



NEW Classes Begin the Week of September 8

Believe it or not, classes are just around the corner. This year, we will have two NEW courses available: **1&2 Samuel: The Life of David** with Stacy Tyson and **The Minor Prophets** with Dr. Jim Allman. This year we are getting back into the Hebrew Scriptures.

The chart on the right shows all the available class times. To sign up you can give us a call at 685-3385. You can also use the QR code in the chart to link to our sign up page on the website. There will also be a sign-up link on the first page of the website: www.tsfmemphis.org

All classes are \$50 per person, per semester and scholarships are available. *We never want the class fee to keep someone from studying with us. Looking forward to seeing you soon!*

1&2 Samuel Stacy Tyson

- > Monday Noon (Women's Study)
Christ Church | Dunnam 335
- > Tuesday Noon (12PM)
First Evangelical | Spurgeon Room
- > Tuesday Night *ONLINE (7:00 PM)
*ZOOM Online Class

The Minor Prophets Dr. Jim Allman

- > Thursdays 12:30PM
Central Church - Senior Adults Room



Scan the QR Code on the left to get more info and sign up on our website.



Please Pray for Jim Allman

On Saturday, August 9th my brother-in-law, Jim Allman Jr., suffered a severe stroke. Arrangements are being made for rehab and recovery which will most likely be a long and difficult process. He is 49. Please pray for Jim, Abbey and their sons Asher and Asa. We are asking the Lord for healing, wisdom and the endurance to face the road ahead. If you would like to help or find out more, please go to www.tsfmemphis.org/jimallman.

The Peace of Jesus

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27 ESV)

In the last newsletter, I wrote about the peace of God that is far better than understanding. I had no idea that since then, our family would need that peace so much. I had no idea that our family would be shaken by such a severe blow to someone we love. If we —all of us— have any hope of faithfully navigating the worries, fears and seeming chaos of our lives, we all need the peace of our Lord Jesus.

When Jesus spoke about His peace in the words above, on the night before His crucifixion, He wasn't describing a fleeting calm. He was announcing a spiritual reality that would take root in His disciples' hearts — a peace unlike any they had known. This peace was not the absence of danger, but the presence of Christ Himself. It is based in

the reality of His coming victory over sin, death, and the powers of darkness. It is a peace rooted in his Lordship over all things.

Jesus' peace is personal. He says, "My peace I give to you" — it is His own peace, the calm confidence He had while facing storms, betrayal, and the Cross. He did not give this peace "as the world gives," because the world offers peace through circumstances: quiet seas, stable economies, favorable outcomes. But Jesus offers peace in Himself (John 16:33), the assurance that IN Him, all will be well in the end, no matter the trouble in between.

This is why the disciples could face imprisonment, persecution, and uncertainty without surrendering to fear. The gift was not simply an idea to remember; it was the Spirit's presence to experience. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit—the Comforter—would remind them of all He had said (John 14:26), anchoring their hearts in His Truth.

Remember what Paul wrote about peace:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6–7)

Here, peace is portrayed like a military guard surrounding the most vulnerable places of our inner life: the heart (the source of our thoughts, our emotions, our desires) and the mind (the "manager" of our thoughts, emotions, and desires). As I wrote last time, this peace "is far better than understanding," not because it is irrational, but because it is rooted in realities higher than what our human reasoning can fully comprehend. It is a peace grounded in the reality of Christ's unshakable Kingdom (Hebrews 12:28).

To the Colossians, Paul exhorts, "Let the peace of Christ *rule* in your hearts..." (Colossians 3:15). The verb "rule" has the sense of controlling something with good judgment. The peace of Christ is to be the deciding factor in how we respond to people, situations, and fears. The Peace of Christ should *control* our other thoughts and emotions, directing our desires.

Both Jesus and Paul agree: *peace is a gift*, but it is also something to be guarded. We receive it as we trust Jesus, but we cultivate it through prayer, gratitude, and keeping our

Please PRAY for us as We PRAY for You!

As we have said many times and cannot say enough, **we are so thankful for each and every one of you** who support the ministry of TSF in so many different ways. Your prayers, your attendance in our classes, your financial contributions all work together to keep us alive and moving forward.

I think of Paul's prayer: **"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now"** (Philippians 1:3–5). TSF is a partnership of which you are a vital part. We could not do what we do without you!

Prayer is so important! Please pray for us - asking the Lord to provide for our needs and to give us the wisdom we need to do the things that are pleasing to Him.

As you are praying for us, know that we are praying for you, that the Lord would supply all your needs from His limitless riches. We are also constantly **giving thanks** and **rejoicing** that our Heavenly Father allows us to partner together to show people the Way of Jesus while teaching His Truth and living His Life.

minds fixed on what is true and good (Philippians 4:8–9). When fear or anxiety tries to pull us into turmoil, we come back to the promises of Christ, letting His words steady us.

Isaiah foresaw this long before:

You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD God is an everlasting rock.
(Isaiah 26:3–4)

The peace of Christ flows from the God of peace (Romans 15:33), and it will one day be complete when Christ returns to set all things right. The peace that Jesus gives is not a fragile emotion, but the steadfast presence of our Lord and Savior dwelling in our hearts and guarding our minds. It is given by Jesus, cultivated through trust, and sustained by the Spirit. In the end, we simply have to trust our Lord Jesus and believe His Word: "*My peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you.*"