



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
2020



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*
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SEEKING THE LORD

But if thou wilt seek the Lord thy God, Thou shalt find Him! Deut. 4:29

Summit's theme for 2021 will be "Seeking the Lord." Coming out of a year like this year (2020) has been trying on all of us. Our theme this year of Fixing our Eyes on Jesus was a great theme to get us through this pandemic. It has been easy to get discouraged because we cannot worship as a body like we want, singing and small group Bible study, and lack of fellowship on a normal Sunday. But let's not lose focus on **why** we worship, to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's finish strong, let us not lose focus! Let's fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

1 Chron 28:9, David tells his son Solomon if you seek God, you will find Him. What great advice from a father to his son. What encouraging words are we leaving for our children? Are you still studying the Bible and teaching your children? Are you setting examples of seeking and following the Lord?

2 Chron 31:21 tells us if we seek God with all of our heart, we will prosper. With the pandemic I believe it has slowed down our ability to serve, but the last couple weeks have shown us that Summit still steps up to meet needs when they arise. We have a full pantry, and several families will have a good Christmas with toys and warm clothes thanks to your generosity. In seeking God, we find that in giving we prosper. *It is more blessed to give than receive.* Acts 20:35

Brothers and Sisters, Keeping our eyes on Jesus in 2020 has given us focus through a pandemic. Let us use 2021 as a year to really seek God through His word and prayer. Let us seek His will in our lives and in our church. Because I believe with all of my heart that:

*God is a rewarder of those who diligently
"SEEK HIM."* Heb 11:6

Have a Merry Christmas and may the new year be blessed as we seek and serve the Lord together.

Bill, for the elders





From Neville's Desk...

WHAT A BLEST LIFE

Every now and again I need to pinch myself to know I am not dreaming. I am a blest soul living amongst some of the most faithful and generous people in all His Kingdom.

I can relate to Paul who said: "... your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything" (1 Thessalonians 1:8 ESV).

As I walk through the Summit Building, I see evidence of your love. In the kitchen are bags packed with food. On the kitchen table are Christmas gifts for a Head Start classroom. In the office are gifts for someone else. In the refrigerator

the Lord's Supper has been prepared for those who would be attending.

Each one of these mentions has a special story. Let us take just the Lord's Supper bread. It has been baked with love. Then individually placed inside a tiny little packet by a sister whose fine motor skill has been limited by arthritis. So much love! And this has been ongoing for several months!

Our community is aware of our faith, love, and generosity. This morning as I led the "Stress Management Workshop" for our Northern Kentucky Head Start I did not need to introduce myself. Your good works have gone out to everyone. Your thoughtfulness means so much to others. Thank you for being you – faithful & generous members of the churches of Christ.



FAITH AND FAMILY by Robert Murphy

One of my favorite things about the holiday season is that I get to spend much more time with my family. After this difficult year and its major transitions, the encouragement and support I receive from being with family is much needed. However, I know many of us have family members who are not Christians or who do not live a Christian lifestyle. How are we supposed to interact with these family members?

Before I approach different applications, I need to stress how the gospel should take precedence over our families. Most of the time, being a Christian will mean being a *better* family member. We are supposed to obey and honor our parents (Eph 6:1–2), love and submit to our spouses (5:20–33), love our children and not provoke them to wrath (6:4). However, Jesus tells us that there will be times when our faith and our families conflict, in which case, we are supposed to remain loyal to God rather than man. In this

respect, he said that he came to bring a sword, not peace, "For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matt 10:35–37; ESV).

Now, how are we supposed to share our faith with our family over the holidays? First, we should try to win them through our conduct. This is how Peter says wives should try to win over their pagan husbands to the gospel (1 Pet 3:1–2). Second, if you want to have a conversation about faith with a family member, try to approach them privately. There was probably a reason Nicodemus waited until night to talk to Jesus alone (John 3:1). *In the right context*, do not shy away from telling them the gospel truth. They may not be in God's grace, according to Scripture, and we need to share that with them before it is too late.

WE AREN'T READY! by Steve Proctor

It was time. The couch was worn and looking a bit like a rented mule. So, we stop in at the furniture store and pick out a new one. Then came the usual because-of-COVID reason for a delayed delivery. "Mid-January," she said. "Great!" we replied. The delivery time was perfect. A few things needed to be done to the living room before delivery and five to six weeks was more than enough time.

Cue the call on Friday last week. "Your sectional is in the warehouse. Would you like it delivered tomorrow?"

No! It's too early! We aren't ready!

Ever been caught like that? Maybe it was something good that happened before you expected it. Or something not-so-good that you weren't prepared for? Either way, preparedness is the key.

I Thessalonians 5:2-3 *"For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape."*

Things are great. Things are smooth. Everything is as we expect it. Right up until it's not. Then we're stuck in the lurch wishing we'd prepared better.

Are we prepared spiritually? Are we ready for the Lord's return? Will we be scrambling to make things right when there isn't time? Or do we prepare now? God is very clear that we are to be ready now. Are we?

The good news for my living room is that I could schedule the delivery of our new furniture for the next week and I had time to compact the work we needed to do into the weekend. What a luxury! A luxury not afforded when the Lord decides it's time to call us to judgement.

News, Notes & Announcements...



CHRISTMAS CARD FILE BOX

Today is the last day the card box will be available.
Any cards not picked up will be delivered.

CAROLING

The youth, grades 3-12, and their families will meet at the building today (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.

SUNDAY AM SERMON:

AWESome Body's Birthday

ACTS 2:37-47

1. C _____ LEADS TO A COMMAND,
ACTS 2:37-38
2. C _____ LEADS TO CONVERSION,
ACTS 2:39-41
3. C _____ LEADS TO A COMMUNITY,
ACTS 42-47

BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the counter in the foyer and write a word of encouragement for those recently baptized.

FOOD PANTRY

If you need food, or know of anyone who does, please do not hesitate to contact Sheryl Herald, Colleen Ryan, or the church office.
(Porch deliveries are available for those who can not pick-up.)

Thank you for helping us serve our community.

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00

YTD AVG - \$4,392.26

Over/Under: **-\$21,197.25**

Nov 22, 2020-\$3,675.00

Nov 29, 2020-\$4,518.00

Dec 06, 2020-\$4,405.00

Dec 13, 2020-\$4,145.00



Summit's Prayer List

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

Dan McNeese In St. E. Fort Thomas with COVID; out of ICU and feeling a bit better

Ken Carter Recovering from COVID; feeling a bit better

Lucy Steyn (Douwene's mom) COVID; has declined this week

Tom Smith (former preacher at Summit) Triple bypass surgery on 12/31
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) Seeking a second opinion after a cancer diagnosis

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

• **Sally Pape** (Renee Carnes' mom) Severe memory loss

• **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 10 active students & 4 active teachers

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission