# Wildwood Church of Christ

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 $Sunday: Bible\ Class-9:30a.m.\ \ Worship-10:30a.m.\ \ \ Wednesday\ Bible\ Class-6:30p.m.$ 

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

## 2024 Theme: "Going Forward, Growing Deeper, Getting Closer"

### March 31, 2024

Song #809 Won't It Be Wonderful There

Song #440 Thou My Everlasting Portion

Prayer – David Myers

Pass Communion

Song #322 By Christ Redeemed

Lord's Supper – Louis Rushmore Wayne Crenshaw Jason Terry Ron Rollins Keith Jones Song #724 Will You Not Tell It Today

Sermon: Knowing Him – His Nature, pt.3

Song #869 What Will Your Answer Be

Song #971 Trials Dark On Every Hand

Closing Prayer – Keith Jones

## **Knowing His Plan Brings Assurance**

When one reads what Paul states to the brethren in Corinth in 2Corinthians 4 and 5, the overall message is very clear. Our time here on Earth is brief and wholly uncertain. He begins by saying in 2 Corinthians 4:1 to the Christians, "do not lose heart." Why would Paul say this? Based on verses 14-15, we have the assurance of salvation and the resurrection for three reasons.

- 1 . . . of our perishable bodies Paul states in chapter 4, verse 12, "so then death is working in us, but life in you." This means that our inward man is perishing or decaying, wasting away. From the moment we are born, we begin to slide away (Job 7:6-16). Ovid, the Greek poet said, "Years nothing goes faster than years." (James 4:14) Paul also writes in his first letter, "Oh death where is your victory? Oh death where is your sting? . . . but thanks be to God who gives us the victory though our Lord Jesus Christ."
- 2 . . . of the spiritual focus of our Christian lives The reason for our new focus is our new spiritual mind as Paul reminds us in 2Corinthians 4:18, "while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen . . ." Because of our new focus, every aspect of our lives is changed. Why? Instead of focusing on our light afflictions, which is but for a moment, we focus on the cross of Christ and His resurrection, rather than our problems. Now we know the reason why Paul says in 2Corinthians 5:7 that we "walk by faith and not by sight." It is through that door of faith we find peace and true joy.
- 3 . . . we yearn to be with our Father "for we know that if our earthly house, this tent (body) is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (2Corinthians 5:1). We are all made with heavenly hands and we should have an urge within us to depart to be with the Lord in Heaven. Our hope and anticipation should make us yearn to be with the Lord which is an amazing thought to consider. Do you yearn to be with the Father and His Son? As we feed on the word of God, our faith and hope will grow deeper and strengthen our desire to be with the Lord as Paul reminds us in Philippians 1:21. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain . . . for I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. (vs.23)

#### **PRAYER LIST**

- ~ Keep in prayer our new Associate/Family Minister, **Tony Clay and his family**, as they move to Wildwood and be a part of our church family and the Lord's work here. We are very excited to be working with this dedicated family and are looking forward to many years together in His service.
- ~ Judy Glenn has been very sick for the last week with some kind of "bug". She is at home.
- ~ **Peggy Murphy** is being sent to a pulmonary doctor to see if they can find the cause of some of her health issues. She is on oxygen now.
- ~ Alice Wayne needs 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.
- ~ Continue to keep **David Addington** in your prayers as he deals with his health issues.
- ~ Ken & Sherry Scott need continued prayers as they are both dealing with health issues.
- ~ Fred Casteel had his TAVR surgery last Tuesday, is home recovering and doing well.
- ~ Bryan Noland has a spot in his mouth again that the doctors are concerned about.
- ~ Marty Glenn, Pam Brown's dad, is waiting for the right match for a kidney donor.

**Remember**: Basile Summers, Janet Hyder & family, Pat Ponsford, Charles & Mary Jane Wright, Jack Kyle, Patricia Webber, David Addington, Steve Hutsenpiller, 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, Darrel Ponsford's niece

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ~ **Old Fashioned Pounding:** We want to welcome our new Associate/Family Minister and his family (Tony & Mary Clay and their children Connor, Josiah & Mazie) with a pounding after they move in. The baskets will be set up in the foyer to bring items to help them stock their pantry and set up housekeeping. Please bring in all sorts of non-perishable pantry items and other cleaning/household items. We will be giving these items to them on Sunday, April 14.
- ~ Ladies' Night Out This will be our first outing is several years! All ladies come and be a part of this fun time together 5:00p.m. Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Sammy's Italian Restaurant on Hwy.301. If you have questions or need a ride, please call Reida Glenn, Martha Rushmore or Judy Glenn. **Sign the list** in the foyer if you want to go. We need a count by Wednesday.
- ~ Monthly Pot-Luck Fellowship − Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> after morning worship. Everyone make plans to eat lunch together that day. Tony and his family will be with us.
- ~ Our Ladies' Day April 20th Sign-up lists are in the foyer.

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March Birthdays: Marilyn French-21, Shirley Threet-23, Don Young-24, Wayne Freeman-28

March Anniversaries: John & Leigh Workman-22

April Birthdays: Sarah Glisson-5, Sarah Myers-5, Joyce Yarborough-5, Mary Wise-8, Charity Stambaugh-8, Gary Gage-8,

Loraine da Silva-9, Scott Watts-10, Kaydee Blankenship-11, Kody Whited-11

April Anniversaries: Scott & Erica Watts-3, Bob & Tammy Farner-4, Sam & Mary Costa-12, Joe & Gina Marshall-28

Nursery Class: March 31-Sarah Myers April 7-Reida Glenn April 14-Tracy Jones

Greeters: March 31-Howard & Sarah Alls April 7-Jim & Linda Routzahn April 14-David & Sarah Myers

Communion Preparation: March – Tina Lipps April – Carol McCartney

Security: March 31 - Howard Alls April 7 & 10 - Sam Blankenship April 14 & 17 - Keith Jones April 21 & 24 - Howard Alls

Lock-Up: March - Howard Alls April - David Myers

