time while running like the wind!"

You see, we have to do our part because with God, everything is relationship, a two way street, there's give and take. Yes, God can and does perform miracles, but this isn't his usual or typical method of help. We are. Full period. Full stop. We are! Because we are the salt and light of the world as the hands and feet of Jesus.

So what are we to do as we walk that tightrope between leaning on ourselves too much and God too little, and vice versa. Pray. Not to sound glib or cheeky, but seriously, pray. However, it is within this prayer especially that we practice listening...for that still small voice from within...from the Holy Spirit...from our soul. And though I may not be 'there' yet, I know that the more I do this, the wider that tightrope becomes. So join me in "listening prayer" as we walk this line together.

Pastor Dave



*We are a community of the imperfect, loving God by loving our neighbor.*

### WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Service—10:00AM

Wednesday Night Life Study: 5:30-6:30PM

[www.jubileeshoresumc.org](http://www.jubileeshoresumc.org)

### CHURCH INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Closed Friday

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# EVENTS



## MOTHERS DAY

Sunday, May 12th



## WEESCHOOL GRADUATION

May 19th, 5:30PM



We will be doing another collection for **Soup for The Soul** next month! May's recipe will be **Goulash**.

Bags can be picked up in the church lobby starting **May 5th** and soup will need to be returned frozen by Sunday, **May 26th**.

Questions? Contact the church office.

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## Life Studies

5:30pm—Wednesday Night

The Book of Romans

*\*Come at 5:10 if you'd like to join Pastor Dave in a brief meditation prior to the study.*

# MINISTRIES

Jubilee Ladies—Tuesdays @ 6pm

Cigar Church—Tuesdays @ 7pm

Soul Sisters Bible Study—Wednesdays @ 10am

Sunday Morning Fellowship—Sunday @ 8:30am

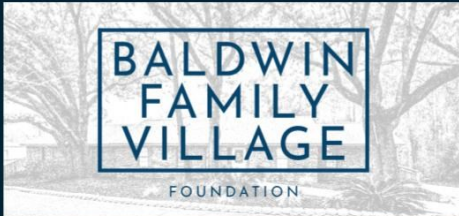
Comfort Sowers

For more information on our adult ministries, please visit our website at: <https://www.jubileeshoresumc.org/small-groups>



# OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

## HAPPY 1 YR ANNIVERSARY BALDWIN FAMILY VILLAGE!



In its 1st Year, Baldwin Family Village:

- served 70 individuals
- graduated 34 women and children into permanent housing
- taught 74 Life Skills Classes
- handled 665 Crisis Calls
- had 240 hot meals graciously prepared from community partners
- provided 6,339 total bednights



**J. LARRY  
NEWTON  
HYGIENE  
DRIVE**



## Annual Spring Community Picnic





# PRAYER

## *Requests*

- Prayers for Alan and Donna Blackwell's great nephew, Trace, who was born last month. They found out he has a rare genetic disorder that will end up taking his life. They do not expect him to live past his 1st birthday and have brought him home with hospice. Please cover this family and little one in your prayers.
- Prayers for Susie and Rick Wallace as settle into North Carolina.
- Prayers of peace and comfort for Mike & Deb Kirk.
- Our Weeschool to remain staffed and healthy!

### CHURCH STAFF

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To get in touch with our Church or Weeschool staff, please call 251-928-9133.

## ONLINE *Giving*

### GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

- [www.jubileeshoresumc.org](http://www.jubileeshoresumc.org)
- Log into your CCB profile and use your "Giving" tab
- Set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account
- Drop off at church office

*\*all gifts are tax-deductible and a year-end giving statement will be prepared for you for tracking and tax purposes.*