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## BECOMING A CUP OF PURPOSE

You may wonder how an everyday object can remind us of God's consistent and ongoing work in our lives. If a cup were to think for itself, it would probably consider itself insignificant, too small to accomplish much, just ordinary.... definitely not a 'cup of purpose.' In becoming a 'cup of purpose,' our lives can be transformed as we connect these three words:

**CUP: a small bowl-shaped container for drinking from, typically with a handle**

**PURPOSE: the reason for which something is done or created or exists**

**OVERFLOW: flow over the brim, especially a liquid**

The three-letter word **CUP** consists of only three curves and one straight line – four marks and only three letters. A cup itself is small yet where would we be as a civilization without our cups? There are cups made from glass, wood, precious metals, paper, plastic and clay. We have cups for our tea, coffee, soft drinks, water, etc. Each designed to be useful – to be a 'cup of purpose.'

The bottom line is: cups matter and you, my friend, matter too! No matter how small or insignificant you may feel, you have been designed for a purpose! You have been designed for more. You are valued. You have worth no matter how small you think yourself. In God's hands, small is made big! He has designed us as a 'Cup of Purpose.'

Cups and vessels are mentioned many times within the Word of God and have great significance.

Luke 22:20 says, "And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

At times, **PURPOSE** may seem elusive as though it gets lost in the fog of life surrounding us. The very definition determines it is the reason for which something is done or created or exists. In our seeking after purpose, we often miss recognizing it right in front of us in the midst of daily life.

**OVERFLOW** is very different from spillage. Overflow comes from a vessel becoming so filled the contents run over the edge and spread to its surroundings. Overflow pushes past the limits of its confinement and affects all that is around it. The idea of being filled to overflow is referenced by Jesus in John 7:37-38, "Jesus cried out saying – 'If any man is thirsty let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.' " and David wrote in Psalm 23:5, "You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings." From the picture of God being the Potter and us the clay, the shepherd Psalmist giving praise for his cup that overflows, this message of God's plan and purpose for our life is not hidden but proclaimed boldly through Scripture.

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Within Scripture both Old Testament and New Testament, we see God revealing more than the eye can see. Many of the rituals, historical events and even everyday objects within God's Word point beyond the moment; they point to Jesus the Christ. Beyond the physical cup used, we see His promise for something new, something more. The cup is an object to remind them – there is more to come. In the same way Jesus followed this pattern with His disciples. In the midst of a world which was unpredictable and dark, He gave hope, and His promise continues for us. This same cup we use as we take Communion of the Lord's Supper helps us remember all He did for us on the cross and it also points us to His coming again when He will take those who have trusted in Him to be with Him forever. His promise remains the same for anyone who places



their faith and trust in Him – He sets us apart, sets us free from the grasp of sin and death, redeems us for purpose and a future. Within a simple cup, may we discover both purpose and promise causing our hearts to overflow with praise. Romans 15:13 says, *“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

As you pour something into your favorite cup this week, stop and pray a simple prayer of thanksgiving to God while also asking Him to fill you with His Spirit, love, peace, etc. Every time you use a cup let it remind you that God has great purpose for you too!

- Excerpt from CreativeBibleStudy.com

## Spiced Tea

Combine in a bowl or Ziploc bag:

- 1 1/3 C. Tang powdered drink
- 1/2 C. white sugar
- 1/2 C. instant tea powder (with or without lemon flavor)
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. cloves

To make a cup of tea: Spoon 1 heaping tsp. into a teacup and add 1 C. boiling water. Stir to dissolve. Enjoy!

To give as a gift: spoon into jar or container.

The Mission Focus for July:

### Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

Ebenezer Church supports Brian and Connie Jewell in collecting funds for Ride for Kids.

Every day, 13 children and teens are diagnosed with a brain tumor, the deadliest childhood cancer. Every day after, they are in a fight for their life. It's a fight the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation is here to help families with.

The 2024 Ride for Kids is Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The fundraising goal is \$50,000. Last year we collected \$2500 from our generous family and friends to support this endeavor.

Thank you for your support in the past. We appreciate your donations that help to treat and cure pediatric brain tumors.

-Connie Jewell



- Accountabili-TEA** (Romans 14:12)
- Adversi-TEA** (2 Corinthians 12:9,10)
- Laughabili-TEA** (Proverbs 17:22)
- Royal-TEA** (Galatians 4:7)
- Personali-TEA** (John 13:35)
- Hones-TEA** (Ephesians 4:25)
- Generosi-TEA** (Luke 6:38)
- Availabili-TEA** (Isaiah 6:8)
- Uni-TEA** (Psalm 133:1)
- Humili-TEA** (Acts 20:19)
- Hospitali-TEA** (1 Peter 4:9)

**It will all add up to my Spirituali-TEA**



**Fill My Cup Lord**

When I am tired and weary  
 And I have lost my zeal,  
 Fill my cup Lord;  
 For I long to do thy will.

