



FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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HOPE in God in Hopeless Times

The times we live in are very troubled. People losing their jobs, natural catastrophes, senseless shootings, wars all across the world, the list goes on and on and our uncertainty grows in what the future holds. We are not alone in our feelings of hopelessness; even Bible heroes had their time when they wanted to give up. Job, Moses, Jonah, Jeremiah and even the powerful prophet Elijah had feelings of hopelessness. However, God is always there; God knows the future.

There's a difference between the Christian definition of hope and the way it is usually used. The word "hope" in ordinary English vocabulary is generally distinguished from certainty. We say, "I don't know what's going to happen but I *hope* it happens." "Hope" in the Bible when read (like in 1 Peter 1:13) says "set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Hope is not wishful thinking. Christian hope is when God promised that something is going to happen and you put your trust in that promise. You believe that because God has promised something, it will come to pass. There is nothing more certain on this earth than hope in God.

The Bible is filled with hope. Not hope in this life only but the hope for the life beyond this physical existence. It is in the life to come. Paul writes about the incredible future that awaits us through Jesus Christ: "The Spirit Himself bears

witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:16-18). Paul also explains in 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 how the very composition of our bodies has to change, from mortal to immortal, from physical to spirit. This is the true hope in Christ!

Hope is a part of faith. Hope is faith in the future tense. So most of faith is hope. Hope comes from reading God's promises and looking to Christ who purchased them. Look away from the circumstances that confront us, look to Christ, look to promises and hold fast to them. Hope comes from the promises of God rooted in the work of Christ. As we come to faith in Christ, his work begins to grow in us. Just as Jesus promises, he comes to live within us. Someone once said, "Jesus could be born 1,000 times, and it would do me no good unless he is born in me." The hope that Jesus gives to the world does us no good unless we accept him as *our* hope. We need to let Jesus live in us. He will never leave us nor will He forsake us. He is our anchor in the present and for the future.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 6 - 10:30 am.

Worship Rev. Sam Payne, preaching

Tuesday, August 8 - 5:30 pm. Council meeting

Saturday, Aug. 12 - 9-3 Threadbare

Ladies

Sunday, August 13 - 10:30 am. Worship

Terri Haithcock, preaching

Fundraiser Luncheon following worship

Sunday, August 20 - 10:30 am. Worship

Rev. Wanda Werking, preaching

Saturday, Aug. 26 - 9-3 Threadbare

Ladies

Sunday, August 27 - 10:30 am. Worship

Howard Hunt, preaching

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Alethea Butler-Nalen
- 13 Mary F. Johnson
- 15 Charlie Weigt
- 19 David Steiner
- 19 Nicholas Steiner
- 21 Ann Urish
- 22 Carrie Breckenridge
- 24 Celine Doute
- 30 Lydia Wills

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 George & Janice Morgan

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

DRIVEWAY FUNDRAISER

Kick Off Potluck Luncheon August 13 following worship



We are beginning our Driveway fundraiser by having a Potluck Luncheon following worship on Sunday, August 13. Our driveway has been repaved and looks great! If you are so inclined, donations would be greatly appreciated to offset costs. For the luncheon, the Meat is provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share. Let's make this a successful fundraiser!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Christian Education Classes Please Help This Year!!

It's that time of the year when we are looking to see who is willing to help teach Sunday School classes. We will begin classes on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 am. There will be a Primary class, Confirmation class and an Adult class. We have 1 volunteer for the Primary class, and 1 volunteer for the Adult class. The Confirmation class teachers are Jane Urish & Terri Haithcock. Thank you to them for volunteering. We would like several more people to help with the Primary class (the more we have, the less everyone has to teach) and a couple more volunteers needed for the Adult class. Jim Cooper has graciously said he would help. Please see Lori Prorok if you can help.

Sympathies... Our deepest sympathies go out to the Haithcock family in the passing of Tony and to the Winslow family in the passing of Jim. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this time of grief.

Thank you received...

***Dear Church Family, Words cannot express our gratitude for all that you have done for us. Cards, visits, prayers, texts, food, the dinner, the snacks! Tony's family as well as mine were impressed and moved with emotion how my small church did so much. We are blessed and we thank you. Love,
Terri, Joya & Tyler Haithcock***