

Wildwood Church of Christ

May 3, 2020

Lord, Help Me Never Give Up!

Galatians 6:9; Philippians 1:3-6

What happened to the nation of England at the hands of Hitler during World War II, along with many other nations, would naturally cause the human heart to say, "I'm giving up! I surrender!"

Because of the leadership of men like Winston Churchill, their hearts stood strong in the belief, "Never give up! Never, never, never give up!" Those words were spoken by Churchill to a group of Londoners that were discouraged because of the constant bombing each night by Hitler and his war machine.

Worry and discouragement is on the rise these days because of Covid-19 and the 6 weeks we have been separated from our family, friends and Christian brethren. What we need as we live the life of a Christian, is to get up each morning repeating the words of Winston Churchill, "Never, never, never give up!" And, we need to repeat the inspired words of Paul, "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9

John White wrote years ago, "It is the Christian man or woman who gets up and fights again that is a true warrior." Strengthen yourself with the words of Paul, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine, making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6. Did Paul give up because of his dire situation (being in prison)? He understood that God was working in him to accomplish His purpose, even though life was difficult for him.

Just like God will never, never give up on you, we must never, never give up on Him and the purpose He has for our lives.

~David

Announcements

~ **Thank you** to all who were able to participate in the card shower for Edra Nell. Her spirit was lifted!

~ A **Baby Shower** is planned for Kaydee Whited Blankenship for Saturday, May 9th at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Kaydee is registered at Babylist.com. Because of the virus, we will let you know today if we are able to keep that date for the shower.

~ **Ladies:** next Saturday morning, May 9th, David and Sarah will have a special gift for the ladies of the congregation. We will pass them out in the morning when we hand out the bulletin and communion supplies. This is for **all ladies** so please come by the building! (We will keep our social distance!)

~ **The Pantry** is well stocked and open for anyone who needs help during this time. If you know of a friend or neighbor who needs food items, please let us know. This is what our pantry is for.

~ **Please remember** to call us if you need help with errands or anything else. David, Sarah, Mike and the Jones family are all willing to go shopping for you or help you out in any way needed.

~ **The elders** are staying updated and informed with new information concerning the virus. They are making plans for when we can worship together again and will let you know as soon as possible.

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Order of Worship for Sunday

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Welcome & Announcements

Song – **All The Way My Savior Leads Me**

Song – **Teach Me Lord To Wait**

Prayer

Song – **The Love of God**

Lord's Supper

Song – **Where No One Stands Alone**

Sermon – **In These Difficult Times:
The Blessing of Being in Christ
Ephesians 1:3-6 Our Security**

Song – **A Common Love**

Remember in Prayer

Darrel Ponsford had to be taken to the Villages Hospital with heart issues. He was transferred to the Leesburg Hospital and had pace maker put in Saturday morning. He hopes to go home Sunday.

Richard Menninger - finishes his cancer treatments this Monday, but the side effects will actually increase for a few more weeks. He is experiencing quite a bit of pain in his throat and fatigue.

Larry Hyder – recovering at home from his stroke

Leigh Workman – recovering from surgery

Pat Ponsford – recovering from surgery

Janet Sours – heart issues

Millie Tudor – broken wrist, in rehab

Louis Rushmore – passing of his father

Lois Hutsenpiller's family

Bill Cali, the uncle of a friend of Britny Jones, is off the ventilator but is still in the hospital recovering from Covid-19

Linda Grove, Peggy Murphy, Marlin Kilpatrick, Ken Scott, Cheryl Botts, Jimmy Slaughter, Dorothea Wood, Baker family, Jim & Sue Allison, Kevin Freeman, Lois Babbitt, Bill & Jane Howell, Molly Holly, Foy Bryant, Shirley Osgood, Helen Barton, John Ward, Lewis Jarvis, Bill Adkins, Donna Rogers, Amy Perkins, Monroe Haltaman, Levi Cook, Ensley Webster

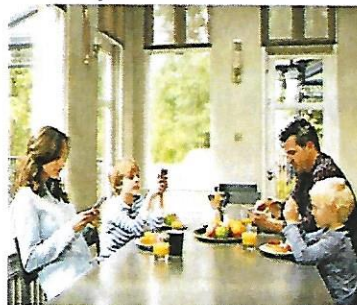
May Birthdays

Lew Faulkner	2	Edra Nell Courtney	2
Gavin Mikeals	5	Leigh Workman	10
Mike Whisenant	14	Lena Thayer	22
Taylor Williams	22	Joyce Prather	23
Chris Hallmark	26	Sam Costa	26
Cindy Pope	30	Debbie Bunch	31
Derek Fort	31		

May Anniversaries

Chuck & Charity Stambaugh	2
David & Sarah Myers	27

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Family Before Coronavirus:



Family After Coronavirus:



Find your blessings (count them) and hang on to them!