



The Weekly Bulletin of the Summit Church of Christ

We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

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FIX YOUR EYES

ON JESUS



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*

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WHAT LIES AHEAD

1 Timothy 6:11-12 - *But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. [12] Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

As 2020 draws to a close, most of us are more than ready to turn the page and start a new year. But what lies ahead for us? Much of what lies ahead is up to us and the choices we make every day. We must strive to improve spiritually, mentally and emotionally. I recently came across some great advice that I received many years ago.

Be Intentional – Have a plan and purpose for each aspect of your life, especially your spiritual life. Run the race to win! “How we live our days... is how we live our lives.” Think about what you can do to grow stronger, more knowledgeable and more faithful.

Be Authentic – Be transparent with your struggles and strengths. Let Christ shine out of you naturally. The Apostle Paul struggled with many things and wrote in 2 Corinthians 12:10, “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Be Present – Be active in your faith. Make a difference in every sphere of your life. In John 10:10, Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” Our life can be full if we choose to be present and fill it up with people, love and service.

Be Malleable – Be open to God’s shaping hand. Be intentional but not stubborn. Take life as it comes without setting limits or expectations. God will overwhelm your wildest imagination. Your most productive ministry will likely come from your biggest struggle. The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 1:11, “In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will....” Allow our life to be molded and shaped to fulfill God’s purpose in our life.

I believe that great things lie ahead for Summit. I pray that you will choose to grow every day and be an active part of the many things in our future.



Daryl, for the elders



From Neville's Desk...

PRIDE, SELFISHNESS, OR HOPE

This week I heard the phrase, “Baby, it’s COVID out there”. I have good friends and family involved in this battle. How do you stay calm when life is so uncertain?

The usual calm commentators of reason are not being heard. Instead, the megaphones have been given to voices spewing fear and uncertainty birthed in the bowels of Gehenna. Of these Peter would say: “And in their greed they will exploit you with false words” (2 Pt.2:3a).

But allow God’s servant David to speak to your heart. He is ascending the mountain to the Temple of God as he pens these words:

Psalm 131 (ESV) — A Song of Ascents. Of David. ¹ O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. ² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. ³ O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

First, notice his focus is away from pride and instead towards humility. Secondly, he is no longer that selfish child with an insatiable appetite. And, finally, he leaves us focused on hope in the Lord from now and into eternity.

SHOULD CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

Robert Murphy

Almost every Christmas, I see blog posts and sermons about how Christians should not celebrate Christmas as Christ’s birth. Some say it should not be celebrated because it has roots in paganism, others because it is not *actually*, the day of Christ’s birth. However, possibly the most convincing reason among our brethren is because *the Bible never commands us to keep Christmas*.

However, the Bible is more lenient on this subject than these reasons let on. In Romans 14, Paul is encouraging the church at Rome not to judge one another for things that are a matter of conscience, “One person esteems one day as better than another, while

another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord” (14:5–6a; ESV). Some people were arguing over whether the holidays (or “holy days”) should be kept or if they should just regard all days as the same. He gives them liberty to celebrate holidays if their conscience allows it.

Therefore, we need to do the same thing. We need to not bind laws upon our brethren that Christ did not bind himself. If people want to recognize December 25 as a time to celebrate Jesus coming into the world, they are permitted by God. Nevertheless, they need to keep the other commandments of God and make sure that this practice is not impeding your relationship with God and others, “whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor 10:31b).

STEADFAST FAITH

Brad Herald

I’m currently reading the book of Psalm hoping to find some wisdom to end the year on. In reading Psalm 13, I noticed I tend to sound like King David does here in verses 1-4 (NIV).

“¹How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ²How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? ³Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, ⁴and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice when I fall.”

Have you ever thought, like David claims here, that God was slow to act on your behalf? We all often feel this same impatience in our lives at times, but did you notice that the

phrase “how long” occurs four times in the first two verses, indicating the depth of David’s distress?

