

MINDFUL MONDAY APRIL 22nd

“For several days he (Saul) was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” All who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?” Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.” Acts 9: 20-22

Saul's change of heart baffled the disciples, but they may not have known that he had gone through a transformation. When the Lord came to Saul and questioned him for his threats of murder for those that believed in Him, Saul was left blind and not able to eat or drink for days. When Ananias visits Saul and his sight is restored in the name of the Lord, Saul's heart is transformed and there is a change within him.

There are moments in our lives where tremendous changes happen. We can recall historical events and transitions within our families that change the course of our lives. When these transformations happen, what does it do to our hearts? Do we question our beliefs? Do we lean into our faith? Saul's threats to believers turns into proclaiming that Jesus is the Lord. What could we do to be an instrument to the Lord? How could we shout God's truth when there are big events or changes to our world? Through big or slight changes, God is our firm foundation, and we need to make sure we honor his greatness. Find a way this week to share the Lord.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

We join in prayer today for Tammy and her husband Jason. Jason is now in hospice care with his cancer not responding to treatment. She has taken such good care of our church so we pray that we can return the favor by cleaning up after ourselves at church and keeping her and Jason in our prayers during this time.

We pray for Candy Deel as she was back in the hospital. We pray for her treatment plan and the doctors to help her recover and be on the mend.

We pray for and give thanks for the big and small changes in our lives. We pray for strength and opportunities to give praise to the Lord.

We pray for our prayer list Jerry & Bea, Craig, Floyd & Dona, Lorraine, Judy, Joanne, and Virginia.

Please say prayers for those on our Region's weekly prayer calendar.

First Christian Church, Oskaloosa, IA, Robert & Molly Goodrich
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