
GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
 - Believe Jesus is the Christ (John 3:16)
 - Repent from sins (Luke 13:3)
 - Confess faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10)
 - Be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
 - Live worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1)
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IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Recent Additions:

John Thompson will have his knee replacement surgery tomorrow morning. After the surgery he faces a period of rehab. Let us keep him in our prayers and see if there is any aid we can offer the Thompson's over the next few months. **Susie Burton** and **Gladys Dunbar**, members of the Willow Oak congregation in Russell Springs, are both very ill and request the prayers of the congregation. **Jan Hogan** (Ron's sister) has returned home but still has an uphill climb as she battles a very persistent infection.

List:

Our members: Jeff Howerton, Glenn Kimberlin, Paul Atkisson, Louis Harrod, Julie Patton

Others: Lenny Shepperson, Taylor Osterling, David Morrow, Debbie Parker, Lala Whitson, Rita Pagan, Vina Krassow, Courtney and Aubrey Reeves, John Bennett, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Jean Gartland, Gail Stein, Michael Poynter, CJ Nash, Sandy Childress, Mary Wilson, Charlie Little, Doris Baker, Edith Tirez, Kathy McKibben, Bill Childress

WEEKLY READING

Sun: Ps 11, Ru 2, Jer 39, Mk 10
Mon: Ps 12, Ru 3, Jer 40-41, Mk 11
Tue: Ps 13, Ru 4, Jer 42-43, Mk 12
Wed: Ps 14, 1 Sam 1-2:11, Jer 44-45, Mk 13
Thu: Ps 15, 1 Sam 2:12-36, Jer 46-47, Mk 14
Fri: Ps 16, 1 Sam 3, Jer 48, Mk 15
Sat: Ps 17, 1 Sam 4, Jer 49, Mk 16

LEADERSHIP

<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>DEACONS</u>
Garry Banks	Troy Antle
David Collins	Richard Brundige
John Thompson	Neal Erickson
	Adam Litmer
<u>EVANGELIST</u>	Bill Morelan
Adam Litmer	Jim Parsons
	Pat Seabolt
	Matt Thompson

SERVICES

Sunday
Bible Study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Study: 7:30 PM
1st Fri. of Month
Singing: 7:30 PM
3rd Fri. of Month
Bible Study: 7:00 PM
(Ask for location)

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There's A Lesson Here

Hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments all provide a service called a wake-up call. It is helpful, especially for those who have a tendency to oversleep. The term, wake-up call, is used in another sense that is considerably more important than ensuring that one does not physically oversleep.

Life goes along rather smoothly most of the time. Granted, there are frequently ups and downs, but those are generally dealt with in ways that do not seriously disrupt the normal flow of our lives. But, occasionally we get slammed. Some disaster, some tragic event, some life-threatening diagnosis, some irreplaceable loss happens and we are forced to seriously take stock of our lives. Such things become wake-up calls that tell us we need to alter our priorities. We realize that we need to make decisions that will change our lives in ways that we have not had to consider before the wake-up call came our way.

If we heed the wake-up call, then we are wise. A wake-up call provides the opportunity to make decisions that will make our lives better. However, people do not always use the wake-up calls that come their way to their best advantage. Like the traveler who takes his wake-up call from the front desk, then turns over in his bed and resumes sleeping, we can fail to pay proper attention to those more important wake-up calls that come our way. When one fails to properly heed those wake-up calls and thus does not make the requisite changes piles tragedy upon tragedy.

Most tragic of all, however, is when one receives a critically important wake-up call and fails to see the opportunity to consider the welfare of his or her soul. So many are like God's people of old who heard about the dangers to come from the prophets and failed to take heed. So many are like some who, upon learning of a terrible medical diagnosis, first become concerned about where they

Welcome

We welcome everyone who has decided to visit with us today. You truly are our honored guests!

stand before God, and then allow the cure of their disease lull them back into spiritual complacency.

There is grave spiritual danger in proceeding through life, day after day, year after year without a spiritual care in the world. Satan does not want anyone to give even the remotest thought to eternity and standing in judgment before the God of Heaven. If one of those potentially life-changing wake-up calls comes our way, we need to heed it and give the utmost attention to the changes needed to prepare ourselves to meet God. Better still, are we when we have already made the necessary preparations for eternal life in heaven with God.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' (Ephesians 5:1-14)

The Elders

The Importance Of Hope

By Brent Lewis

Hope springs eternal in the human heart. Where would we be without hope? Webster says hope means “a desire for some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, or a belief that it is attainable” and “confidence in a future event; the highest degree of a well founded expectation of good.”

Webster’s definition may not accurately and adequately describe Bible hope. But it is surely hope that carries God’s children forward and drives them onward. It has ever been so.

The hope of Israel was for a Messiah to come. They had a firm trust that at a time appointed by God, but unknown to them, He would establish a great kingdom of righteousness. The religion of the Jews was a religion of hope, centered in God, from whom they confidently expected both deliverance and blessings (Joel 3:16; Psalm 31:24).

When the Lord came as Israel’s Messiah, He taught that their hope had been fulfilled (Mark 1:15) and those who accepted His teaching would have admission into it (Luke 12:32). Still, the ultimate hope of God’s people remained in the future. After Christ’s ascension, the hope of the New Testament always looks forward, much as

Paul described it (“*looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ,*” Titus 2:13) or as Peter said (“*unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled...reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time,*” 1 Peter 1:3-5).

Upon what do Christians base their hope? First, upon the promises of the Old Testament. These promised were the foundation of Christ’s teaching. God is to be believed and trusted. These promises are the “*anchor of the soul*” that holds fast the soul of every believer (Hebrews 6:18-20).

But there is a greater fact upon which the Christian rests his hope. It is the resurrection of the Christ. This proved Him to be everything He said He was (Romans 1:4; Ephesians 1:18-20; 1 Peter 3:21). And in fact His resurrection was the first step in proof that all men do not just go back to the dust to remain forever, but every one of them will be raised from the dead in the great resurrection day (1 Corinthians 15:23; Acts 23:6; 24:15; 26:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

Though hope may be certain to the Christian, it is not realized in this life. No one who is still living has fully attained to this hope. In this life, faith is “*the substance of things hoped for*” (Hebrews 11:1). Paul says in Romans 8:24-25, “*For in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopeth for that which he sees? But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we wait with patience for it.*”

Hope encompasses the great biblical themes of faith, trust, patience, and promises—all at the same time. Do you share in this hope?

Please Note

Some have sought to reach me lately through my Yahoo account. That account was closed several months ago. If you have not already done so, please make a note of my current email address, adamlitmer@gmail.com.

SERMONS

AM 1 Corinthians 13:6

PM “What Do These Stones Mean?”

READINGS

Luke 6:1-19

Luke 6:20-45