

Wildwood Church of Christ

114 Cleveland Ave. Wildwood, FL. 34785

church website: www.hischurch.faith wifi password: John3:16

Sunday: Bible Class – 9:30a.m. Worship – 10:30a.m. Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30p.m.

TLC(Tuesday Ladies Care) – Every Tuesday 9:30a.m. in Fellowship Hall

2024 Theme: “Going Forward, Growing Deeper, Getting Closer”

March 24, 2024

Song #611 There Shall Be Showers

Song #862 What Shall It Profit

Song #538 He Knows Just What I Need

Sermon: “Knowing Him!” (pt.2)

Prayer – Charles Wright

Song #572 I Surrender All

Pass Communion

Song #594 Bind Us Together

Song #338 O The Depth And The Riches

Closing Prayer – Jim Routzahn

Lord’s Supper – Reggie Colton

Wayne Crenshaw Jason Terry

Ron Rollins Keith Jones

Jesus and Mountains

By Jordan Shouse

Something interesting that we find in the gospels are the different notable occasions that took place on a mountain.

The “Sermon On The Mount” of Matthew 5-7 was a message given by Jesus on a mountain (Matthew 5:1). When he chose His apostles, He was on a mountain (Mark 3:13). Jesus spent an evening in prayer on a mountain (Matthew 14:23). When Jesus was transfigured, displaying His glory before Peter, James and John, He was on a mountain (Matthew 17:1). When Jesus was giving a difficult teaching concerning the fate of Jerusalem, He and His apostles were sitting on a mountain, almost as if looking over the city as a visual illustration of His message (Mark 13:3). This would be the same setting Jesus would choose for a time of prayer and reflection before His arrest and crucifixion (Mark 14:26). It was on a hill outside of Jerusalem, Calvary, where the Son of God, the One who spoke the mountains into existence, was slain for the sins of the world.

It’s interesting to me that the creator of the world made a habit of traveling up on the mountain.

Memorable events in God’s story took place on top of mountains. Abraham went to offer his son on a mountain in Moriah (Genesis 22). Moses received the 10 commandments on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-20). Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal on mount Carmel (1Kings 18). Isaiah prophecies of a mighty mountain, exalted above all others, to which all the nations will come.

Many who have climbed mountains have expressed the feeling of being closer to God. It could be that the higher we ascend of earth’s mountains, the further we distance ourselves from the world’s distractions. Scaling those great heights, we find ourselves surrounded by the grandeur of God’s creation, hearing nothing but the beating of our heart and our heavy breaths, as we endure the steep climb. It is there we can better meet our God, not in some kind of mystical, emotional, supernatural sensation. Rather when we separate ourselves from the endless distractions of the world and surround ourselves with the beauty of God’s creation, we allow for ourselves a moment of uninterrupted focus on the Almighty.

We need more of this...maybe not driving to a literal mountain and climbing it, but time in silence with God - time away from the noise of everyday demands; maybe sitting on a bench in a park; maybe on a hill overlooking your city; maybe walking a trail, or sitting outside observing the night sky. We need that kind of time in our life. Time to devote our thoughts and our words to Christ. Time to rearrange our hearts and our priorities to their proper focus – Christ’s Kingdom (Matthew 6:33).

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Do you have a place you can go? Have you spent time alone with God lately? Make some time this week. Find a place where you can take in the splendor of God's creation, be reminded of God's power and majesty – a place where you can purely focus on your God. Climb your mountain.

PRAYER LIST

~ **Jim Routzahn & Jamie McCartney** - We are very thankful to both of these men for all they do for the Lord's church at Wildwood and serving as our new deacons.

~ **Peggy Murphy** is being sent to a pulmonary doctor to see if this may be the cause of some of her health issues.

~ Continue to keep **Alice Wayne** in your prayers as they try to find the cause of her health problems.

~ **Cut Barco** has been in and out of the hospital with serious health issues. He is not doing well.

~ **David Addington** keeps passing out and the doctors have not been able to determine the cause. He is having tests run but won't be able to have a CAT scan done until May.

~ It was good to see **Nancy Maness** with us last week, recovering from her elbow surgery. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 6093 Keckonen Dr. The Villages, FL 32163

~ Continue to keep **Ken & Sherry Scott** in your prayers as they deal with several health issues.

~ Our thoughts go out to **Fred French** and his family in the sudden passing of his sister who lived in Tennessee. Also, **Winford French**, Fred's brother, is doing better but is in ICU with heart issues and needs prayers.

~ **Julie Welch**, Mary Costa's niece, has a fast-growing tumor in her lung and has started a very strong, harsh round of chemo.

~ **Fred Casteel** will be having surgery on Tuesday to put in a new aorta; they are not taking the old one out.

~ **Bryan Noland** has a spot in his mouth again that the doctors are concerned about.

~ **Marty Glenn**, Pam Brown's dad, is very close to having to start dialysis which they are trying to avoid. He is waiting for the right match for a kidney donor.

~ **Darrel Ponsford's niece**, is in her 12th pregnancy but the baby is not expected to live.

~ **Travelers** – and there are many extra people on the road right now with Spring Break.

Remember: Basile Summers, Janet Hyder & family, Cut Barco, Pat Ponsford, Charles & Mary Jane Wright, Jack Kyle, Patricia Webber, Ken & Sherry Scott, Steve Hutsepiller, family of Ricky Baker and Tara Strickland, John & Loraine da Silva, Lottie Colton, Ron & Carol Rollins, Shirley Threet, John & Leigh Workman, Jeanette Harris, Taylor Williams & family, Millie Tudor, Tina Lipps, & her mom Sharon, Donna Rogers, Jim & Sue Allison, Janet Jones, Teresa Broyles, Bill Cefaloni, Tim Sigler, Kathy Cefaloni, Peggy Baird, Kacey Terry, Cody Grissom, Sister Dorothy Colton, Al Alvarez, Fred Casteel, Alex Bowers, Guy Grove, Julie Welch, Mollie Holley, Amanda George, Tony Terry, Kellie Ward, Fred Casteel, Julie Welch, our search for an Associate/Family Minister.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **Easter Egg Hunt:** today after worship. Lunch is provided for the children and their families.

~ **Our Ladies' Day April 20th** – Sign-up lists are in the foyer.

Area Ladies' Days: are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Pantry Items Needed: Sweet Potatoes (Yams) Lima Beans Instant Mashed Potatoes

March Birthdays: Marlin Kilpatrick-1, Don Tudor-2, Judy Glenn-3, Olivia Dunn-8, Tina Lipps-12, Carol Rollins-13, Britny Jones-16, Janice Hallmark-19, Janet Hyder-19, Ernie Wise-20, Cody Hileman-20, Marilyn French-21, Shirley Threet-23, Don Young-24, Wayne Freeman-28

March Anniversaries: John & Leigh Workman-22

Nursery Class: **March 24**-Destiny Green **April 7**-Sarah Myers **April 14**-Tracy Jones

Greeters: **March 24**-Esther Adcock & Reese Meskil **April 7**-Jim & Linda Routzahn **April 14**-David & Sarah Myers

Communion Preparation: **March** – Tina Lipps

Security: **March 17 & 20** – Keith Jones **March 24 & 27** – Joe Marshall **March 31** – Howard Alls

Lock-Up: **March** – Howard Alls