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**August 15, 2021**

## SEEK GOD WHILE HE IS NEAR

Brad Herald

In my daily Bible reading plan, I recently read Isaiah 55, which the NIV has the chapter titled "Invitation to the Thirsty", but I think the ESV has the more appropriate title of "The Compassion of the Lord".

*Isaiah 55:1-4, 6 & 7 (ESV)*

- <sup>1</sup> "Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.
- <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- <sup>6</sup> "Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;"
- <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

God's invitation of compassion is freely offered, but to receive His salvation we must:

1. Come to Him in repentance, confess your sins and ask for forgiveness
2. Listen and hear the Word of God
3. Seek Him through scripture
4. Call on God by taking on His Son in baptism

In verse 6, Isaiah tells us to call on the Lord while He is near. God is not planning to move away from us, but we often move away from Him. Whether it is family responsibilities, work obligations and/or our recreational activities, we create barriers between ourselves and God. Don't wait until you have drifted far away from God to seek Him. According to God's wise plan, His people were to have a hope and a future. God can be sought and found when we seek him wholeheartedly. Seek God now, while you can, while He is near. God is inviting you, return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on you.

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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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## From Neville's Desk...

### COMMITMENT

A prayer of commitment sealed the dedication of Solomon's Temple in 1 Kings 8:61 (ESV) — <sup>61</sup> LET YOUR HEART THEREFORE BE WHOLLY TRUE TO THE LORD OUR GOD, WALKING IN HIS STATUTES AND KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS, as at this day."

At the heart of this prayer were three requests: First, that the Lord would always bless His people as He had in the past. Second, that God would grant His people the will to walk in all His ways (1 Kings 8:59). And third, that these requests would remain close to God's heart. After this prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice and the Glory of the Lord filled the temple (2 Chron.7:1).

How committed are you to the Lord and to the relationships He has placed in your path? There is a

quick test you can perform to find out. First, is your heart wholly true? A divided heart will never endure. If you have "options" you will not make it. Instead, I need to treat God, and those I love, with the same passion as the day we first began our journey together.

Second, am I "walking in His Statutes"? That is, am I doing the good I know I ought to do for God and those I love? This can mean something different for each one of us (James 4:17).

And lastly, am I "keeping His commandments"? God has given me several lists in the New Testament of works of the flesh and their opposite, fruit of the Spirit. Similarly, most of us have vows, contracts, or agreements with those we love. Are we living up to these?

Friend, may we not fail the COMMITMENT test as Solomon did – rather, may God "grant us the will to walk in all His Ways".



## CHRIST AS THE FIRST FRUITS

Robert Murphy

Last week I wrote about how Christ is the "first fruits" of the resurrection, that is, how Christ is just the first of many people who will be raised from the dead and given an incorruptible body (1 Cor 15:20ff). Elsewhere, James used this same metaphor to describe Christians, "In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures" (James 1:18; NASB). What does it mean for **us** to be the first fruits of God's creation?

Drawing from our discussion last week, being the "first fruits" meant that we are the first of the crop to be harvested. In the Old Testament, the feast of Firstfruits was a festival dedicating the first yield of one's crops to the Lord (usually taking place in late spring or early summer). For us, then,

this would mean we are only the first of God's harvest. God has redeemed us and saved us from our corruption, spiritually and physically. The rest of creation, too, longs for redemption (Rom 8:19-25). Thankfully, though God subjected creation to futility, He subjected it, "in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God" (8:20b-21).

God does **not only** intend to rescue humanity through Jesus. God will redeem all creation. In this way, the fall of man and of creation in Genesis 3 will be completely undone. God will once again be recognized as King and Lord of his wonderful universe!





## News, Notes & Announcements...

### VBS FOLLOW-UP MEETING

Sunday, August 22nd, we will have a short VBS follow up meeting immediately after services. The purpose of the meeting is to gather any feedback about VBS, and to plan a friends & family sort of day to invite VBS attendees back to Summit. If you were a part of VBS we hope you'll join us!

### WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS

We will begin a combined Wednesday evening adult class on August 25th. **We'll be discussing the book** *Church Reset* by Jack Wilkie of Focus Press. If you would like a copy of the book before we start the class, please let Morgan or one of the Elders know.

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

### BIBLES TO SIGN

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

### LADIES' RETREAT AT POTTER'S RANCH

Friday, September 10th, 6pm - Saturday, September 11th, 3pm. All ladies are welcome to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual encouragement. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with more details. Please see Laura Hutchings, Renee Carnes, or Sheryl Herald with any questions.

