

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 29th, 2013

1. Our next Vistor Lunch will be hosted on October 20th @ 1:00PM – Sweetwater Grill

2. The next Membership class will take place November 8th & 9th – The Lassiter Home.

3. Parishes are in full swing! If you're not in one, you should join one! Visit the Get Involved area to sign up.

THE PARADOX OF BIBLICAL BLESSEDNESS

Matthew 5.6

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

An Invitation to be Happy

- How to be happy.
 - Righteousness.
 - Spiritual Appetite
- The pursuit of happiness.

Psalm 84

1How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

- 2 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! *Selah*
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- ⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*
- ⁹ Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!
- ¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
 ¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

the Lord bestows favor and honor.

- No good thing does he withhold
- from those who walk uprightly. ¹² O Lord of hosts,
- blessed is the one who trusts in you!
- How to become hungry.
- How to stay hungry.

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." - *C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory*

PARADOX

par·a·dox /pare,'däks/

noun.

A seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement or proposition that when investigated or explained may prove to be well founded or true.