

Wildwood Church of Christ

February 13, 2022

Welcome & Announcements

Song #781 The Precious Book Divine
Song #654 Tis The Blessed Hour of Prayer
Opening Prayer – Bob Grove
Song - #458 He Paid A Debt
The Lord's Supper – Mike Whisenant

Song #769 Ancient Words
Sermon – Turning Knowledge Into Wisdom
Song #895 There's A Stranger At The Door
Song #592 Take The Name of Jesus With You
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Glenn

2022 Theme Living What You Pray

ARE YOU MOTIVATED?

When it comes to being motivated to gaining more knowledge about anything, and especially the word of God, where do we start? Someone said, "if your life depended on knowing the Bible, how long would you last?"

Every day of our Christian lives, we are in a spiritual battle and our future as believers depends on our continued desire to build on our knowledge of God's word and our relationship with Him.

Toward the close of World War II, allied forces were mopping up against remaining Nazi resistance. One particular unit was assigned a crucial mission in Berlin. Each soldier had to memorize a map detailing all of Berlin's important military sites – and they had to be it in a single night!?? In just a few hours, each soldier in the unit had committed the map to memory. The mission was a success.

Several years later, the Army conducted an experiment to see if that original feat could be duplicated. They offered a similar unit an extra week's furlough – an attractive incentive – if they could carry out a comparable mission without a hitch. But the second unit could not match the success of the first. What made the difference? The lives of the men of the men were not at stake. ??? Surviving in battle was a greater motivation than a week's vacation.

Solomon declares in Proverbs 9:10-12, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, you will bear it alone."

As Christians, our road map to help us live a successful life in Christ is found in God's inspired word. The more we read His word, the more of it we memorize and the more thoroughly we dig deep into it, the more effective we will be in our walk with God and the spread of His Son's church and kingdom.

How motivated are we when it comes to gaining more knowledge of God's word, is something we should pray about every day. The reason why it is important is because our lives depend on it – that's real motivation.

Prayer List

~ **Greg Pope** is in the hospital in Orlando for Covid Pneumonia. Each day he is doing a little better. He needs our continual prayers.

~ **Ken Scott** has had some very rough days and nights lately. Keep both Ken and Sherry in your prayers.

~ **Erica Watts** father, Gary Wine, has been battling cancer and passed away last week. The visitation is this Tuesday, Feb.15th from 4 to 6 at the Hiers-Baxley funeral home in Belleview and the funeral is there on Wednesday at 11:00. Please keep Erica and Scott in your prayers.

~ **Reggie Colton** will be housebound for a while as he recovers from his shoulder surgery.

~ **Jamie McCartney** will be starting radiation soon for his cancer. He will have treatments for 28 days in a row, except for the weekends.

~ **Don Albert** went to the ER last week with very low blood pressure and chest pains. He still has low blood pressure and chest pressure but is at home and resting.

~ It was good to see **Pat Ponsford** at Bible class this past week.

~ **Ila Jean Locke** continues to recover at home from her stroke and is doing much better.

~ **John & Joyce Yarborough** are recovering from Covid. Joyce is feeling much better but John is still having a hard time. Joyce's mother is doing very well after her fall.

~ **Tara Strickland** continues to do well for her rehab and she has a new address: 1520 NE 12th St. Ocala, FL 34470 She can receive cards and letters at this time.

~ **Lois Hutsepiller** is a little stronger but she continues to need our prayers as she struggles with her health issues. Her brother, Ray Church, is 86 years old and is in heart failure and also kidney failure.

~ Remember **Louis & Martha Rushmore** while they are on their mission trip in Guyana.

~ **Mary Lee Fogle**, Sarah Myers' sister-in-law is in a rehab now after surgery for a broken leg. The doctor said it will be up to a year for a complete recovery. Her address is: 10573 Casa Bianca Street, Las Vegas, NV 89141 if you would like to send a card.

~ **Clay Pelland**, Sarah Alls' nephew has started chemo for his stage 4 esophageal cancer. Clay is still able to work right now, but his condition is very serious.

~ **Mandie Lake**, Alex Fort's friend, is still in a coma from her accident back in November of last year. She is very slowly healing from her head injury and other injuries.

Remember: John & Leigh Workman; Cherri Gould; Ron & Carol Rollins; Shirley Threet; Marlin Kilpatrick; Martha Pope; Jeanette Harris; Barbara Barden; Rosa Lane and her family; Martha Rushmore & family; Taylor Williams & family; Sheila Bernstein & family; Edra Nell Courtney; Millie Tudor; Charlotte Martin; Don & Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Joyce Freeman; Libbie Summers; Mollie Holley; Teresa Broyles

Announcements

Just a reminder: In the bulletin every week, the greeters for the current and upcoming 2 weeks are listed at the bottom of this page. □ □

Tables: There are about 11 tables (the old brown ones) that are available, first come, first served basis. They are set up in the fellowship hall. Please see David or Mike if you are interested in one or several.

Lads to Leaders today for 6th grade and up in the fellowship hall: We need all participants and adults that are helping to be there. Lunch will be provided.

Pantry – Instant Mashed Potatoes

February Birthdays

LoisAnne Freeman-4; Bob Grove-6; Keith Jones-6; Reese Meskil-7; Kevin Freeman-16; Janet Sours-20; Lana Vernon-20; Jason Terry-20; Sheila Bernstein-23; Joan Strickland-23; John Yarborough-23; Alice Keylor-24; Basile Summers-26; Weston Fort-27

February Anniversaries

Bob & Linda Grove-1; John & Joyce Yarborough-11; Bob & Barbara Barden-17; Lana & Lee Vernon-27

Greeters

Feb.13-Cheryl Botts & Barbara Howlett **Feb.20**-MaryJane Wright & Myrna Human **Feb.27**-Tina Glenn & Judy Glenn
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