

Wildwood Church of Christ

114 Cleveland Ave. Wildwood, FL. 34785

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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 18, 2022

Please silence all electronics for worship – thank you.

Welcome & Announcements

Song #591 When Upon Life's Billows

Song #583 I Am Thine, O Lord

Opening Prayer – Bob Grove

Pass Trays

Song #314 Lead Me To Calvary

Lord's Supper – David Myers

Contribution

Song #377 On And On We Walk Together

Sermon – Peace When The World Hates Me

Song #570 I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Song #280 Footprints Of Jesus

Closing Prayer – Keith Jones

Peace

(continued from last week)

Second, it is a peace that belongs unto Jesus. There was no one else who could offer this peace. Even the great Roman armies who presided over the *Pax Romana* could only provide for the here and now. Jesus however, could offer peace for an eternity. Paul said it well in 1Corinthians 15:19: "*If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.*" Our hope looks toward the life to come, and, because we are focused on the eternal heavenly home, we have peace in this life. Ours is a peace not dependent upon political resolutions and military victory. Rather, the Christian looks beyond. And that brings us to our next point.

This peace is different from what the world offers. I walked through a major bookstore the other day. The self-help section seems to grow daily. There are books there that teach us how to control our debt and control our weight. Other volumes explain the ins and outs of astrology and tarot cards. Another section teaches us that peace comes when we love ourselves and are content with who we are. Yet another book tells us that men and women are from different planets. Among all these books, not one can offer everlasting peace. In fact, this old world got along just fine for millennia without their advice. But in all ages, God has offered His peace to His people.

Paul would tell us that peace does not come from getting, but from contentment: "*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content*" (1Timothy 6:6-8). That's good advice, a lot less expensive than a \$29.95 book.

It is a peace that must be shared. I said at the beginning that true peace comes at a price. It is not lavished upon us. While we can never earn the peace of salvation, it does come with responsibilities. Namely, there is the responsibility to share our peace. Jesus told us to spread the message of peace throughout the world (Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 15:15-16). Wouldn't you agree that Jesus expects more than a Hallmark sent during Christmas? "*Peace, good will toward men . . .*" (Luke 2:14). Isn't that a message that demands to be shared every day?

Bryant Evans

Eastern Shore Church of Christ – Daphne, AL

Prayer List

~ **Linda Grove** is home from the hospital and continues to need our prayers and encouragement. Hospice has been called in to help with some of her care.

~ **Mary Jane Wright** came home yesterday from the rehab. She is doing much better but still has a long road of recovery ahead of her.

~ **John Yarborough** has not been feeling well for quite a while. This past Friday, he had 2 stents put in his heart to fix a 95% blockage. He is home and feeling better.

~ We were glad to see **Don Albert** with us last week after his fall. We are also glad to see **Joyce!**

~ **Martha Pope** is home from the rehab still recovering from her shoulder surgery.

~ **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 and his condition is worse than they thought at first. He will be having surgery towards the end of January and they will have to take part of his lip. 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, Keith Jones, Lottie Colton, Jamie McCartney, Pat Ponsford, Lois Hutsepiller, 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, placed membership last week with the Lord's church here at Wildwood. Everyone make sure to meet Mary Kay and welcome her into our church family. Her address is: 4625 135th Ave. Oxford, FL 34484 Cell# (352) 638-2405

* We will be packing and delivering our **Christmas Food Boxes** on Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 9:00a.m. in the ladies' classroom. Please come if you are able to help. Including the Jackson St. Church of Christ, we will have 16 boxes to get ready.

* **You are all** invited to a come and go Christmas party at the **Hutsepillers**. 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.

* **January 8th**, Mike will be having a meeting for all those who want to participate in **Lads to Leaders**. The meeting will be right after our morning worship service.

December Birthdays: Tim Burwell-4, Wayne Crenshaw-5, 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, Whitley Adams-22, Larry Hyder-22, Sadie Gage-26, Florence Burwell-30

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

Greeters: Dec 18-Joan Strickland & Barbara Howlett Dec 25- Wayne & June Crenshaw Jan1-Jack & Judy Kyle

Nursery Class: Dec 18 – Lexy McKay Dec 25 – Britny Jones Jan 1 – Cindy Pope