I expect most of us have felt this same level of despair at some point in our lives, but have we experienced the same level of confidence in our God as David does in the same prayer?

⁵But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. ⁶I will sing the Lord’s praise, for He has been good to me.”

By the end of his prayer, David professed his hope and trust in God and found strength. David affirmed that he would continue to trust in God no matter how long he had to wait and he held on to his faith. In times of despair or when you feel impatient, don’t think of “how long”, but remember David’s steadfast faith in God’s unfailing love and trust wholeheartedly in Him.

Cards can be dropped off on Sunday or weekday mornings.
Next Sunday, Dec. 20th, is the last day the box will be available.

The youth, grades 3-12, and their families will meet at the building on Sunday, December 20th at 1:30pm. We will go caroling to several of our seniors houses and stay in the yard to wish them a Merry Christmas. Please let Chris or Jenny know if you plan to attend.

PETER PREACHING AT PENTECOST

1. He starts with faith building k_____,
Acts 2:14-21
2. Leading to evidence that demands a v_____,
Acts 2:22-28
3. That is supported by a credible w_____,
Acts 2:29-36

CONGRATULATIONS!

Nick and Chelsea welcomed their second son, Kane Robert Brown, on Saturday, December 5th.

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00

Over/Under: -\$20,527.25

Nov 15, 2020-\$4,832.00

Nov 29, 2020-\$4,518.00

YTD AVG - \$4,397.30

Nov 22, 2020-\$3,675.00

Dec 06, 2020-\$4,405.00



Summit's Prayer List

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs – Encourage someone today!

Dan McNeese COVID; In St. E. Fort Thomas

Ken Carter COVID; is very weak, but remains at home

Lucy Steyn (Douwene's mom) COVID: is stable and resting comfortably

Roy Pugh's Family Roy passed away this week

Sally Pape (Renee's mom) Recovering from last week's seizure, home from the hospital

Tom Smith (former preacher at Summit) Recovering from last week's heart attack; home from the hospital awaiting surgery

Cancer

- **Bev** (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer
- **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Tumor is shrinking.
- **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable.
- **Mike White** (former elder at Summit) Prostate cancer.
- **Sean Timmerding** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Brain tumor is stable.
- **Shellee Jenkins** (Melissa Denham's cousin) Recent mastectomy.
- **Tylene Clark** (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Diagnosed with a cancerous mass; seeking a second opinion with a specialist

COVID - Healthcare Workers/First Responders

- Aaron & Katelyn Adams (Sandy Adams' son & daughter-in-law)
- Abby Onst (Sharon Hammer's niece)
- Adam Fuller
- Alicia Nelson (Billie Rogers' granddaughter)
- Amanda Robinson
- **Candy Proctor**
- Clay Brown (Sharon Hammer's nephew)
- **Dustin & Kristin Menetrey**
- **Jenna Painter**
- **Josh Herald**

- **Julia Menetrey**
- **Kate Sloan**
- **Kelly Downey** (Deb Martin's daughter)
- **Laura Staskey**
- **Lori Bell** (Nancy Carnes' daughter)

- **Mary Moore**
- Megan Lee (Michelle Dischar's daughter)
- Romeo & Mariville Dumlao
- Samantha Pearson

- Tracy Menetrey
- Vincent Dumalo

Long-term Needs

- **Ashley Holland**-pray for her unborn baby's health
- **Clara Proctor** (Kyle & Steve's grandma) Hospice care
- **Daniel Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's brother) Drug rehab
- **Joey Adams**-needs a suitable group home
- **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Caring for her parents who have dementia
- **Kerri Herald**-pray for her to be able to be as independent as possible
- **Mandy** (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- **Peggy Holt**-recovering from a stroke
- **Shellee Jenkins** (Melissa Denham's cousin) Recovering from a mastectomy

- **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

Shut-In Members

- Clara Downard, Dana Fuller, and Shirley Holt

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 7 active students & 3 active teachers