“Love is something that is not nailed down; it travels with you.”

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9

When my daughter was just a toddler she began having reoccurring infections. With every one, she ran a high fever that sometimes resulted in a small seizure. This illness required that she stay on a low-dose antibiotic to prevent infection.

Sadly, the infections kept happening. Soon the doctor feared that this infection could cause damage to her kidneys. So by the time she was two years old, my husband and I had to make some serious decisions.

We could keep her on the antibiotics and hope she would outgrow the illness with minimal damage. Or, she could have surgery. There were risks either way.

Keeping her on antibiotics for a long period of time could make them less effective if she got future illnesses. Plus, we had to consider the risk of her kidneys being damaged. Then there was surgery—which had risks all its own.

Facing a decision that required wisdom beyond us, I kept thinking, “There’s got to be an easier way.”

At times the road before me seems long, steep and challenging. I can feel lost. Uncertain. Afraid. Sometimes I’m not sure I have the strength for the journey.

It’s in those times that God wants me to remember I’m not traveling alone. He is my ever-present guide. He knows where the road leads. He can see what lies ahead. And that’s not all.

God also knows my concerns. He knows what I feel. The pain I cannot explain to someone else ... God knows. The fear of the unknown—He knows. And He offers me Himself.

Perhaps you feel overwhelmed today. You may be experiencing some sadness, loss or worry. You may find that God has called you to a difficult path. "Surely," you think, "God has an easier road for me to travel."

The truth is, we aren’t wise enough to assume another path would be best for us. Maybe the easier road won’t make us into the person God intends us to be.

Perhaps the difficult road is a path of grace—protecting us from the worst.

Maybe this road is about learning something new about God or ourselves. Could it be the difficult journey is the path that prepares us for a greater purpose or a greater faith in God?

After much prayer, we felt led to have the surgery. It went well. Our daughter was able to come off her medicine and live a healthy life!

So, what did I learn? Out of all the possible paths, God knows the best path. Our key verse reminds us, "His ways are higher than our ways. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts." Because of this, we can take the path God has laid out for us today. We can trust, and not fear, in His infinite wisdom and love. And we can be certain that God will never lead us down the wrong road.

Dear Lord, because You will never lead me down the wrong road, I can trust You when I need to make decisions about my family, my career, and my health. Thank You for Your wisdom and guidance. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

By: Micca Campbell

From Proverbs 31 Ministries: A Long and Winding Road

This year’s Fall Festival was held on the grounds of the CBCBC. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. The kids played various games like red-rover, tag, Simon says... The adults fellowshipped and enjoyed some wonderful pork cooked by Pastor Tony Grayson. Also to eat were hot dogs roasted over some warm flames, and some amazing desserts. Thanks to everyone that helped out this year. We had a great turn out even though we had some chilly weather.
That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

Prayer Requests

- Please keep all of the family members of those who recently lost a loved one.
- Remember a co-worker of my sister who recently had several brain aneurisms; keep her and her family in prayer.
- Please keep David Young and Jackie Rose.
- Keep Robin and Becky in prayer.
- Remember that family here at CBCBC in prayer that need the Lord; both those that have never met Jesus Christ and those that are not attending church and/or living for Him.
- Please pray for the lost and the Cedar Bluff Community.
- Remember the church as a whole, that it may grow and be strengthened in the Loved of God which is through Jesus Christ, Pray for our sister churches.
- Continue to remember the Collazo family. Pray for the family as a whole and Sister Lonnette as she continues to face issues of pain.
- Keep the elders of the church in prayer. Among these are Wanda Rose, Faye Smith, Gerald Smith, and Richard Young. Pray for their health and strength.
- Remember the missionaries all over the globe spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In particular, remember Bro. James Tica and his family in the Philippianos and Brother Calvin with New Tribes Missions.
- Remember all the gospel singing groups that are working hard to spread the good news. Keep them all in prayer; may the Lord strengthen and inspire them.
- Danny and Audrey Young request prayer for all their children to be in church following God. Pray for each one of them. Alvin has also requested prayer for the members of his family that do not attend church. William has also requested prayer for his other children who do not attend church. Brenda wants everyone to pray that her daughter April would get herself and her grandchildren in church. Marsha has also requested prayer for some of her close family to come to the Lord. Jesse also wants everyone to remember his sisters in prayer that they might start attending church regularly wherever the Lord would have them to do so. Please keep all of the family members of those who recently lost a loved one.

CBCBC Radio Broadcast on Sundays @ 3:30-4:00 on WKXV 900AM

Please come to the station and participate in the broadcast; I am sure you will be a blessing and receive one as well.

As always pray for the broadcast that the Lord’s Will may be accomplished. If you can not attend the broadcast, try to listen and pray. The radio station is at 5106 S Middlebrook Pike Knoxville, TN 37921. Please say a special prayer for those who listen to the broadcast and do not have the health to regularly attend a home church. May God Bless and help them. Let everyone know: you can now listen to WKXV online at www.wkxvradio.com!!!

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You can also stream WKXV on your iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad by using the “Freestreams” App. Just search for “Freestreams” in the App store. It’s 100% Free!

Please pray for next month’s singing. May God’s Will be done. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out to the benefit singing.

Jesus Loves You!!!

Monthly Church Singings

Every 2nd Saturday night of the month at 7:00 PM

November’s Singing will be a benefit singing for a family that recently lost a loved one. Please remember that family and the singing in prayer.

Christmas Play practice tonight at 5:00 PM at the church.