



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

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Summit

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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

Wednesday 7pm Bible Study

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## WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus

All our sins and griefs to bear

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer

Oh, what peace we often forfeit

Oh, what needless pain we bear

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer

Who is your "person"; your close friend you can call on at any time? The first one you want to share good news with, the one you go to when you're sad, the one you can just be yourself with?

Jesus wants to have that same relationship with you and me.

*John 15:15-No longer do I call you servants, but I have called you friends.*

Jesus is always there for us in good times and in bad. He always has time for us.

Do you make time for Him?

*Rev 3:20-Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

While our friends are a source of joy and peace in our lives, Jesus can be that same source if we put Him first in our lives. He changed the lives of all those he met. Remember that Jesus changed the lives of 12 men with common jobs into 12 men that changed the world!

Brothers and sisters, we do have a friend in Jesus! What a reassuring thought.

The same Jesus who calmed the sea, who washed the feet of his friends is the one who came to give us life more abundantly and gave his life as a ransom for our sins.

When choosing your friends there truly is no better friend than Jesus!

*Billy, for the elders*





From Neville's Desk...

**HAPPY CITIZENSHIP**

July 4th celebrates the USA's freedom from Britain. The Declaration of Independence was principally authored by Thomas Jefferson in 1776. He wrote: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

On September 20th, 2006, Douwene and I were admitted to USA Citizenship. We proudly drove home to find that the congregation had placed a huge patriotic welcome banner on our garage door. Our entire front law was outlined with little USA Flags.

A few days later we were presented with an American Flag. A friend, Suellen Cross had gifted it to us, with a

note: "This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the United States Capital on September 20, 2006, at the request of the Honorable Mac Thornberry, Member of Congress... in honor of the Buchanan family's Citizenship Swearing-In.

On a spiritual level, I had already changed my citizenship – when on June 28th, 1982, I became a citizen of God's Kingdom via water and the Spirit (John 3:3-5). Now I was free to live three commandments:

- 1st, So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- 2nd Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.
- 3rd Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness (Romans 6:11-13).

Friend, are you a permanent citizen of God's eternal Kingdom?



## HOW IS JESUS "THE FIRSTBORN"?

Robert Murphy

Jesus' paradoxical nature as both fully human and fully divine confounds many Christians. Additionally, it has also led to heretical beliefs about Jesus' divinity and humanity that have caused extreme division in the church. One of the greatest heresies in church history was Arianism, which denied Jesus' full divinity, believing that the Son was a lower being than the Father. Though often not called by that name, this belief persists today.

Passages that call Jesus the "firstborn" seem to confirm Arianism. Jesus is called the "firstborn among many brethren" (Rom 8:29), the "firstborn of all creation" (Col 1:15), "the firstborn of/from the dead" (Col 1:18; Rev 1:5), or simply "the firstborn" (Heb 1:6). Arians argue that these passages show that Jesus is a created being (not God) since he was "born".

However, this position misunderstands what it means for Christ to be the "firstborn". The word "firstborn" is *prōtotoko* (πρωτότοκος). The transla-

tion "firstborn" is taken from the word's component parts *prōtos* (first) and *tokos* (offspring). However, breaking down words into their component parts can often mislead us, such as with the English word "butterfly" or Easter (from Germanic *Ēostre*, not the goddess Ishtar). Instead, we must look at *how* it is used.

The term "firstborn" describes the preeminent status of Jesus. Once the father died, the first-born male would be the one who inherited his father's property and status as *pater familias*, which meant he was head of the household over his brothers. This term can describe someone's status *metaphorically* in the case that they are not the first male born into the family. Israel is called the firstborn (Exod. 4:22), though it is by no means the first nation to exist nor is the nation literally "born".

In conclusion, Christ's status as the firstborn does not mean that he literally was born, but rather that he held the position of the firstborn, the preeminent one.

## A PLAN IN PLACE

Andrew Ellis

Recently, I returned from a vacation. Over the years, I have learned to prepare for situations that could occur on trips. I often tell people that I do not pack for trips; I pack for any situation that could arise. To be prepared for any travel, a plan is needed. If one is going on a vacation where sunlight is prevalent, it might behoove them to pack sunscreen for their trip. If one is traveling to a location where the weather could be cold, it would be beneficial to pack a coat to keep themselves warm. No matter the destination, actions are needed to execute the plan.

As Christians, what actions are we taking to ensure we reach our end goal that is

Heaven? While having faith has importance, it is not enough. Action is required to make things a reality. Look in the book of James. James 2:14-17 says, *"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."*

Like anyone out there, I enjoy the trips I take and prepare for the road ahead. What actions are we taking to prepare for our road ahead as Christians?



### July Wedding Anniversaries

Brandon & Sarah Webster	14th
Bob & Kimberly Lilie	16th
Billy & Sheryl Herald	23rd
Tom & Donna Painter	23rd
Josh & Stacie Herald	25th
Jesus & Elena Riera	27th



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for **August 1st-4th!**

The theme this year is:

***CHAMPION: Empowered by Jesus.***

- We need many volunteers from teachers, assistants, snack helpers, skit participants, and craft preparations.
- Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- Please begin praying for this effort now and start inviting your contacts from the community!
- If you have any questions please see Jenny Guin, Cassi Wilhite, Candice Bennington, or Cori Fuller.



# News, Notes & Announcements...

## WE REJOICE WITH THE ANGELS!

Kameron Vickers was baptized at Fort Hill on Thursday. His address: 1603 Grandview Rd. Alexandria, KY 41001



## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME GLEANER CANS

Available for pick-up. Please contact the office if you would like a can to fill. They will be collected in the fall.

## SUNDAY AM SERMON:

**BORN AGAIN TO LIVE VICTORIOUS; ROMANS 6:1-4**

1. VICTORY THROUGH V \_\_\_\_\_,  
ROMANS 6:11
2. VICTORY THROUGH R \_\_\_\_\_,  
ROMANS 6:12-13A
3. VICTORY THROUGH P \_\_\_\_\_,  
ROMANS 6:13B

## CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00  
Over/Under: +\$6,756.80  
June 06, 2021-\$3,700.00  
June 20, 2021-\$5,263.00

YTD AVG - \$5,074.86

June 13, 2021-\$3,988.00

June 27, 2021-\$5,767.00

## Upcoming Events

August 1-4  
September 10-11  
September 24-25

Vacation Bible School  
Ladies' Retreat at Potter's  
Men's Retreat at Potter's

## YTD AVG Attendance

105



## Summit's Prayer List

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

Dalys Hill- Has a benign warthin tumor; no surgery needed  
Don Vickers- Beginning physical therapy; another appt. on 7/7  
Evelyn Smith (Sheryl Herald's mom)- Had 2 small strokes, in rehab for a couple of days  
Family of Linda Krebs (Brad & Faith's grandma)- Linda passed away  
Gayle Krummen (Denise Henson's aunt)- Open heart surgery in two weeks  
Ken Bailey (Morgan & Paul's dad)- Radiation for trigeminal neuralgia went well; will know in 4-5 weeks if it worked  
Thelma Rachford- Remains very weak; medication was adjusted  
Trish Mason-Doerr & family-Her brother passed away  
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  
• **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
- **Harold Painter**- Pray for a full recovery from his heart attack
- **Joey Adams**- Needs a suitable group home
- **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Struggling with caring for her parents who have dementia
- **Ken Smith** (Sheryl Herald's brother) Recovering from a stroke
- **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
- **Spencer Harlow**- Pray for the medication to be effective at shrinking his tumor so the removal surgery can be completed safely
- **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

## Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission

