

Wildwood Church of Christ

July 12, 2020

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Song: #838 Where The Soul Never Dies

Prayer

Song: #330 Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?

Lord's Supper

Song: #798 Sweet By And By

Sermon: In These Difficult Times:

Understanding What God Expects

Ephesians 4:1-16 - Part 1

Song: #888 Have You Been To Jesus?

Song: #595 Sing To Me Of Heaven

In These Difficult Times . . . Heaven Is Real!

The words of one of the songs in our new song book, God's Family, speaks to what we will be considering in today's sermon. Every time I sing this beautiful song, it ignites a spark of joy in my heart that makes me thankful that I am a member of the Wildwood Church of Christ. I love to sing the chorus, **"Sometimes we laugh together, sometimes we cry, sometime we share together, heartaches and sighs; Sometimes we dream together of how it will be, when we all get to heaven, God's family."** The reason why Paul states in **Ephesians 5:21** that we ought to "submit to one another in the fear of God," is because we, together are seeking the same thing when our life on earth is over. It has been our aim and hope, because of the Lord Jesus Christ, to have our name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. John reveals in **Revelation 21:23-27**, **"and the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb . . . and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."**

I'm so glad that heaven is a **real place**. I know that it is real because Jesus said it is in **John 14:1-3**. If you believe in Jesus as the Son of God, you also have to believe in the beautiful place called Heaven (**Revelation 21:1-5; 22:15; 14:13; 1Corinthians 2:9**). Heaven is a place where there will be none of the burdens and cares, like our present difficulties (**pandemic, unrest, worry, division**) that so often trouble our hearts on this journey of ours.

Because of our wonderful future, a wonderful place we call home (Philippians 3:20-21), our hearts should be filled with assurance, joy, comfort and peace as we meditate on the day we will forever be in the wonderful city of God. When I think of all my earthly possessions and my human accomplishments that I have achieved on this earthly pilgrimage, they all fail in comparison to having my name written in the Lamb's Book of Life as a part of God's family and my (our) home in heaven with the Lord of lords and King of kings! During these difficult times, let us together as God's forever family, remember the inspired and encouraging words of **1John 5:12-13**, **"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."**

In these difficult times, keep believing, Heaven is Real!

Remember in Prayer:

The family of **Jerry Adkins**: address of daughter - Ryan & Laura Goin 1013 Bridge Mill Ave. Canton, GA 30114; address of son-Taylor Adkins 2100 Southern Walk Terrace. Dacula, GA 30019

Linda Jones is struggling with some health issues and needs our prayers.

Linda Grove continues to struggle with health issues.

Joyce Albert was in the hospital but is home now and doing better.

Leigh Workman – finished radiation but she is dealing with side effects, resting, getting her strength back. Cards can be sent to: 8607 SW 83rd Loop, Ocala, FL 34481

Sue Longfellow – the Villages Rehab, room#412, The Villages, FL

Charlotte Martin – waiting for shoulder surgery

Pat Ponsford – recovering from surgery

Ken Scott

Larry Hyder

Richard Menninger is feeling better after struggling with several side effects from his radiation treatments. The doctor has given him a good report, the tumor on his throat is gone.

Sam Costa

Tara Strickland continues to need our prayers. She is no longer in the rehab.

Marilyn French is feeling much better after having her pacemaker surgery.

Janet Sours – heart cath results, no blockages. She is feeling some better.

Bruce Longfellow, Janet Hyder's brother, had a stroke while visiting family in Michigan.

Teresa Broyle, Charles Wright's daughter, has been diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer

Ensley Webster, the 8 year-old child with cancer, (friends of the Myers) is under hospice care.

Announcements

Due to the rise of Covid-19 cases and recommendations from the health officials,

To protect each other, the Elders are asking EVERYONE to follow some very important guidelines:

The elders are asking again for everyone, including children if possible, to **please wear a face mask** to service. **Please take a seat as soon as you come in and do not visit around in the auditorium.** Our greeting and visiting can be done after service, **outside in the parking lot.** Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Youth: All activities have been postponed until further notice.

Don & Joyce Albert are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 28th. The family is giving them a surprise party and would like for the Wildwood church family to give them a card shower. The address to send the cards is: Don & Joyce Albert, PO Box 24, Tremont City OH 45372. Please use **only this address** so they can keep it a surprise.

July Birthdays

Harper Williams-2; Lois Babbitt-3; Jamie McCartney-4; Barbara Barden-6; Chase Johnston-7; Martha Rushmore-12; Linda Grove-13; Amanda Henderson-16; Garrett Cook-17; Ashlynn Vernon-17; Don Albert-18; Dorcas Faulkner-20; George Barrett-20; Irma Bottorff-20; Pat Ponsford-21; Joyce Albert-23; Dawn Creekmore-24; David Myers-25; Greg Pope-25; Jane Howell-27; Sarah Alls-28; Jeanette Harris-28; John Workman-28

July Anniversaries

Fred & Marilyn French-3; Mike & Meagan Whisenant-14; Ronnie & Cecilia Strickland-15; Don & Joyce Albert-28