



**We love sharing the truth of God's Word!**

**May 30, 2021**

## A NEW BEGINNING

*that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man....*

*Ephesians 4:22*

We recently attended a wedding celebration for a good friend. A wedding is always an exciting, new beginning. However, due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, the actual wedding had taken place 51 weeks prior. So, we celebrated with the young couple a renewal of their vows and another 'new beginning'.

We often long for things to be different. So often there are things we want to put behind us and create new beginnings: old schools, old friends, old jobs, old habits, old behaviors, and on and on. We want the future to be different. We look ahead to sometime down the road and long for a change but how do we get there?

We may never get a second chance to make a first impression but as long as we are alive, we always have a chance to make a fresh start. If we want things to be different 5 years from now, or 1 year from now, or even 100 days from now, then tomorrow needs to be different and we need to start today with the next right choice. We make a new beginning with each different choice and each different action. "Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little." Isaiah 28:10

You can choose to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the quarter, or tomorrow. There is no better time to make a new beginning than today.

As we emerge from a pandemic-induced, quarantined, year of pause, what new beginnings do you need to make? Start today!

Daryl, for the elders



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2021 VISION  
"SEEK THE LORD"



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,  
Resurrected, & will Return*  
Sunday 10am Bible Study  
Sunday 11am Worship  
Sun. 6pm Zoom Bible Study  
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## THE TREE OF LIFE

Robert Murphy

At the center of the primordial garden of Eden were two trees: One provided a knowledge of good and evil, the other provided life. After Adam and Eve's sin, they were forbidden from eating the life-giving fruit, "lest [they] reach out [their] hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever" (Gen 3:32; ESV). This symbolizes mankind's separation from the Life-Giver himself. They no longer had the same access to God and thus they no longer had access to immortality and life itself. Thankfully, God had a plan to give life back to his people.

Fast-forward several thousand years to about 30 AD when God decided to plant another tree of life. This tree had no foliage, no beauty, no boughs. Instead of roots, it was driven into the ground. Instead of birds, it was home to nails and blood.

### "PUNCTURE PROOF"

by Steve Proctor

Cars come with the best stuff now. Heated seats, and puncture-proof tires. If you've ever driven with ordinary tires, and a nail goes through them you lose all the air in the tire, tire goes flat and stops working properly. But if a nail goes through a puncture-proof tire, a sealant compound begins to run inside the tire that plugs the hole so that the air cannot escape.

The heart of a child of God is like the puncture-proof tire. An ordinary heart may be filled with love, but when someone does something to puncture that heart, all the love suddenly runs out — with hatred, anger, and hard feelings taking its place.

Nonetheless, the fruit of this tree gave us eternal life yet again.

God's ironic use of a cross for the new Tree of Life is a beautiful but demanding image. Our God is powerful enough to turn even the most barbaric and horrible devices and make it the source of fecundity for mankind. The cross also demands our own suffering. In order to access this cross and partake of the tree of life, we also must suffer just as Christ suffered. Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his **life** will lose it, but whoever loses his **life** for my sake will find it" (Matt 16:24-25; emphasis mine).

Let this encourage you to begin to suffer or continue suffering for Christ. Know that when you suffer, you are partaking of the bitter fruit of the tree of life. It may taste sour in the moment, but it is the most satisfying of all.

However, a puncture-proof heart is different; it is filled with the spiritual teachings of Christ (Ephesians 5:18, Romans 15:14, I Corinthians 1:5, Colossians 1:9, II Peter 1:2-3...). When someone, by their words or actions, punctures that heart, immediately the hole is plugged up tight and love stays in.

Regarding those who puncture the heart, the Scriptures tell us in Romans 12:20-21, "Therefore, if your enemy hungers, feed him; If he thirsts, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good"

Let's all have puncture-proof hearts!

## *June Wedding Anniversaries*

Kyle & Alisha Proctor	5th
Jeff & Nancy Brown	6th
Jeff & Melanie Schaefer	10th
Pat & Mary Moore	10th
Nikki & Samantha Pearson	11th
Steve & Candy Proctor	17th

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

**GEORGE & SHERYL REAGAN**

9464 RIVIERA DRIVE

UNION, KY 41091

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

**PRESTON WEBSTER** WAS BORN ON MAY 24TH

TO BRANDON AND SARAH WEBSTER.

9942 WILD CHERRY DRIVE

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# News, Notes & Announcements...



## GRADUATION PICNIC

There will be a graduation picnic in honor of Jacob Doerr on Saturday, June 5th at 5:30 PM at Tower Park, Shelter #1 in Fort Thomas, KY. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun as we celebrate Jacob and the Class of 2021.

### SUNDAY AM SERMON:

**MY HEART – GOD'S HOUSE**

**PSALM 119:57-64**

**INTERNAL ATTITUDE – MY HEART (P.U.R.E.)**

1. MY P \_\_\_\_\_, PSALM 119:57

2. I U \_\_\_\_\_, PSALM 119:58

3. I R \_\_\_\_\_, PSALM 119:59

4 I E \_\_\_\_\_, PSALM 119:60

**EXTERNAL ACTION – GOD'S HOUSE (L.O.V.E.)**

1. THE CORDS OF EVIL DON'T L \_\_\_\_\_ ME,  
PSALM 119:61

2. MIDNIGHT O \_\_\_\_\_, PSALM 119:62

3. COMPANIONS WHO L \_\_\_\_\_ - U \_\_\_\_\_,  
PSALM 119:63

4. STEADFAST LOVE OF GOD E \_\_\_\_\_,  
PSALM 119:64

## BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the counter in the foyer to sign the Bibles of those recently baptized.

### CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00

YTD AVG - \$5,073.78

Over/Under: +\$5,434.80

May 02, 2021-\$4,732.00

May 09, 2021-\$6,023.00

May 16, 2021-\$5,087.00

May 23, 2021-\$3,656.00

### Upcoming Events

September 10-11

Ladies' Retreat at Potter's Ranch

September 24-25

Men's Retreat at Potter's Ranch



## Summit's Prayer List

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

Becky Treadway (friend of Laura Hutchings' mom) Recovering from COVID: in a rehab facility

Enrique Escobar (Preacher at the Church of Christ in Telica, Nicaragua that we support) Getting treatment for an issue in his back and pelvis that has caused him to need a wheelchair and to be in constant pain

Harold Painter Surgery to place stents went well; home now

Ken Bailey (Morgan & Paul's dad) Targeted radiation on 6/14

Kyleigh Cooper Recovering from removal surgery of tonsils and adenoids

Sarah Webster Preston was born on 5/24; all are doing well

Spencer Harlow (Ron & Julie Harlow's teenage son) Taking medication to shrink the tumor before it is removed surgically; could take several months to get it to a size that is safe to remove

Thelma Rachford Remains very weak

### Cancer

• **Bev** (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer; needs surgery

• **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Cancer is stable

• **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable

• **Dorothy Whorley** (friend of Sharon Hammer's son) Radiation for 4-6 months

• **Jamie** (Steve Proctor's co-worker) Cancer recurrence

• **Linda Krebs** (Brad & Faith's grandma) Stomach cancer; cannot tolerate chemo

• **Sean Timmerding** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Radiation for brain tumor

• **Shellee Jenkins** (Melissa Denham's cousin) Completed chemo; struggling emotionally

• **Tylene Clark** (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancer recurrence  
Long-term Needs

• **Dan McNeese**– Pray for a full recovery from the effects of COVID

• **Daniel Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's brother) Recovering from an addiction

• **Dennis Ratliff** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Awaiting surgery for liver disease

• **Joey Adams**- Needs a suitable group home

• **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Struggling with caring for her parents who have dementia

• **Kerri Herald**– Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult

• **Mandy** (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce

• **Raye Arroyos** (Melissa Denham's mom) Recovery from her stroke is going well

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

### Shut-In Members

• **Clara Downard**

• **Dana Fuller**

• **Peggy Holt**

• **Shirley Holt**

### World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 8 active students & 5 active teachers

