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THE SOURCE OF HOPE

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Whatever struggles you might have, it is good to be reminded of hope. In fact, 1 Peter 3:15 says that we honor Christ by “always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” These words from John Dobbs, preaching minister of the Forsythe Church of Christ in Monroe, Louisiana, explain some big reasons for our hope. - Brian

The person without Christ is in a hopeless condition. It is impossible for humans to save themselves. The evidence is in Scripture, but also we can see it with our own eyes. The world isn't going so great mostly that is because Christ is not their source for life and hope. Christians have an advantage in facing the troubles of life - we have hope that we didn't have before we gave ourselves to Jesus.

Jesus is our living hope! 1 Peter 1:3 says that “...he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” Jesus is alive - and that gives us reason to believe with sure hope in the promises he makes to those who follow him. The Bible affirms over and over that hope is available to all.

God gives us hope! 2 Thessalonians 2:16 says, “...God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace...” I'm so grateful for the comfort and hope that God gives us in his grace - the saving disposition that offers us a gift we could never earn!

The Holy Spirit gives us hope! Romans 5:5 reveals that “hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

The Bible gives us hope! Romans 15:4 says, “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” What a resource we have - a book of hope! Many a broken heart has been calmed and blessed by the encouragement of the Word.

To take advantage of the hope that is offered to us, trust God to keep his promises (Romans 4:18). God will keep every promise that he makes - including the promise to save those who come to him in faith - trusting him as we turn away from sin, experiencing baptism, and walking daily with his guidance. When I find hope in the resurrected Jesus, the Father who loves us, the Spirit who lives within us and the Word that directs us, my heart is full of the kind of hope that will see me through the most difficult days. I realize the source of hope is God, who has gone to great lengths to help me find a better path through life and into eternity!



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Family Matters

Carla Hasley's brother has been helping with his and Carla's mother, but he now has Covid. Please keep him in your prayers.

Carla Hasley tested negative for Covid but she is still feeling bad. Please keep Carla in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to Bill Barrett, Cindy Geiger, and their family on the passing of Bill's wife and Cindy's mother, Mary Barrett, who passed away Friday night. Her funeral services were held Wednesday. Please keep Bill, Cindy, and their family in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to the Rice family on the passing of their loved one, Marion "Hoot" Rice. Please keep the Rice family in your prayers.

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

First Aid Training will be Wednesday, **September 18th**, in the fellowship building at 6:30pm. Please let James Bryant know if you want to attend.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **September 22nd**.

There will be a Safety Team meeting on Sunday, **September 22nd** at 4pm.

The Yellow House will hand out food on Monday, **September 23rd**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Bill Young, Glenda Lillard, Kim Simpson, Donna Duncan, Tommy Myers, Jan Manuel, Chuck Love, and Mark Coleman. **The food for the Yellow House will be picked up and sacked on Wednesday morning, September 18th. If you are not able to help, please contact Chuck Love.**

The men's Wednesday night Bible class will begin **October 2nd** in room 111. It is the southwest corner classroom.

Thank you so much for the sweetest shower for Taelin. Thank you to everyone who helped set it up, brought her gifts, and came to help us celebrate. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and supporting congregation! We love you all, Thorin & Carli Turner

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Thank you so much for all your kind thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls I received while I was sick so long. I give praise to the Lord because it was his will I am well again. Love you all, Lea Crain

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Paula Hatton, Lea Crain, Arles Wells, Mary Barrett, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Barbara Cannon, Ken & Wanda Roper, Leon Hughey, Myrtie Clarke, Nash Gilliam, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, Dona Pippen, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Sue Silkey, Shirley Love, Gerald Joliff, Katie Meaders, Johnnie Sing, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Perry, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson and Thayne Consequellos.



The Wednesday Night for the Master meal will be this Wednesday, **September 18th** at 5:45pm in the fellowship building. Everyone please come join us!

