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"From Where I Sit"

The Apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:15, *"but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear: having a good conscience..."*. Our hope, the hope that lies within us, is a blessing and a challenge.

My hope is built on Jesus Christ and Him as our Savior. Take that hope away and we are left devastated and lost. When things are bad, we hope they will get better. When things are good, we hope they will stay that way. That kind of hope is often nothing more than wishful thinking. But our Christian hope, on the other hand, is "desire with expectation of fulfillment." It is not just a blind wishful thinking. It is based on reliable evidence. For us to have such a hope, there has to be a reason for it.

Our hope is built securely on the sacrifice of Jesus. The greatest story ever told is the gospel story of Jesus Christ. When sin had wrapped mankind up in its punishment of death (Romans. 3:23; 6:23), Jesus died on the cross to give mankind the opportunity for spiritual cleansing (Heb. 9:22; 10:19). Where would we be without Jesus? We would have no hope and would be without God in this world (Eph. 2:12). Christ changed all that, for the next verse says, *"But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."* You take away the sacrifice of Jesus, and the hope that we as Christians have just vanishes like a cloud of dust. Our only true hope is based on what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Our hope is also founded upon the resurrection of Jesus. If the story ended at the cross, it would be a good story of love and sacrifice but would lack both saving and life-changing power. Peter said that we are *"born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"* (1 Peter. 1:3). Christ is our hope! Christian hope is reasonable. This is why the resurrection of Jesus is so important, it provides credible evidence upon which to build our hope. Paul said that Jesus *"was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead..."* (Rm. 1:4). My hope and your hope are validated by the resurrection of Christ.

While man has always feared death, Jesus provides a hopeful answer to His faithful followers. Our hope in a future resurrection is based on His resurrection. Because He arose, we will rise (1 Cor. 15:20). Our hope is built on the death and resurrection of Christ. The whole framework of the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:1-5). Our joining with these three elements of the gospel takes place when we are buried/immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Rom. 6:3-5; Acts 2:38). When a person repents and confesses faith in Christ as the Son of God and is baptized, they are raised up to walk in newness of life. What great rejoicing because sins have been washed away (Acts 8:39; 22:16). There is great hope because the blood of Jesus has been applied. Do you have that hope today in your life? There really isn't a good reason not to have the hope that Christ offers too all.

God Bless -Todd



Upcoming Events

June 15

VBS Kickoff Night

June 14-16

Vacation Bible School

June 14-16

Day Camp

June 17-18

Mini-Meribah

June 20-24

Youth Week

June 27-July 1

Teen Week

Carter's Corner



OUR FIRST ANNUAL PIG ROAST was a great success this past Saturday afternoon, as we closed the book on another great school year and kicked off another fantastic summer with our young people. Joey and Charlene Hunt's creek bank was the perfect location for our meal, as over 50 students and young people gathered for an afternoon of creek fun and food. A big thank you goes to our youth group alumni Mercedes (Sadie) Chessor for spending all day Saturday smoking our pig. Sadie enjoys smoking BBQ competitively with her dad, and she did a fantastic job preparing the best BBQ that could be found in Hickman County Saturday night. I am thankful for another successful event and am looking forward to all the things this summer has in store.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is right around the corner! I hope you are making plans to attend, as well as inviting your friends and neighbors to be a part of our VBS this year, June 14-16. After not being able to host VBS last year due to COVID, we are all excited to bounce back strong with VBS this year. I also hope you are planning and helping your students to become a Summer-Scholar this year. Sidney worked hard preparing the questions for our Summer-Scholar program this year, and I am looking forward to seeing our young people show off their scholastic ability in learning these questions.

YOUTH MINISTERS ARE HUMAN, which means that we make mistakes. It appears that I managed to leave off Question #48 from our Summer Scholar papers that were handed out this past Sunday. I have since corrected the worksheet, so any new worksheets picked up at the church building will be correct. If you have an old copy of the worksheet and would like to know about Question #48, it reads...."Joshua told the Israelites that the twelve stones served as a reminder of how _____ God is. (Joshua 4:24)"

Have a great week! In Him, Carter

From The Heart Of The Matter



Hello again everyone! I had a great first year at Freed-Hardeman University, but it sure is good to be back in Centerville for a few months, and it's even better to be back with you all as the youth ministry intern again for the summer. After the wild year that was 2020, Carter decided he could put up with me for another summer so that I could get a chance to work during what is shaping up to be a normal summer. I want to thank both he and the elders for this opportunity, and I want to thank each of you for

making it possible.

Carter and I are looking forward to the summer. We started the summer/ended the school year with a pig roast down on Swan Creek at Joey and Charlene Hunt's this past Saturday, and we had a great turnout and a great time. We're already planning out the summer with some great events for the kids and preparing for Camp Meribah which is returning in full swing after having to be canceled last summer. I hope you all are as excited about the summer as I am!

Harrison

BE A PART OF OUR



PICK UP YOUR SUMMER SCHOLAR
QUESTIONS TODAY!

Need help studying for Summer Scholars?

Want to play study games to help you learn? Download the Summer Scholars Quizlet! Download the Quizlet app or visit www.quizlet.com and search for Sidney_Hudgins to see the CCOC Summer Scholars 2021 Quizlet page.

Recent College Graduates...

Following is a list of recent college graduates:

Congratulations!

Lexi Hudgins
Rachel Hudgins
Peyton King
Madelyn Owens
Levi Parks
Riley Qualls
Colby Shelton
Slater Springman
Grady Teet
Dalton Thomasson

Please inform the office of others.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 23: \$13,887.62

Camp:
\$ 296.35

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Thank You

Ann Johnston writes: "Thank you for the many beautiful birthday cards I received. I really do appreciate it."
Jerry Yates writes: "Thank you for the many cards, the gifts and especially your prayers. I am blessed to have so many Christian friends. God Bless you."

Area Events:

...Diana Singing Across America
June 11, 2021 7 P.M. At The Plainview Church of Christ 14500 Highway 231-431 North Hazel Green, Alabama (Just north of Hazel Green High School)

Remember Those Confined To Their Homes.....

Home: Mildred Bridges, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, Floy Lyell, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks



Congratulations to the following who were in the top ten of their class:

Juniors
Sara True #1, John Jacobs #5
Sophomores
Weston Elkins #1, Kilee Jenkins #5
Freshmen
Ashley Shelton #7



...Jamie Qualls (Candida) continues to be in ICU at St. Thomas West with Covid pneumonia.

...Jamie Stoltz, brother of Melissa Sanderson, is at the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Alex Chambers' surgery was postponed.

...David King, grandson of Ann Johnston, is dealing with an aortic aneurysm.

...Emmanuel Mwizerwa, the preacher in Africa that our congregation helps support, is hospitalized in Uganda with a severe case of a rare strain of Malaria. He has requested prayers.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Mark & Shela Chessor, Jerry Yates, Jamie Stoltz, Evan Boyd, Caleb Barker, Gary Hogan, Jessie Seagraves, Janice Ruff, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Luther Brown, Wendy Pace, David Dansby, Kenneth Dotson, John Dennison, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Luran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Brownie Mayberry, Donna Blackwell, John Thomas Givens, Betty Davis, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Memory Care

June Celebrations!



Wanda Givens
82 Years Old
June 2, 2021



Betty Claud
88 Years Old
June 5, 2021



Robert & Marge Gilmer
Married 62 Years
June 12, 2021



June Bowen
85 Years Old
June 21, 2021



Robert Bryant
84 Years Old
June 16, 2021



Young Adult "Welcome" Dinner and Nerf Battle



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

Read Scripture

May 30:

George Bragg

Preside
May 30th:

Randy Wright

Elder's Prayer

Ken Dickerson

Prayer Week Of May 30th

S.M.W.
James Aydelott

S.M.D.
Randy James

S.E.W.
Wayne Chessor

S.E.D.
Will McDonald

W.E.B.S.
Marshall Spencer

W.E.D.
Eli Jacobs