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2021 VISION
"SEEK THE LORD"

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Christ Came, Died, was Buried, Resurrected, & will Return Sunday 11am Worship Sun. 6pm Zoom Bible Study Wed. 7pm Zoom Bible Study

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A WHITE STONE

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.' – Revelation 2:17

Revelation overflows with images that remind Christians just how much we are loved and how much security we have in Christ. Nowhere is that truer than Jesus' promise to our brothers and sisters at the church located in the city of Pergamum to give them a white stone.

This imagery is unfamiliar to our modern eyes but was full of comfort for the original recipients who lived in a city that was referred to as where Satan's throne is and where a brother in Christ had just been martyred. A white stone was given for a few reasons:

- 1) To signify innocence after being judged not guilty of a serious crime, that likely would have carried the death penalty.
- 2) To signify freedom granted to a person who had been an enslaved person.
- 3) To celebrate a military victory over a dangerous foe.

The promise of receiving that white stone gave weary and frightened Christians a solid reason to hope for better days ahead. They would be innocent of all sin and above all accusation, free from spiritual and physical captivity, and victorious over the forces of Satan trying to snuff out their light.

Then to make the image even sweeter, the stone would have a new name written on it. The new name signifies a brand-new reputation that is free of stain or accusation. It also indicates a purpose in God's kingdom that is like Saul/Paul, Simon/Peter, or Jacob/Israel. God gives new names to servants who have a tremendous purpose ahead of them.

Take a moment and reflect on what the hope of receiving a white stone from the hand of Jesus means to your life this week. Don't let Satan deceive you, victory is assured!

Tom, for the elders





From Neville's Desk...

BE THE BLESSING

This pandemic has burst many a bubble. Our society was under the illusion that people really care. However, they have found out the painful truth that they are all alone in this world. And it hurts!

Now, of course, I am not referring to the faithful few who have continued to be blessing by actively serving their fellowman. Christians have been taught not to be a burden but rather to be a blessing. As Paul the Apostles says in Acts 20:34–35 (ESV) "You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we

must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.'"

Most self-indulgent individuals seek not to serve our Lord Christ, but rather their own appetites (Romans 16:18). Unfortunately, "their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things, (Phil.3:19).

Friend, I know this counsel is counterintuitive. But why not give it a try. If you cannot find happiness, try being the blessing.



FAULTLESS BEFORE GOD Robert Murphy

This pandemic has certainly affected the way that I dress. With the exception of church services on Sunday, I wear sweatpants almost every day because I have nowhere to go and no one to see (at least, in person). However, on those rare occasions where I *actually* get to visit with someone, I may throw on a pair of blue jeans.

Usually, when we are going to meet someone important, we try to dress presentably out of respect for ourselves and for the other person. If you were going to meet with Donald Trump or Joe Biden, you probably would not be wearing your old, chilistained Pete Rose or Joey Votto jersey. You would likely wear a button-up and tie or a dress. In a similar way we ought to present ourselves before God in a worthy manner.

In the prophetic book of Zechariah, he sees a vision of Joshua the High Priest standing in judgement before Satan and the Angel of the Lord. He is dressed in his priestly garb, but Satan accuses him of wearing defiled, stained clothing, which was against the regulation for priests. Satan, the Accuser, is rightly condemning Joshua in this instance. This presents a real problem for the Israelites. If Joshua cannot approach God because he is defiled, then on the Day of Atonement, Israel will still remain in their sins! Thankfully, the story does not end there. The Angel of the Lord rebuke's Satan and then gives Joshua new clothes so that he can go before God blamelessly.

This vision was a shadow of the blessings to come. While on our own, our righteousness before God is but filthy rags (Isa 64:6). On our own, we have no chance. On our own, we will be condemned. But thanks be to God for our Lord Jesus Christ, "who is able to keep you from stumbling and present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy" (Jude 24; ESV). With Him, our righteousness is pure and beautiful. With him, we have abundance. With him, we have salvation.

NEVER GIVING UP

Chris Ellis

For those who know me, I am what you call a sports fanatic. As a sports fan, one of my favorite times of the year is around the corner. Every year, I enjoy the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, also known as March Madness.

