

Wildwood Church of Christ

114 Cleveland Ave. Wildwood, FL. 34785

church website: www.hischurch.faith wifi password: John3:16

Sunday: Bible Class – 9:30a.m. Worship – 10:30a.m. Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30p.m.

TLC(Tuesday Ladies Care) – Every Tuesday 9:30a.m. in Fellowship Hall

2024 Theme: “Going Forward, Growing Deeper, Getting Closer”

April 7, 2024

Song #491 Redeemed

Song #478 We Have An Anchor

Prayer – Brian Burkert

Pass Communion

Song #458 He Paid A Debt

Lord’s Supper – Joe Marshall

Tommy Marshall Jim Routzahn

Jimmy Glenn Keith Jones

Song #489 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Sermon: Knowing Him, His Sufficiency

Song #466 Let Him Have His Way With Thee

Song #460 I Love My Savior Too

Closing Prayer – Darrel Ponsford

Knowing Him - His Comfort!

The sovereignty, self-sufficiency, independence and self-existence of God is the overall message of Isaiah 40. In this chapter, Isaiah points out that the incomparable word of God stands forever, His creative acts have been demonstrated and that God is the Lord of creation (Isaiah 40:27-31). Isaiah also speaks to the people of Israel that will suffer captivity because of their own doing (Isaiah 39:6), and He will offer them comfort in the future. God knows about the crisis that lays ahead for them, but He also gives them consolation and divine direction to the children that He loves, knowing their pain and fears to come. What will God offer them after their experience in captivity?

1. Comfort and Forgiveness – Isaiah 40:1-2 “Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’s hand Double for all her sins.”

It is always good to remember that God offers pardon and forgiveness when we turn back to Him and nothing gives us hope and assurance when we are once again in communion with Him . . . knowing that our sins are forgiven.

2. Comfort of His Eternal Purpose – Isaiah 40:3-5 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

It is always comforting to know that we, as Christians, are always under our heavenly Father’s providential and protective care each moment, without stopping. Isaiah speaks to the people of Israel about the ministry of John in the future, that he would prepare the way for the coming Messiah – Jesus the Christ (Malachi 4; Matthew 3:3). During trying times, it is such comfort to know that God is at work, fulfilling His purpose for our good.

3. Comfort of His Faithfulness and Limitless Power – Isaiah 40:6-29 vs.10-11 Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

God will keep His promise to His beloved children, and of course, He will comfort them if they continue to trust and obey Him. “But those who wait (with trust) on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (Is.40:31).

PRAYER LIST

- ~ Keep in prayer our new Associate/Family Minister, **Tony Clay and his family**, as they move to Wildwood and be a part of our church family and the Lord's work here. We are very excited to be working with this dedicated family and are looking forward to many years together in His service.
- ~ **Charles Wright** is home after his surgery and doing well. He has to take it easy for a while.
- ~ **Judy Glenn** is still not feeling well and is very weak but is getting better.
- ~ **Tina Lipps** has been very sick again and her April 1st consultation appointment with the surgeon had to be cancelled. Pray she feels better and can get another appointment soon.
- ~ **Ernie Wise** will be having a pacemaker put in this Tuesday.
- ~ **Mollie Holley**, Libbie Summers' daughter, had a tornado hit their house and they lost part of their roof. They are all doing ok.
- ~ **Amanda George**, Joan's granddaughter, is doing better and her dialysis appointments have been dropped down to 2X a week instead of 3.

Remember: Basile Summers, Peggy Murphy, Alice Wayne, Cut Barco, Ken & Sherry Scott, Janet Hyder & family, Pat Ponsford, Charles & Mary Jane Wright, Jack Kyle, Patricia Webber, David Addington, Steve Hutsenpiller, family of Ricky Baker and Tara Strickland, John & Loraine da Silva, Lottie Colton, Ron & Carol Rollins, Shirley Threet, John & Leigh Workman, Jeanette Harris, Taylor Williams & family, Millie Tudor, Donna Rogers, Jim & Sue Allison, Janet Jones, Teresa Broyles, Bill Cefaloni, Tim Sigler, Kathy Cefaloni, Peggy Baird, Kacey Terry, Cody Grissom, Sister Dorothy Colton, Al Alvarez, Fred Casteel, Alex Bowers, Guy Grove, Julie Welch, Tony Terry, Kellie Ward, Fred Casteel, Julie Welch, Darrel Ponsford's niece, Bryan Noland, Marty Glenn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ~ **Saturday, April 13th** we are having a work day to spread mulch in our flower beds. Many hands make light work! Come at 8:00 and help! We will also do some spring cleaning inside. 😊
- ~ **Old Fashioned Pounding:** We want to welcome our new Associate/Family Minister and his family (Tony & Mary Clay and their children Connor, Josiah & Mazie) with a pounding after they move in. The baskets are set up in the foyer to bring items to help them stock their pantry and set up housekeeping. Please bring in all sorts of non-perishable pantry items and other cleaning/household items. We will be giving these items to them on Sunday, April 28th.
- ~ There has been a **slight change** in Tony Clay's moving schedule and our **Monthly Pot-Luck Fellowship** has been moved to Sunday, **April 28th** after morning worship. Everyone please make plans to stay and eat lunch together that day so you can visit with Tony and his family and give them a big Wildwood church welcome!
- ~ We had a great turn-out for our first **Ladies' Night Out** this past Thursday. Thank you to all y'all who were able to come. We hope we have even more next month! Be watching for details.
- ~ **LADIES' DAY April 20th** – Less than 2 weeks away! We would LOVE for **ALL** the ladies of our congregation to come and be with us that day. It is from 8:30 to 12:30. **SIGN UP TODAY!**
- ~ There is also a **sign-up list for the food** to bring. Please sign that today as well.
- ~ **Decorate A Table:** There is a sign-up list for ladies to **decorate a table** for our ladies' day. We need to know this week. There's a print-out next to the sign-up list explaining what to do.
- Pantry Items Needed: Corn Muffin Mix Canned White Potatoes StoveTop Stuffing Mix**
- April Birthdays:** Sarah Glisson-5, Sarah Myers-5, Joyce Yarborough-5, Mary Wise-8, Charity Stambaugh-8, Gary Gage-8, Loraine da Silva-9, Scott Watts-10, Kaydee Blankenship-11, Kody Whited-11, Bailee Vernon-14, Barbara Howeltt-18, Dwain Locke-18, Lynzi Jones-22, Tracy Jones-27
- April Anniversaries:** Scott & Erica Watts-3, Bob & Tammy Farner-4, Sam & Mary Costa-12, Joe & Gina Marshall-28
- Nursery Class:** April 7-Reida Glenn April 14-Tracy Jones April 21-Tina Glenn
- Greeters:** April 7-Jim & Linda Routzahn April 14-David & Sarah Myers April 21-Joan Strickland & Martha Rushmore
- Communion Preparation:** April – Carol McCartney
- Security:** April 7 & 10 – Sam Blankenship April 14 & 17 – Keith Jones April 21 & 24 – Howard Alls
- Lock-Up:** April – David Myers