### MEN'S RETREAT AT POTTER'S RANCH

Friday, September 24th, 6pm - Saturday, September 25th, 3pm. All men are welcome. You can attend the full retreat or just come when available. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with more info. Please email the office with any questions.

### FAMILY RETREAT AT FORT HILL

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 29th - Sunday, October 31st. More details coming soon!

### 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.

## Summit's Prayer List

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

Billie Rogers Wound/tumor treatment 3 times a week  
Cori Fuller & family Her dad, Steve Smith, passed away  
Don Vickers Health struggles, doing better  
Ermie Lillie (Bob's mom) In ICU, tested positive for COVID  
Gayle Krummen (Denise Henson's aunt) Recovering from open-heart surgery, doing better  
Jeri Brown (Sharon's sister in FL) Delta virus, feeling a bit better  
Kyle Proctor Kidney stones  
Lester Oswald (Chris Guin's uncle) COVID, doing better  
Ryan & Katrina Weghorn Ryan will have ankle surgery one more time before more serious intervention; Katrina diagnosed with MS

Spencer Harlow Recovering from surgery to remove stomach tumor, outlook good  
Sue Gorman (Nancy Carnes' sister) Growth around arteries and nerves in colon, evaluating options  
Vielka Bonaga (Dalys' sister in Panama) Recovering from surgery  
Cancer

- **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Tumor is shrinking
- **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable
- **Dorothy Whorley** (friend of Sharon Hammer's son) Radiation for 4-6 months
- **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
- **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
- **Ken Smith** (Sheryl Herald's brother) Recovering from a stroke
- **Kerri Herald** Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult
- **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**
- **Shirley Holt**

### Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission  
Neville Buchanan-counseling work  
For our country and our leaders  
For our members to grow in the Word  
Our Community's lost souls  
Summit's planning efforts for the future  
Summit Family-greater love for one another  
Summit's Deacons-encouragement in service  
Summit's Elders-wisdom & love for the flock  
Summit's Seniors-faithfulness & mentoring  
Summit's Teachers-thankful for our teachers



## ~ Order of Worship ~

**Song Leader:** Steve Proctor  
*Call to Worship #2 We Praise Thee, O God*

**Opening Prayer:** Robert Murphy  
*Hymn: We Will Glorify*  
*Hymn: Listen to Our Hearts*  
*Hymn #337 Hallelujah! What A Savior*

**Lord's Supper:** Carter Guin

**Offering:** Matthew 25:29  
*Hymn #230 Worthy Art Thou*

**Scripture Reading:** Kameron Vickers

**Message:** Neville Buchanan  
*Invitation Hymn #909 There's A Fountain Free*

**Closing Prayer:** Billy Herald

### AM SERMON NOTES:

CYCLING FROM CHAOS TO CLARITY

PSALM 119:89-96

1. HIS WORD CREATES O\_\_\_\_\_ VIA THE  
 PERMANENCE OF HIS PLAN, PSALM 119:89-91

2. SO, I D\_\_\_\_\_ IN HIS WORD,  
 PSALM 119:92-93

3. RESULTING IN S\_\_\_\_\_,  
 PSALM 119:94-96

## ~ Wed., August 18th Service Leaders ~

**Song Leader - Robert Murphy; Opening Prayer - Chris Guin**  
**Speaker - Billy Herald**

## ~ For the Record ~

### Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 22 VBS Follow-up Meeting  
 September 10-11 Ladies' Retreat at Potter's  
 September 24-25 Men's Retreat at Potter's

### Mark Your Calendars

October 29-31 Family Retreat at Fort Hill

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>Wed</u>
July 18, 2021	77	156	55
July 25, 2021	66	138	51
Aug 01, 2021	80	141	115
Aug 08, 2021	66	142	63

YTD AVG Attendance 111

YTD Baptisms 7

### CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00 YTD AVG - \$5,182.07  
 Over/Under: +\$11,746.80  
 July 18, 2021-\$4,405.00 July 25, 2021-\$6,844.00  
 Aug 01, 2021-\$5,787.00 Aug 08, 2021-\$5,661.00

### Serving the Nursery

08/15—Stephanie & Aubri Gentry, Alexa Painter  
 08/22—Bettie Courtney & Debra Martin  
 08/29—Emma Guin & Emma Doerr

### Communion Preparation

August—McDole




## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### AUGUST 15TH-22ND

MELISSA DENHAM	15TH
JACOB DOERR	15TH
LAURA DOERR	15TH
JEANNETTE MAXEY	19TH
JOSEPH GORMAN	22ND
DUSTIN MENETREY	22ND

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