

Wildwood Church of Christ

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Hours of Worship & Study

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

2022 Theme - Living What You Pray

December 11, 2022

Please silence all electronics for worship – thank you.

Welcome & Announcements

Song #479 Only In Thee

Song #185 Master The Tempest Is Raging

Opening Prayer – Louis Rushmore

Pass Trays

Song #133 I Stand Amazed

Lord's Supper – Brian Burkert

Contribution

Song #971 Trials Dark On Every Hand

Sermon – Your Focal Point: Fear or Peace

Song #868 The Great Physicain

Song #817 Where The Gates Swing Outward Never

Closing Prayer – Jim Routzahn

Peace

The word occurs over 400 times in Scripture. It is a buzzword of the holiday season. It is the elusive object sought by men for centuries. It is as elusive as it is needed. What is "peace"? Where can it be found? The Bible has the answer. The reader should be aware however, that peace comes at a price.

Jesus said: *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27). He spoke these words to His Apostles upon the occasion of the Last Supper. Jesus knew that within hours their world would be destroyed. He knew they would be frightened and scattered throughout the region as He hung upon Golgotha's cross. He knew they would be hunted and that all, save one, would die at the hands of an executioner. Yet, Jesus promised peace. It seems impossible that peace could follow this band of men. Yet we know that Jesus was truth and could not lie.

Examining Jesus' thoughts and words gives a better understanding of what the Lord said.

This was a peace that Jesus possessed for He promised to leave it with them. The preceding three years were quite eventful. Jesus battled with the Pharisees, with the Sadducees, with the Chief Priests, Elders and Scribes and with the money exchangers.

They were all afraid of Him and even sought to slay Him (John 5:16), yet He never once showed fear of them. Even when Jesus faced the arresting soldiers at Gethsemane, He frightened them, not the other way around. Read John's account of the arrest in John 18. When Jesus told them that He was the One for whom they searched, *"they fell to the ground"* (John 18:5)! There was no fear in the Man of Men. Jesus had no fear because He knew His purpose (Luke 19:10) and would not be slowed.

Jesus also knew and was confident of what awaited Him. His message of comfort included a promise that He was going back to God. In John 14:3: *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*

Perhaps by clearly defining our purpose and envisioning our heavenly destiny, this will give us peace in our lives. It is noteworthy that Jesus still had problems on earth, yet they were so small as to not even compare to what was ahead. (continued next week)

Prayer List

- ~ **Linda Grove** has been in the hospital in Leesburg with serious health issues. They are meeting with the doctors today to see what their next step will be. She urgently needs our prayers.
- ~ **Don Albert** had a bad fall and hurt his back. Nothing is broken but he is in a lot of pain.
- ~ **Keith Jones** is doing well recovering from his shoulder surgery.
- ~ **Mary Jane Wright** is in the Villages Rehab on CR466, room 101. She is doing physical and occupational therapy and is doing much better. Visitors are greatly welcome!
- ~ **Martha Pope** continues to recover from her surgery and will be coming home from the rehab tomorrow.
- ~ **Tina Lipps** is having more tests to determine if she needs surgery as part of her cancer treatment.
- ~ **Esther Adcock** will be taking medicine for about 5 years to make sure her cancer does not return. We are praying for no side-effects from taking the medicine. Esther also asks for prayers for her granddaughter, Sarah, who is taking some tests for her nursing degree.
- ~ Joyce Prather's very close cousin, **Junior Hust**, passed away. He lived in Henderson, Kentucky.
- ~ **Kellie Ward**, Ashley Myers' mom, received great news. There are spots of scar tissue but essentially, no cancer lit up on her PET scan! She will continue to need treatment because the cancer is lying dormant and undetectable. Now, it's just a matter of keeping it at bay but we are praising God for these good results.
- ~ **David Alls**, Howard & Sarah's son, will be having his colon cancer surgery on Monday, December 19th.
- ~ Fred French has a friend, **Glenn Forrester**, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Fred is asking for our prayers on Glenn's behalf.
- ~ **Bryan Noland**, Martha Rushmore's youngest son, has gum cancer but they caught it early. If you would like to send a card his address is: 40041 St.Rt.39, Wellsville, OH 43968

Remember: Lana Vernon and family of Ricky Baker, Lottie Colton, Jamie McCartney, Pat Ponsford, Lois Hutsenpiller, Charlotte Martin, Tina Lipps, Peggy Murphy, Ron Rollins, Scott Watts, Greg Pope, Shirley Threet, Tara Strickland, Irma Botorff, John & Leigh Workman, Sam Costa, Edra Nell Courtney, Ken Scott, Larry & Janet Hyder, Don & Joyce Albert, Jeanette Harris, Joyce Prather & family, Taylor Williams & family, Millie Tudor, Clay Pelland, Mary Lee Fogle, Teresa Broyles, Fred & Glynda Casteel, Baby Emy, Mollie Holley

Announcements

- * **Mary Kay Noack**, Wayne & June Crenshaw's daughter, would like to place membership with the Lord's church here at Wildwood. We are so glad to have you, Mary Kay! Everyone make sure to meet her and welcome her into our church family.
- * We will be packing and delivering our **Christmas Food Boxes** on Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 9:00a.m. in the ladies' classroom. We also help the Jackson Street Church of Christ here in Wildwood, with 10 food boxes that they deliver to needy families. **Pantry items needed:** Mac-n-Cheese, Corn, Yams, Peaches, Cranberry Sauce, Evaporated Milk, Chicken Broth. Please bring your donations to the building this week.
- * **The Holiday Party** is this coming Saturday, **December 17th** at 5:00p.m. in the fellowship hall. **ALL** adults are invited. Sign-Up lists are in the foyer and there is a handout with some details about the party.
- * **You are all** invited to a come and go Christmas party at the **Hutsenpillers**. They want to express their sincere thanks for prayers, food and everything that has been done for them during Lois' illness. The party will be at their home: 2775 CR 200, Oxford on December 20th, 6:00p.m. to 8:00. Finger foods will be provided. Please RSVP by text or call: Lois (352) 630-0939 or Steve (352) 223-3256.

December Birthdays: Tim Burwell-4, Wayne Crenshaw-5, Whitley Strickland-7, Emmett Williams-7, Sydni Fort-8, Tina Glenn-8, Easton Williams-8, Gina Marshall-10, Raygen Fort-12, Fred French-15, Brisyn Blankenship-18, Kristen Williams-21, Larry Hyder-22, Sadie Gage-26, Florence Burwell-30

December Anniversaries: Wayne & June Crenshaw-15, Steve & Lois Hutsenpiller-20, Basile & Libbie Summers-21, George & Alicia Barrett-30, Charles & Mary Jane Wright-31

Greeters: Dec 11-Esther Adcock & Cheryl Botts Dec 18-Joan Strickland & Barbara Howlett Dec 25- Wayne & June Crenshaw

Nursery Class: Dec 11 – Judy Glenn Dec 18 – Lexy McKay Dec 25 – Britny Jones