18 UPCOMING EVENTS

- September at a Glance*
- 01 Promotion Sunday
 - 02 Office Closed (Labor Day)
 - 03 Widower's Breakfast,
Tuesday Ladies Class Starts
 - 06-08 Move Youth Conference
 - 08 Golder Doers, Ladies Pr. Group
 - 09-13 Meals on Wheels Week
 - 12 Col. Meal/Devo (Jan M/Sue H)
 - 15 Youth Boys Preach-AM (Farris),
AWTG (Blanchard)
 - 18 Pick Up/Sack Food (Yel. House)
WNFM Meal, First Aid Training
 - 19 College Meal/Devo (Provence)
 - 22 Ladies Prayer Group,
Safety Team Meeting
 - 23 Yellow House
 - 26 College Meal/Devo (Lowe)



TEENS AND YOUTH

September 15th

Youth Boys Preach in AM (Farris)
AWTG in PM (Blanchard)

September 19th

Youth Group Home
Bible Study



September 19th

College Meal & Devo
at SBC (Provence)

September 26th

College Meal & Devo
(Lowe)

Birthdays of the Month

- 09/15 Daimon Alexander,
Sue Hamilton,
Becky Myers,
Alan Simpson
- 09/16 John Eck
- 09/17 Richard Howard,
Maddux Hudson
- 09/18 Alex Hasley, Jeffrey Morris
Thorin Turner
- 09/20 Donna Love
- 09/21 Daxon Maples

Happy Anniversary

- 09/15 Jack & Brandi Cadenhead
- 09/16 Tyler & Lindsay Jones
- 09/19 Gary & Vicki Kelley

who's your ONE?

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Heaven Allen Hunter Wilson
Michale Perry Clay Wilson Jr.
Josh Higginbottom
Frank Holsapple Jr.



Adults	
David Hendricks Auditorium	
Jeff Butler 1 Timothy Room 100	
David Dirrim Adult Bible Class Fellowship Building	
Brad Trekell Sermon on the Mount Room 111	
College Group	Youth Group
Kyle Wilson Room 107	Thorin Turner Room 101
Elementary	
5th - 6th grades: Room 104	
2nd - 4th Grades: Room 102	
K - 1st Grade: Room 105	
Preschool	
3's & 4's: Room 112	
Toddlers, 2's & 3's: Room 114	
Babies: Room 113	
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<i>For the Record: 09/08/2024</i>	
Bible Study	179
AM Assembly	265
PM Assembly	109
Wednesday PM	153
Contributions	\$18,765
Budget	\$13,777

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Drew Adams
Opening Prayer: Kerry White
Closing Prayer: Jeff Butler
Scripture Reading: Toker Dennis
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Cody Frye
Communion: Matt Bryant, Brett Butler,
Dusty Dennis, Cody Frye, Garrett Hatton,
Stefan Iorga, Ronnie Osborn, Mark Tinsley
Alternate Communion: David Dirrim & Tim Hensley
Balcony Communion: David Lewis & Todd Martin
Nursing Home Communion: Steve Black
Attendance Counter: Keith Nail
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Nathan Lewis
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Jared Griffin & Beau Griffin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Jag Frye & Jared Hudson
Welcome Desk (September): Tanner & Dalee Weston
Greeters (September): K. Hughey & C. Love & Tommy & Joni V.

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Kyle Wilson
Opening Prayer: Raymond Johnson
Closing Prayer: Quaid Clark
Attendance Counter: Drew Graham
Communion: Brad Butler & Casey Farrar

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Mark Tinsley
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Jared Hudson
Closing Prayer: John Eck
8 Minute Devotional: Dusty Dennis
Attendance Counting: Drew Graham
Safety Team Walk: Kevin Graham
Safety Team Camera: Keith Nail

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
More About Jesus
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:9-10
Prayer
I'll Be Listening
Higher Ground
Oh the Depths and the Riches
Thoughts From the Cross: Cody Frye
Hallelujah! What a Savior
Lord's Supper
Seek Ye First
Contribution
I Stand Amazed
A.M. Lesson: Salvation Is Here
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Announcements
O For a Faith
Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Forgiven

An elder and his wife are available in the classroom of the middle hallway of the building during each invitation.

Shepherd for September: Richard Howard

Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Butch & Denise Platt

September Contribution Counters:

Bill Young, Chuck Love, Mark Clark

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ONLINE GIVING



Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

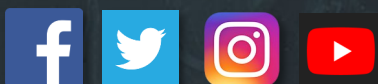
Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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