With March Madness fast approaching, I think back to former college basketball coach Jim Valvano. In 1992, Coach Valvano was diagnosed with Cancer. During the 1993 ESPY Awards, Coach Valvano was awarded the Arthur Ashe Courage Award. The award presented to individuals in sports who show courage during adverse times. During his acceptance speech, he said, "Don't give up...don't ever give up." His words still resonate with me to this day.

It is a simple yet powerful message. There are times I find myself wanting to give up. This message from Coach Valvano is an excellent reminder for us all. As Christians in a fast-paced society, we have a place to turn when things get tough.

Life can change in an instant and unexpectedly. When this happens, what do we do? Where do we turn? In the book of Jeremiah, we find comfort in knowing there is a plan for each of us.

Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare

and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Things do not always go according to plan. There are times we feel the weight of the world is on our shoulders. At times, we may feel we have nowhere to turn. When we feel like throwing in the towel, we need to remember God is in control and cast our burdens to him.

Psalm 55: 22: "Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

2 Corinthians 12:9: But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The way to never give up is to realize we are not alone and must rely on God's strength. We must never give up.

Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries



Chili Seasoning Packets
Chocolate Pop Tarts
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Kitchen Trash Bags
Magic Erasers

Pantry Items will be picked up the week of:

April 18, 2021



News, Notes & Announcements...

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Plans are underway to resume Sunday morning Bible classes. There will be one adult class and a couple for the kids split into two age groups. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Steve Proctor.

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 cannot pick-up.) Thank you for helping us serve our community.

SUNDAY AM SERMON:

YOU RAISE ME UP, JOHN 7:53-8:11

- 1. OUR PART IN F_____, JOHN 7:53-8:3
- 2. SATAN'S PART IN KEEPING US D_____,

JOHN 8:4-5

3. OUR SAVIOR'S PART IN RAISING US U_____,

JOHN 8:6-11

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00 Over/Under: -\$3,427.76

Jan 31, 2021-\$4,572.00 Feb 14, 2020-\$5,590.24 YTD AVG - \$4,386.53

Feb 07, 2020-\$4,147.00 Feb 21, 2020-\$4,290.00

Upcoming Events

Feb 26-28 April 2-4 Challenge Youth Conference Lads to Leaders Convention



Summit's Prayer List

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

Amelia Lopez (Samantha Pearson's 5 yr. old niece) Passed away on 2/24

Brandon Webster Had eye surgery a couple weeks ago and is still struggling to heal

Norma Carter Met with doctor to discuss A-Fib test results

Raye Arroyos (Melissa's mom) Recovering from a mild stroke; vision is still blurry; went home on 2/24

Tom Smith (former preacher at Summit) After a week in rehab, returned to the hospital due to complications

COVIE

- Cheryl Stockton (Rosy Gray's mom) In the hospital with pneumonia
- Debbie Glenn (Sharon Hammer's friend) On a ventilator; is stable
- Jack Herald
- Linda Jones (Rosy Gray's aunt) In the hospital with complications
- Marshall Hill (Dalys' husband) Went home from the hospital on 2/21; re-admitted on 2/23
- Mike, Laura, Joey Adams
- Robin Herald-recovery is slow

Cancer

- Bev (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer
- Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) Chemo continues; cancer is stable
- Dave Hammer, Jr (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable.
- **Dorothy Whorley** (friend of Sharon Hammer's son) Cancer surgery on 2/26 followed by 5 weeks of radiation
- Jamie (Steve Proctor's co-worker) Cancer recurrence

- Sean Timmerding (Sheryl Herald's friend) Brain tumor is stable
- Shellee Jenkins (Melissa Denham's cousin) Beginning chemo after a mastectomy
- Tylene Clark (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancer recurrence Long-term Needs
- Ashley Holland-pray for her unborn baby's health
- COVID-healthcare/frontline workers & those who have the virus
- Dan McNeese-pray for a full recovery
- 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 nossible
- Mandy (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- Peggy Holt-recovering from a stroke
- **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure Shut-In Members
- Clara Downard
- Dana Fuller
- Shirley Holt

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 137 active students & 11 active teachers

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission Neville Buchanan-counseling work For our country and our leaders

