

# The 3 Engines of the Christian Life

It doesn't matter how good your paint job is if your car's engine has fallen out. The engines of Christian living: faith, hope, and love are bound together in scripture on at least seven occasions. In the earliest letter Paul ever wrote he doesn't get farther than three verses before he points to this unbreakable triple-braid. **"We continually remember before our God and Father your WORK produced by FAITH, your LABOR prompted by LOVE, and your ENDURANCE inspired by HOPE"** (1 Thess. 1:3).

Christian living is not a technique; it is a daily connection to a power source. Our ability to work is anchored by faith IN God. Our labor is set in motion by love FROM God. Our endurance is continually reawakened by hope OF God's certain future. These are what drive his followers forward.

Under our own power we won't ever find life, only a temporary tantalizing taste that never satisfies. We can try faith in fellow human beings. We can call for change in society only to remain unchanged ourselves. We can lurch ahead fitfully by love for worldly and material success. We can sputter in hope that we will never grow old. These all end in disappointment. Your cruise through life will slow to a stop.

What moves us? A humble daily surrender to Christ is all that is needed. The only time Jesus called a person a fool was when they did not prepare for eternity (Luke 12:20). Our Savior says, **"Learn from me"** (Matt. 11:29). He will teach you a new way and give you the power to live it. He will put inside you these new engines of faith, hope, and love. They have the power to propel you forward your entire earthly life and beyond. Without it we end up broken down on the side of the road.

Faith, hope, and love are the three engines of God inside that keeps us joyfully moving. It's not our power, but his!

*Mark*

**It Is Not Too Late! . . .**

**Camp MEN'S Retreat - "Relentless"**

It is this Friday evening into Saturday, Sept. 15-16, at Camp Manatawny.

**We are renting a van at no cost to you**

Sign-up to **ride** in rented van on **bulletin board**

Sign-up to **attend** the retreat at **manatawny.org**

## **Save the Date: Winterfest dinner**

Sunday, **Sept. 24th @ 5:00**. Please join us for an evening of food and fellowship. **Donations** will help our **teens attend** the "Winterfest" Youth Rally in Tennessee this coming February.

(Note: this will be our Fellowship Meal this month, so there is no meal on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>)

## **Children's Church Will Re-Start Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Youth Group**: Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the building from 7-9pm for a devo and ping-pong, foosball, pool, and air-hockey.

**Elders-Deacons-Preacher Meeting – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30**: Deacons, save the date and join us—it's always GREAT to get our leadership together! **Dinner is included.**

**Steve Lucas has a new address**: 1098 Delsea Drive, Deptford, NJ 08093

**College Care Packages**: This year we are sending our College Students gift cards. Please give any donations to Fay or Donna.

**LIFE Groups are RE-STARTING:** this season as we reconnect and grow with our brothers and sisters to GROW in our faith!

**Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief:** We have all seen the devastation of the hurricane and flooding in Houston. Byron Fike, who was a VBS speaker in our past, preaches at Clear Lake Church of Christ in Houston. They have been on the front lines helping victims in their community recover. Give any donations to **Nelson Nunez** or one of our Elders and we will send a combined check from our church.

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**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Dave Williams

**Welcome & Scripture:** Henry Duncan (Psalm 62:8-12)

**Opening Prayer:** Dan Swinehart

**Lord's Supper:** Larry DeSimone, Gerry Hogan, Jay Morris, Jiony Colon

**Scripture Before Message:** Jon Jon Cook (1 Cor. 6:1-4)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer:** Tony Ceraso Jr.

**Greeters:** Rick Boyle, John Corbett, Wini Boyle, Lillian Nuñez

**Nursery:** **Stephanie & Layla** Next Week: Julie & Kim A.

**Orange:** **Cleaning Team** Sept. 13-16 **Tony & Fay** Coordinate

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**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Preacher

Church Office- (856) 854-0197

**ELDERS:**

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876

Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276

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**Worship** ..... 97

**Bible Class** ..... 74

**Wednesday PM** ..... 40

**Contribution** ..... **\$2,870**

**Budget Goal** ..... **\$4,260**

**15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 30**

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



You'll never be a **perfect parent**, but you can be a **praying parent**. Prayer is your highest privilege as a parent.... Prayer turns ordinary parents into prophets who shape the destinies of their children, grandchildren, and every generation that follows.... Your prayers for your children are the greatest legacy you can leave.

–Mark Batterson