

Capitol Baptist CAPTIONS

Church Activities

DECEMBER 12, 2025

- › **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - SAT., DECEMBER 13**
 - › At 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall
 - › For men and their boys
- › **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - SUN., DECEMBER 14**
 - › At 6:00 PM in the Auditorium
 - › Immanuel: The Promise of God
 - › A short play & songs by Capitol Baptist School's 1st-6th grades
 - › Singing & handbells by Capitol Baptist School's 7th-12th grades
- › **SECRET SISTERS CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE - SAT., DECEMBER 20**
 - › At 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
 - › For those who participated in the CBC Secret Sisters program in 2025
 - › Bring a gift for your reveal to your secret sister!
- › **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - WED., DECEMBER 24**
 - › At 7:00 PM in the Auditorium

Weekly Events

SUNDAYS

Sunday School at 9:45 AM
Morning Service at 11:00 AM
Evening Service at 6:00 PM

TUESDAYS

Seminary Class at 6:15 PM

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting at 7:00 PM
King's Kids (age 3 to 6th grade) at 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Seminary First Class at 6:15 PM
Seminary Second Class at 7:35 PM

SATURDAYS

Soul-Winning & Visitation at 10:00 AM

WE LIVE IF YE STAND FAST IN THE LORD - PART 4

1 Thessalonians 3:1-8 | Pastor T. H. Moore

For the past few weeks, we have been looking at the principle that is found in verse 8 of our text. We read in 1 Thessalonians 3:8, "For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord." This verse teaches, among other things, that our influence for the Lord will go far beyond our earthly years. Hebrews 11:4 shows us that this principle was true in the life of Abel. We read, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh." Although Abel is dead, his life testimony is still speaking, and it can be the same with us.

Here in our text, the apostle Paul was telling the believers in Thessalonica that his influence in their lives would live on, if they would stand fast in the Lord. In our text, we find some characteristics of the apostle Paul and his missionary team that would live on through them, if they stood fast in the Lord.

So far, we have looked at:

- I. **The Burden They Had (vs. 1-3)**
- II. **The Battle They Fought (vs. 4-5)**
This week, we conclude with:
- III. **The Blessing That Resulted (vs. 6-8)**

We read in these verses, "But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you: Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord."

When Paul penned this letter back to the church at Thessalonica, he was ministering in the city of Corinth. He was in Corinth for a year and a half. While he was there, he heard back from Timothy about the spiritual condition of the church at Thessalonica, and Timothy's report was a good report. In fact, Timothy complimented them on their faith, charity, and their "good remembrance" of them. Even though Paul and Silas were experiencing many afflictions and distresses during their missionary church planting endeavors, this news was a great blessing to them—and then Paul made that

spent and sent. If that generation that has gone on before us could speak, I believe that they would say, "... We live, if ye stand fast in the Lord." Every faithful generation could look to the generation that came after them and say the same thing, "... We live, if ye stand fast in the Lord."

Our primary goal in life ought to be to please the Lord. As a matter of fact, our desire should be to hear the words that Christ mentioned in Matthew 25:21, "... Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

In a small sense, we owe a debt to those who went before us, to those who made an impact on our lives spiritually. I think of the one who led my wife and me to the Lord. Then, I think of those that faithfully taught me the Word of God and counseled me and encouraged me along the way. I think of those men that were at my ordination, who examined me and then signed my ordination certificate, expressing their approval of my doctrinal stance and confidence that I would remain faithful. Their names are on public display in my office on the certificate that hangs on my wall. I believe the greatest thing that I can do to honor their lives and honor their investment in me is to "... stand fast in the Lord." God forbid that I take the biblical truths that they taught me and throw them out the window to fulfill my own agenda. God forbid that I live in a way that brings a reproach to Christ and to them. The truths that I have been taught by them will live on, as long as I stand fast in the Lord!

The truths I have been taught by others will live on, as long as I stand fast in the Lord!

statement in verse 8, "For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord." The phrase "stand fast" means to persevere, stand firm, and not be moved. Paul said that if they stand firm, Paul's life (and Silas' and Timothy's) would live on through them.

I think that this is a good time to pause for a moment and remember those who went on before us, who invested their lives in us. Think of those that have gone on to Heaven, that served in the bus ministry, Christian school, Sunday school, or other ministries. Think of the sacrifice that they made in order for you and me to have what we have. Think of the time, money, sweat and tears, and prayers that were

Join us in prayer for...

- EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH: *wisdom for transfer of property*
- GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH IN SMYRNA: *God's leadership for new pastor & pulpit fill*
- FUTURE CHURCH PLANT: *Haitian church plant*
- LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST (MATT. 9:38)
- PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT: *financial need to be met; approval for additional paving*
- JESSICA BARANOWSKI: *home recovering from respiratory issues*
- BOBBY BIBLE: *upcoming medical test for pinched nerves in back*
- NOEL BUCKLEY: *treatment of cancer*
- ROSA CARTER: *health, encouragement, & treatment of recurring cancer*
- DAKU FAMILY: *ministry direction; Scot—two aneurysms*
- FARRIS FAMILY: *bereavement—homegoing of Missionary Ted Farris*
- ROBINSON & SELAM GRESSEAU: *paperwork, safe travels, & eventual move*
- BESSIE MORRIS: *recovery from a fall (in rehab)*
- DR. JOHN O'MALLEY: *treatment of CRPS*
- HEATHER REECE: *cochlear implant surgery (January 6)*
- MARK REECE: *diagnosed with cancer in advanced stages*
- KAY ROBUTKA: *high blood pressure*
- DELOIS SHIREY: *healing of broken ribs from a fall*
- JENNIFER WHEELER: *healing from uterine cancer*
- MAGGIE: *bereavement—sudden passing of her husband (Delores Harris's sister)*
- PATTI: *knee surgery recovery; salvation (Cindy Prange's sister)*

DON KOUSE
Shut-In

Delaware Veterans Home, Room 1274
100 Delaware Veterans Blvd.
Milford, DE 19963

Please pray for Don, one of our widowed shut-ins, during this Christmas season. Consider stopping by for a visit or sending him a note of encouragement!

Harvest
from **Heaven**

SOULWINNING/DISCIPLISHIP
1 salvation

CHURCH SERVICES
9 recorded visitors (plus more for the Christmas program)

IMMANUEL:
THE PROMISE OF GOD

PRESENTED BY CAPITOL BAPTIST SCHOOL STUDENTS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 6:00 PM

"BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL." ISAIAH 7:14

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From the Mission Field / Help Ministry
FRED & ROMA ROJAS - U.S. MILITARY IN SASEBO, JAPAN

Third Quarter—July to September 2025 (September 30, 2025)

Dear Praying Partners and Friends,

We hope that this prayer update finds you all well. Autumn is here and it's God's way of showing us how beautiful change can be. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Pastors, thank you so very much for your sacrifice and everything you do for the Lord and His great work. Rejoicing in the Lord that Roma and I got to celebrate our 44th year wedding anniversary. Praise God! ... for the most part, we're still healthy & kickin! ☺ Thank God!

Many changes are also happening in our military and local community. We got through the military high turnover season, but some sailors continue to ship in and ship out. Japanese laws are toughening for foreigners, which affects us foreign missionaries. As God continues to work miracles in His church, so is the devil also working hard to destroy His work. There are three families, members of the church who expressed their disapproval of our traditional hymns/music, the use of KJV translation, and other areas of the ministry that they recommend changes. We'll stay the course by God's grace! As for Roma and I, we will continue to do what God has called us to do for His honor and glory. We praise the Lord for your continued faithful prayers and support. Thank you so much!

Praises & Highlights

- *Sunday service*, highest attendance was 52 and continue to average about 40!
- *Preteen/Teen Sunday school class*, was attended regularly.
- *Children's Sunday school*, families with school-age children have come regularly.
- *Van ministry*, God continues to bless our transportation service both on base & off base.
- *Jake & Christi*, a Navy couple joined SBC by their statements of faith.

- *Jared*, followed the Lord in believer's baptism and was added to God's church.

- *Justin*, a Sailor recently got saved, came to us, and obeyed the Lord in believer's baptism.

- *Elias*, a Sailor got saved end of August and came to church for the first time.

- *Joseph & Breeanna*, a Navy couple faithfully attends church services.

- *Game night & Ladies Bible study*, great time of fellowship and study of Esther.

Soulwinning: Handed out over 875 gospel pamphlets at Ginza; seven sailors put their faith and trust in Jesus (Jared, Frances, Mark, JV, Fernando, Elias, and Yahim), praise God!

Relocation & Transfer: We said our "goodbyes, see you later" to our brethren: Joshua, Freddie & Bernadette, Pol, & Rome. We sure are going to miss them.

Prayer Requests

- God's will for Joseph & Breeanna to become members of SBC.

- Safety of our military currently underway; their families during many months of separation.

- God's will for us to go on furlough in 2027; God's provision for an interim Pastor in my absence.

- God's provision for a treasurer and pianist.

- God's provision for shore duty solid Christians who love the Lord and have a servant's heart.

- We have not had a Vacation Bible School since we started the ministry here due to absence of families with school-age children. Praying for God's provision so we can have a VBS next year.

Because Christ lives!
Fred & Roma Rojas

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