

# THE MESSENGER JANUARY 15, 2023

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Congregational Meeting** February 12 **Our Next Gospel Meeting** 

## Weekly Bible Studies

Thursday at 1 on Zoom Friday at 1 on Zoom **Times of Service** Sunday Bible study: 945 AM Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM Wednesday Bible study: 7:30 PM (Immediately followed by a short worship service) **First Friday of Month** Singing February 3, 7:30 **Address and Contact** University Heights Church of Christ 445 Columbia Ave., Lexington, **KY 40508** (859) 255-6257 www.uheightschurch.com

### A WORD TO THE COLLEGE STUDENTS

It is my hope that our college students will read this article and gain a better understanding of how you are an encouragement to the rest of the congregation here at University Heights.

We understand the temptations you successfully navigate and it encourages us to see your faith remain strong. The older members of the congregation have been in your shoes. We have lived through the temptations that you face on a daily basis and know how difficult they are to stay strong against. And yet you do. Your faith leads you to seek the way of escape which God provides (1 Cor. 10:13). We see your faith, we see your strength, and it encourages us to remain strong against the temptations we face. "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." (1 Peter 5:10)

You are strong, faithful role models for our children. Whether you realize it or not, the eyes of the young children in the congregation watch every move you make. They know your names and burst with pride when you acknowledge them simply by saying hello or calling them by name. They see your constant attendance at bible studies and worship services and tell themselves that when they are in college, they will do the same. You have an impact on our children in a way that even we, as parents, cannot. The strong, positive, faithful influence you have on our children is another way in which you encourage us. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Your energy and enthusiasm for Jesus Christ helps to recharge our batteries. The willingness and eagerness you have to discuss Jesus and your faith with anyone and everyone helps us to do the same. We see how you persevere through your classes, studying, and tests, and still appear to have a boundless, never-ending zeal to share your faith in Jesus with others. Seeing this helps us to put the earthly cares of our jobs behind us and focus on God's grace and Jesus' sacrifice. We remember that God's people must zealously pursue good works. "who gave Himself [Jesus] for us to redeem us from all

### Members Needing Our Prayers

Marcus Lake, Mary Weatherholt, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

#### **Others Needing Prayer**

Marc Nations, Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Charles Bishop, Brian Mason, Allison Walker, Mark Nickles, Dwayne Harrod, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

#### **To Our Guests**

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Visit us on Facebook, YouTube, or our website to watch or listen to sermons. lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works." (Titus 2:14)

**Your faith gives us confidence that the work of Christ's church will continue strong.** We are encouraged when you actively participate in bible class by asking or answering questions; when you take on leadership opportunities within the worship service; and when you come to Friday night singings or congregational meetings. We see your faith and it gives us confidence in the next generation of Godly leaders in the church. Every generation of Christians must remain strong against the wiles of Satan and the temptations that he hurls. When your faithful courage shines through, it gives us confidence that you will continue to remain strong when you are Elders, Deacons, the wives of Elders and Deacons, and faithful members of the church. Just as Paul identified strong faith in Timothy, we see it in you. *"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well." (2 Timothy 1:5)* 

When you hear older members say that younger Christians are an encouragement to them, it is important for you to understand why that is. These are just four of the many reasons as to why you are such valued members of our congregation. We only hope we are as much an encouragement to you as you are to us. Matt Thompson

Elders	Deacons	Evangelist
Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
	Marcus Lake	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	