

Wildwood Church of Christ

Theme for 2021

Step By Step: Grow With Jesus

March 14, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Song: #528 Where Could I Go?

Song: #549 I Know The Lord Will

Find A Way

Prayer

Song: #501 O Listen To Our

Wondrous Story

The Lord's Supper

Song: #392 Sing And Be Happy

Sermon: Faithfulness-The Reality of Waiting
For The Promise

Song: #856 There's A Fountain Free

Song: #5 Step By Step

Faithfulness

It has been my observation over the years of my ministry, that on any given Sunday as we meet together for worship, there are a number of former members somewhere else who have drifted away from faithful involvement in our fellowship. (Hebrews 10:39) The question is: How do we as a church family, approach this problem of such immense proportion? Why did these members fall away from God in the first place? It seems to me, that it makes a lot more sense to build a fence at the top of the cliff, than to place an ambulance at the bottom.

One of the major themes in the book of Hebrews is apostasy. Chapter one introduces the discussion of faithfulness versus apostasy by describing the superiority of Christ (see chapters 2-6). In chapters 2-6, there are a series of seven admonitions to faithfulness followed by statements giving the reason why admonition is true and effective. They are listed as follows:

1. "Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard (God's word) lest we drift away" (**Heb.2:1**). **Reason:** A faithful and concerned Christian will read vs.2-3.
2. "Therefore . . . consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession" (**3:1**). **Reason:** A faithful and concerned Christian will read vs.4.
3. "Take care, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart . . ." (**3:12-23**). **Reason:** A faithful and concerned Christian will read vs.14.
4. "Therefore . . . let us fear lest any of you be judged to have failed to reach it." (**4:1**) **Reason:** A faithful and concerned Christian will read vs.2.
5. "Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, that no one fall by the same sort of disobedience" (**4:11**). **Reason:** A faithful and concerned Christian will read vs.12.
6. "Since then we have a great high priest . . . let us hold fast our confession" (**4:14**). **Reason:** A faithful and concerned Christian will read vs.15-16.
7. "Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrines of Christ . . ." (**6:1-3**). **Reason:** A faithful and concerned Christian will read vs.4-8.

The only way we can help to change the attitude and actions of those that have drifted away is to make sure that we have a continued appetite for God's life-sustaining word. The word of God has given us hope, peace, assurance, strength and encouragement and we can share those same spiritual realities to those that have fallen back into the world. The Hebrew writer admonishes every Christian to ". . . hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering . . ." Reason: For He who promised is faithful, Hebrews 10:23 (keep reading vs.24-25).

~ David

Prayer List

Joan Strickland had heart bypass surgery this past Wednesday at Shands in Gainesville. She is recovering well. Joan and the family thank everyone for your continued prayers.

Jeanette Harris is having side effects from the chemo treatments for her cancer. Her son **Scott**, lives with her and helps her at home but Scott is having some serious health issues of his own and he has been in the hospital. He is home now and will be having more blood tests on the 18th to determine what is going on.

Remember **Darrel Ponsford** as he continues to recover from his surgery. Keep **Pat** in your prayers as well. She continues to struggle with swallowing, even after all her surgery.

Alicia Barrett – continues to recover from her stroke, doing therapy at home. She is able to get around with a walker and they are working with her to help her speech.

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

Guy Grove will be going back home to Maryland at the end of this month to meet with his doctors there and start his cancer treatment.

David Deason, the Yarborough's son-in-law, got some wonderful news concerning his cancer. All the spots of cancer are gone except the one on his ear and it is half the size that it was! He will keep getting immunotherapy for 2 years. The family is praising God and thanks everyone for all the prayers.

Dawn Creekmore's good friend, **Sally**, passed away last week from cancer. Please remember the family and friends in your prayers.

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; Fred Casteel; Charlie & Mackey Boddy

Announcements

~ There is a basket in the foyer for **candy** donations for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 28th. Lunch will be provided and it will end around 2:00p.m. Parents are welcome to stay.

~ On **April 14th**, we will start our **Wednesday Bible classes** at 6:30p.m. At this time, the classes will be set up as they are on Sundays: one adult Bible class in the auditorium, Mike in the fellowship hall with 1st -12th grades, and the 2 classes for toddlers and babies in the education building.

~ **Maranda Flores** has been working on a Bible correspondence course with someone from the church in Milton, FL. She has recently been moved to a detention facility in Ocala. Maranda needs encouragement as she has stated she wants to turn her life around and start fresh. If you could send her a card her address is: P12898, LCI Work Camp, 111120 N.W. Gainesville Road, Ocala, FL 34482

~ **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.

~**Kitty Christensen**, the Faulkner's daughter, has recently moved to Texas. Her new address is: 111 Yorktown St. Georgetown, TX 78633

~ **Change For Children:** there are cans in the foyer for you to take home and put your extra change in for Mount Dora's Christian Home for children. We will collect the cans in May.

Pantry Items

Rice Sweet 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; Britny Jones-16; Macey Watts-16; Richard Menninger-18; Janice Hallmark-19; Janet Hyder-19; Ernie Wise-20; Cody Hileman-20; Marilyn French-21; Shirley Threet-23; Don Young-24; Lori Cook-25; Wayne Freeman-28; Beth Hicks-30

March Anniversaries

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

