

# Wildwood Church of Christ

## Theme for 2021

Step By Step: Grow With Jesus

February 28, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Song: #808 We're Marching to Zion

Song: #552 I Know Whom I Have  
Believed

Prayer

Song: #358 When My Love To Christ  
Grows Weak

The Lord's Supper

Song: # 806 I'll Live In Glory

Sermon: True Bible Faith: A Place

Song: #925 I Am Resolved

Song: #295 He Leadeth Me

## Faith: One Day We Will See!

In your study booklet by brother Sain, he asked two questions about the topic of faith: "What is faith?" and "In what should all believe?" Since faith (pistis) is the center from which the diameter of the Christian life is measured, let's consider both questions in order.

What is faith? A very simple definition of faith is "the confidence that someone or something is reliable." In today's lesson, we will learn that the word faith refers to "assurance, persuasion, conviction, credence and a reliance upon someone for salvation (strong). One of our main texts that we will consider is Hebrews 11:1. In verse 1, the writer of Hebrews gives us an inspired definition by saying that faith is ". . . the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." A key word to focus on in this amazing verse is substance (hupostasis) which means: confidence, assurance, a setting under, support. We have the proof (evidence) that God is real even though we cannot see Him. See John 20:29; 2Peter 1:8; 1Thess.5:21; 2Cor.5:7; John 8:12

In what should all believe? The writer of Hebrews continues to discuss the importance of believing (pistis) in the God we cannot see in Heb.11:6. He states that not only is faith necessary, but also the object of our faith is God. He just assumes in vs.2 that God is the creator of all that we see in the physical world. Logic tells us that this world had to start with something. The earth and the heavens above us scream, "There is a God up above!" Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20 A young sceptic said to an elderly lady, "I once believed in God, but since studying science I am convinced that God is an empty word." The lady replied, "Well, I have not studied science, but since you have, maybe you can tell me from whence came this egg?" "Why, of course, from the hen" was the reply. "And where did the hen come from?" "Why, the egg." "And perhaps," said the lady, "you can tell me which existed first." "The hen, of course" replied the young man. "You mean that a hen existed without having come from an egg?" "Oh no," he said, "I should have said the egg was first." "Then you mean the an egg existed without having come from a hen?" He exclaimed, "You've got me all mixed up!" She drove home her point: "Young man, since you cannot explain the existence of a hen or even an egg without God, you cannot expect me to believe that you can explain the existence of the whole world without Him!" (bulletin article, June 25, 1998)

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 Growing in our faith is not a waste of time, because one day our faith will be turned into sight. Rev.1:7; Philippians 2:9-11

~David

## Prayer List

Remember **Ken Scott** and his family in the loss of his brother, Bennett Pitre. The funeral was yesterday.

**Linda Routzhan's** brother-in-law, Fred Lenke, passed away last week in Tennessee. His funeral was also yesterday. If you would like to send a card to Linda's sister, her name & address is: Betty Lemcke, 145 Tara Lane, Goodlettsville, TN 37072. Jim and Linda will be returning home to Wildwood soon.

**Jeanette Harris** had 2 back-to-back chemo treatments at the Moffit Cancer Center in Tampa on the 16<sup>th</sup>. She was feeling ok for about 2 days, then the next 4-5 days she did not feel well and was very weak. March 9<sup>th</sup> she goes back for 2 more treatments.

**Martha Rushmore** has been struggling for quite a while with severe back pain. She has an appointment to see the neurosurgeon and hopefully get some answers and relief.

**Darrel Ponsford** had his surgery and the doctors were able to remove all of the cancer. Darrel will not have to have radiation or chemo. Praise God for this wonderful news!

**Pat Ponsford** still continues to struggle with swallowing, even after all her surgery.

**Alicia Barrett** - recovering from her stroke.

Continue to remember **John DaSilva** with lung cancer.

**Leigh Workman** has finished her cancer treatments and is doing well. She will be going back to the doctor to make sure all the cancer is gone.

**Guy Grove** will be going back home to Maryland to meet with his doctors there and start his cancer treatment.

**Barbara Barden** has prayer requests: Tim, Bob Barden's brother – has a tumor that grew back in his ear and they have to do extensive surgery; A long-time friend has a rare form of AIS and there is nothing else the doctors can do for him; her granddaughter, Staci, has been diagnosed with Lupus and she has several other health issues.

**Charlie Boddy** a former preacher at Wildwood, has Covid and is still coughing a lot but seems to be getting better. **Mackey**, his wife, now also has Covid and she received an infusion as did Charlie.

**Fred Casteel**, had his surgery this past Wednesday and is home now. He has a temporary feeding tube until his mouth heals.

**Dale Dean**, David Myers' nephew, has started chemo treatments for his stage 3 lung cancer. His address is 3810 Cypress Ave. Sanford, FL 32771 if you would like to send a card.

**Remember:** Dale Jones; Linda Grove; Pat Ponsford; Marlin Kilpatrick; Charlotte Martin; Martha Pope; Millie Tudor; Joyce Freeman; Ken Scott; Leigh Workman; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Lew Faulkner; Teresa Broyle; Levi Cook; David Deason; Martha Haltaman

## Announcements

~ What a wonderful thing that the members at Wildwood are taking precautions when we come to service. All of us being careful and doing simple things like wearing a mask and washing our hands will help those who are at a little higher risk, be able to come back to worship with us.

~ **JoAn Wood**, a member of the church from Mt.Dora has been moved to the Cypress Care Center in Wildwood. We probably can't visit her right now, but she would love a card from the members here: Cypress Care Center, 490 Old Wire Road, Room 404, Wildwood.

~ We will be sending the sheet sets and Bibles to the children's home in Guyana soon. Thank you for all the donations to **help purchase Bibles and send them to Guyana!**

~ **Change For Children:** there are cans in the foyer for you to save your extra change and donate to Mount Dora's Christian Home for children.

~ **Postcards** with a picture of the church building on them are in the foyer for anyone who would like to use them to send a note of encouragement or invitation, etc. Please help yourself.

## Pantry Items

Antibacterial Wipes   Paper Towels   Rice   Instant Mashed Potatoes

### March Birthdays

Marlin Kilpatrick-1; Don Tudor-2; Judy Glenn-3; Travis Pickron-3; Olivia Dunn-8; Lynn Martin-8; Mikayla Watts-8; Nancy Menninger-11; John Stone-12; Carol Rollins-13

### March Anniversaries

Joel & Joyce Prather-21; John & Leigh Workman-22