

To Endure Much
John Paul Carter

My favorite place to browse is a bookcase crammed with Texana. A close second is a rack filled with Leanin' Tree western greeting cards. I'm always searching for cards, whether serious or humorous, that match a good picture on the cover with an appropriate word on the inside.

One of my favorite cards features a painting by Gordon Snidow of a "tuckered-out" young cowboy squatting on the ground beside his saddle as a cold rain begins to fall. He looks almost too tired to put on his yellow slicker. On the inside of the card is a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "The art of life is to know how to enjoy a little and to endure much." I've sent that card to others several times and often pondered its message for myself.

How are we able to "endure much"? One help for me has been to remember some of God's promises from the Bible. Even when I couldn't imagine how they could be kept, I've claimed them. "Standing On the Promises" is one of the old hymns that rings true for me.

One of those promises is Psalm 23:1: "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need." That familiar assurance invites me to search a little harder. Often, I've either found fresh help or learned to use old resources in new ways.

A second pledge is I Corinthians 10:13: "Every temptation that has come your way is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tempted beyond your power to resist; at the time you are tempted he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out." The word translated "temptation" in this verse means, not only the temptation to sin, but also the tests and trials of life. Sometimes "the way out" turns out to be "the way through."

Thoreau in "Walden" tells the story of a traveler who asked a boy standing beside the road if the swamp before him had a hard bottom. The boy replied that it had. So the man spurred his mount onto the muddy ground and the horse promptly sank in up to the girths. The surprised rider shouted to the lad, "I thought you said that this bog had a hard bottom." "So it has," answered the boy, "but you have not got half way to it yet."

One of the secrets of being able to "endure much" is believing that there is a bottom - even when it seems that we might sink clear up to our hat brim. That bottom is the faithfulness of our God who keeps his promises!

7 Elements of Our Faith

1. Sharing Our Spiritual Gifts
2. Creating a Meditative Life
3. Participating in Worship
4. Understanding Scripture
- 5. Building Relationships within the Church Family**
6. Sharing Our Faith
7. Sharing Our Resources

church staff

Senior Pastor—Danny Couch
Worship/Faith Development —Shannon Moore
Children—Molly Goodrich
Youth—Robert Goodrich
Pianist/Assistant Choir Director—Steve Lent
Organist—Nancy DeWees
Guitarist—Tony Brancato
Nursery Workers—Christy Butler, Tessa Moore
Administrative Assistant—Joy Ellis

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Weatherford, TX

GENEROUS GIVING
September 15, 2013

Weekly Budget	10,014.46
General Offering	7,502.29
Plate Offering	6,043.00
Electronic Giving (Vanco)	1,459.29
Memorials	265.00
Memorial for Building Fund	25.00
Feed the Kids/Philippines	150.00
Crossroads	450.00
Discretionary	550.00
Building (Includes Vanco)	245.00

September 22, 2013



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for more information.

Attendance
September 15, 2013

8:30 Service — 111
Sunday School — 128
11:00 Service — 120
Total Worship — 231

Serving Schedule

For the Month of September

Elders: 8:30 Worship: Martha Killough & Thomas Moorman
Deacons: 11:00 Worship: Team Three—Missy Alexander, Bob & Bev Bartholomew, Natalie Couch, Jarrett Freeman, Terri Freeman, Carol Gauntt, Beth Potter

Sunday, September 22

Elders: 11:00 Service: Joe Tison & Pam Walker
Communion Prep:

8:30 Service: Claudia Brancato
11:00 Service: Deacon Team Three
Greeters: 8:30 Service: Gail Norris
11:00 Service: Bill & Sheri Stewart
Coffee Fellowship: Friendship Class

Sunday, September 29

Elders: 11:00 Service: Lynn Warren & Sheri Stewart
Communion Prep:

8:30 Service: Rubette Fowler
11:00 Service: Deacon Team Three
Greeters: 8:30 Service: Penny Warren
11:00 Service: Craig & Bette Bronson
Coffee Fellowship: Life with Kids Class

Central Christian Church
8:30am Worship
11:00am Worship

September 22, 2013



Growing our faith...
Living our faith...
Sharing our faith...
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8:30 Worship

Burden—Erica Lane

Blessings—Erica Lane

Welcome—Danny Couch

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Invitation to Children's Church—Molly Goodrich

Time of Prayer: **Be Glorified**

Flash Prayer

Royalty—Erica Lane

Sermon: Our Experiences in Ecuador

Melisa Ashford

Juanita Perez

Be Thou My Vision—Erica Lane

Cris Koonce

How Great Thou Art—Erica Lane

Invitation to Communion

The Circle of Faith

11:00 Worship

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Welcome—Danny Couch

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Blessings—Choir

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Cris Koonce

Royalty—Erica Lane

Offering & Song of Praise

Invitation to Communion

How Great Thou Art—Erica Lane

God of Grace and God of Glory CH 464, v. 4

Upcoming Events...



The Pumpkins arrive
on Saturday, Sept. 28th @ 10 am

Pumpkin Patch Hours

September 28 - month of October

Monday—Saturday - 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday - 12 pm - 6 pm

(2 Hour Shifts...but you can always work more!)

Please contact Robert Goodrich @

robertgoodrich@gmail.com or 817.629.9778

Memorials...

Given in memory of Gladys Jeter

by Anne Bergman

by EXCO Resources, Inc.

by Mark & Rena Peden

by Bill & Lynn Warren

Memorials for Building Fund...

Given in memory of Gladys Jeter

by Joe & Nancy Cooke

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, visits, cards, & food during my hospital stay & recovery at home. We appreciate that & all of you so much.

*Thanks,
Mike & Wanda Barham*

All You Need Is Love

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WEDDING OF

Melisa Ashford & Dan Simmons

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2013
5:00 PM
WEATHERFORD, TEXAS

If you would like to reserve a spot at the church for a team meeting or any other activity, please call the church office at 817-594-3053.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 22

8:30 am – Worship

9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

4:00 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, September 23

6:30 pm – Financial Peace University

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 am – Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 25

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30 pm—Meal (Menu—Baked Potatoes)

6:15 pm – Nursery

6:30 pm – Children & Youth Activities

6:30 pm – Adult Bible Class

6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 28

Pumpkin Delivery

Pumpkin Patch opens for business!!

Sunday, September 29

Bog Rider Sunday

8:30 am – Worship

9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

Noon—6:00 pm – Pumpkin Patch

4:00 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 am
in the Sanctuary**

Prayer Updates:

Awaiting Surgery:

Jennifer Meyer—chronic pain in stomach & back

In Need of Prayer

Vicki Meyer—battling MS, Wisconsin

Lisa Hilliard

Joy

We celebrate with **John Paul & Carole Carter** upon the birth of a granddaughter, **Johanna Grace**, Wednesday, September 18! Proud parents are **Rush & Vanessa Carter** & big sisters, **Maddy & Lina!**

Remembrance & Celebration of Life

Our prayers of condolence are with **Kelly & Tina Green, Hunter & Holly**, upon the death of Kelly's mother, **Barbara Green**, on Wednesday, September 18th. Funeral services are to be Thursday, Sept. 26 at Oaks Christian Church in Houston with interment following at Veteran Cemetery.

We offer our prayers of sympathy to **Byron & Della Rice** upon the death of his sister, Linda Rae Snodgrass, Saturday, September 14. Funeral services were held on Monday, Sept 16 in Oklahoma.

We extend our prayers of sympathy to the family of **Donald Meyer**, father of **Joe Meyer & grandfather of Zachary, Caleb & Brayden Meyer**, who passed away on August 16, in Wisconsin.