

The Messenger

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"Leading others to know Jesus Christ"

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Treasuring His Word...

From the Pastor's Heart:

"O God, Thou art my God; I shall seek Thee early; My soul thirsts for Thee, my flesh yearns for Thee, in a dry and weary land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1).

There's something about the snow, especially in a place where so much powder is unusual, that causes everything to seem to stop, take note, and enjoy the peace and beauty. A handful of years ago I wrote the following thought, "Just Once More." Not that we'll only walk with Him one more time, but in longing for peace in any given circumstance, it's that next "one more time" that is vital for the journey. There are times when the soul is so thirsty that we are desperate for help, or we are simply longing just to be with Him in that precise moment. You may be going through one of those moments right now. Remember: True peace and contentment can only be found in the Person of Jesus Christ... just Him!

Just Once More

I rose this morning to the crisp, snow-cooled air,
Welcoming the peace found in those early dawn hours.

As I pondered on the plans of the Almighty for His day,
"O Master, let me walk with Thee," just once more... just once more.

As the rays of the sun burst forth through the darkness,
I sensed His footsteps as He would pass my way,
My joy, almost uncontainable, waited with anticipation
To hear His voice, just once more... just once more.

He placed His arm around my shoulder,
An embrace so undeserved,
And spoke to my heart as we began to walk,
"Follow Me," He said, "just once more... just once more."

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
The spring of all my comfort.
Who else can heal my broken spirit?
Just once more... just once more!

[The last refrain of "Just Once More" was taken from excerpts of the old hymn, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior".]

"Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee" (Psalm 63:3).

Don't miss your walk with the Lord today!



Deacons of the Week:

Bill Maddox
Jim Pitts

Church Security:

Bill Nelson
E.C. Ward

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 17th

8:15 a.m. - Orchestra Practice
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. - Church-wide Fellowship
(No evening service)

Wednesday, December 20th

No Wednesday Night Activities this week or next week (Dec. 27th) Please enjoy the Christmas Holidays with your family and friends.

Tuesday, December 19th

6:30 p.m. - Stitch 'N Pray