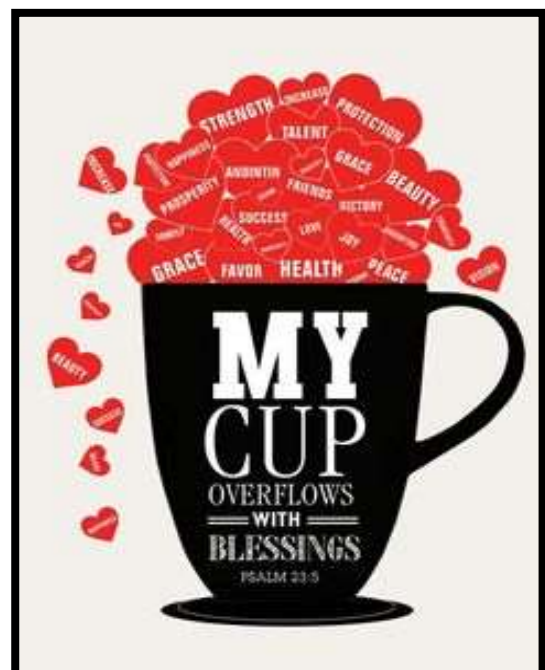
When I get discouraged,  
 And my spirit needs to be renewed,  
 Fill my cup Lord  
 So my soul may be rescued.

When I am tempted by  
 Satan and one of his schemes,  
 Fill my cup Lord;  
 So that I may see your  
 Light as it brightly beams.

When sickness and sorrow  
 Come my way,  
 Fill my cup Lord  
 For, I know that you're in control  
 And they'll not forever stay.

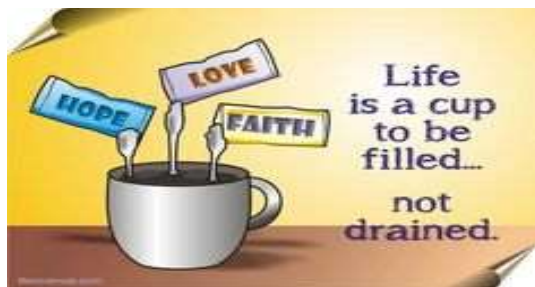
Now, when I've resisted any  
 Temptations to do wrong,  
 You've filled my cup Lord!  
 For, you abide in me and I in you;  
 You've made me strong!

Free copies of **OUR DAILY BREAD** devotional booklets are available on the round table. Please take one to help you spend time with God and His Word every day.



### Clerk's Corner:

- Discussion was held on putting up a sign in the pavilion concerning nonmembers using the pavilion without permission.
- The July Mission Focus was Ride For Kids (Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation) with the ride taking place Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- A Potluck Lunch was held following worship on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> for Rev. Mauri Smith and Terry.
- A report was made on a successful Yard Sale.
- Rachel Savage was interviewed and hired as our new custodian.
- The next PC/USA meeting will be Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> following worship service and lunch.



### Treasurer's Report:

**June 2024**

Beginning Balance 6/1/2024	\$ 10,484.44
Receipts: \$4,910.05	
Beginning Balance Plus Receipts	\$ 15,394.49
Less Expenses	\$ 4,559.04
Balance 6/30/2024	\$ 10,835.45
Balance Includes:	
Trustees Endowment	\$ 1,764.60
Missions Endowment	\$ 965.14
90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Fund	\$ 847.74
Deacons Account	\$ 1,257.43
Missions:	
Local	\$ 275.00
Saunders	\$ 280.00
Gardners	\$ 680.00
Grove City Food Pantry	\$ 65.00
Joshua's Haven	\$ 50.00
Available Undesignated Funds	
For General Use 6/30/2024	<u>\$ 4,650.54</u>

-Joan Coulter, Treasurer

### COMING UP IN AUGUST:

**August 12 – Session Meeting at  
1:00 p.m.**

### Mission Focus:

The Mission Focus for August is our missionaries in Guatemala, the Gardner family.

The Trevor Gardner family has been serving in Guatemala for three years. They teach at an intermediate school in Guatemala. Trevor serves as Secondary Principal and his wife, Stephanie, serves as Math teacher as well as other subjects.

The Gardners have six children. They all attend school and are building language and relationships with other children.

The Gardners teach and spread the word of God in the classroom and with Bible studies in their home.

The Gardners' vision is to see the school and communities are transformed by Jesus Christ.

The Gardner family is supported by Ebenezer Church.

-Joyce Steele, Mission Chairman

# AUGUST 2024

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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		<b>Ruth McDowell</b>											
4		5		6		7		8		9		10	
		<b>Evelyn Jones</b>											
11		12		13		14		15		16		17	
		Session Meeting 1:00 p.m.		<b>Mary Ryan</b>									
18		19		20		21		22		23		24	
<b>John Park</b>													
<b>Penny Coulson</b>													
25		26		27		28		29		30		31	
<b>Ruth McKinley</b>												<i>Paul &amp; Gladys Bengs</i>	

<p><b>Birthdays:</b>          3 – Ruth McDowell          5 – Evelyn Jones          13 – Mary Ryan          18 – John Park          18 – Penny Coulson          25 – Ruth McKinley</p>	<p><b>Anniversaries:</b>          31 – Paul &amp; Gladys Bengs</p>
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