

"WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU!?!"

- Our <u>mission</u> is to *Reach* people in the Name of Jesus; *Disciple* people in the Way of Jesus; *Empower* people in the Service of Jesus.
- Our <u>method</u> is to ensure that everything we do is *Christ Centered*; *Word Focused*; & *Ministry Minded*
- Our message is the Gospel.

Psalm 18:1-2 Contemporary English Version (CEV)

"I love you, LORD God, and you make me strong. You are my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector, the rock where I am safe, my shield, my powerful weapon, and my place of shelter."

Prayer

"Father open my eyes, so I can see Your truth. Open my ears, so I can hear Your Voice. Open my mind, so I can understand Your Word. And open my heart, so I may receive all that You have for me, that is for me. In Jesus Name, AMEN!"

Thought:

We all know the world seems crazy right now. As we continue to face a global pandemic together, wide-ranging with worry, job loss, school closings, quarantine and much more...our hearts can feel heavy and burdened. Although it may feel strange or almost impossible given the circumstances, the most important thing we can do right now and daily, in the middle of this crisis—really any crisis—is to praise God!

What is Important to You?

First Baptist Church of West College Hill – Inspiration – Charles L. King Jr., Pastor Page 2 April 13, 2020

If someone asked you to name the most important things in your life, what would you list—your family, your faith, your health, your integrity, your career? It is a question that rarely gets asked of us by other people. Yet, every day—**LIFE** asks that question—and every day we answer.

The answer is not in words, but in actions. The actions you take on a daily basis speak louder than any claims you might make as to the most important things in your life. The way you spend your time, the things to which you give attention, and the ideas to which you commit your resources, present a clear and undeniable picture of your true priorities.

Are your priorities what you think they are? Look at your actions. Look at your results. Does your reality agree with your vision? Success and fulfillment do not come from what we think would be nice, but from what we actually do hour after hour, day after day.

Some people spend all of their lives on an isolated little island called the 'Someday Isle.' "Someday I'll..." With that in mind, ask yourself—"What IS important to me?" This moment is a snapshot of whatever you have been committed to achieving. If you are pleased with your present place in the world, great; but if you are not, then what are you going to do about it. Either way, decide what's next in your life and strategize how to get it!

Psalm 18:1-2 tells us that the Lord is our rock and our fortress; Someone we can take refuge in. When things scare, frighten or worry us, we can try hiding, but that gives no comfort. If we run, let it be to God where we can be safe.

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: "Dear Lord God, there is so much happening in the world and in my life at the moment. Changes seems to be taking place in every area of my life – (begin to name or list some of the changes) – tensions seems to be surrounding me on every side – but my hope and trust is in You.

First Baptist Church of West College Hill – Inspiration – Charles L. King Jr., Pastor Page 3 April 13, 2020

As I face my today and look toward my future, in the face of all the changes and challenges that are taking place all around me, I pray that You will continue to be with me to lead and to guide - to help and to protect – to comfort and support. Lord I cling to You, for You are the Rock of my Salvation. My Protector and my Shield.

Thank You Lord that in this world of flux and change You are the same yesterday, today and forever. Thank You that You are with me in all the changing scenes and situations of my life and thank You that YOU are coming back soon, to take all who trust in Your Name to be with You forever. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!"

May God continue to bless and protect you always!

Pastor King