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Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.
Afternoon Worship.... 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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Forest Hill Church of Christ

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

“Add to Your Faith...”

(A Study of the Christian Graces)

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| June 20 | “Add to Your Faith...Virtue” | B.J. Clarke |
| July 4 | “Add to Your Faith...Knowledge” | Tom Wacaster |
| July 11 | “Add to Your Faith...Temperance” | Keith Mosher, Sr |
| July 18 | “Add to Your Faith...Patience” | Dan Cates |
| July 25 | “Add to Your Faith...Godliness” | Bobby Liddell |
| August 1 | “Add to Your Faith...Brotherly Kindness” | T. J. Clarke |
| August 8 | “Add to Your Faith...Charity” | Billy Bland |

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ’ (2 Peter 1:5-8).

THE THEME OF FIRST PETER (cont.)

Barry Grider

Because of Hope one can ENDURE. Hope within the heart, says, "I will be victorious." Robert R. Taylor, Jr. wrote,

Hope looks not to past or present; it looks to the future. Inherent in hope are such essential elements as expectation, desire, and anticipation. We hope for that which is yet to be. When a quest has been realized hope disappears. Hope is out of place if it is already a present possession. In hoping for that not yet seen, then we exercise the necessary patience (endurance, steadfastness) in awaiting its coveted arrival. (Taylor 148).

Hope looks beyond the grave and through the eye of faith sees the life beyond. Hear these inspired words,

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Gal. 6:9).

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure (1 John 3:1-3).

When one hopes in God there is no barrier to high, no valley to deep, no dream to extreme, and no challenge to great that cannot be overcome or attained. However, remember hope is for this life. When one dies saved, his hope is realized. When one dies lost, his hope (expectation) perishes (Pro. 10:28).

HOPE'S MOTIVATION

What is the motivation behind our hope? His abundant mercy (1 Pet. 1:3).

Foreasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot (1 Pet. 1:18,19).

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of

darkness into his marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, but now are the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy (1 Pet. 2:9,10).

Mercy is not getting what we deserve. Sin is the great separator (Isa. 59:1,2). All have engaged in sin (Rom. 3:23) and deserve its penalty (Rom 6:23). However, because of His grace and mercy God sent Jesus to die on the cross for us. Such an act was the greatest demonstration of mercy man has ever known.

But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved) (Eph. 2:4,5).

Having considered the great sacrifice made by Christ on man's behalf, the Christian is convinced God is on his side and this motivates him to trust in hope.

HOPE'S FOUNDATION

What is the foundation of our hope? The resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Pet.1:3)

Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be seen in God. Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever (1 Pet. 1:21-23).

Christianity is built upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ. His resurrection is the foundation of our hope. Paul wrote, "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins (1 Cor. 15:17). No other world religion, except Christianity, is based upon the fundamental fact of a risen, reigning Savior. Jesus' resurrection is the guarantee of our own resurrection. He said to Martha, following the death of her brother, Lazarus, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

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PRESIDE: John Manning
ASSIST: Everett Gibson
 Ty Phillips
 Marv Sowell

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 Billy Rodgers
 Dennis Woods

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A.M. CLOSING: Mike Reed
P.M. OPENING: Jackson Greer
P.M. CLOSING: Steve Allmond

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK of March 25, 2018

BIBLE STUDY: 240
 A.M. WORSHIP: 330
 P.M. WORSHIP: 190
 CONTRIBUTION: \$16,572.00

OUR SICK

BOBBY STRICKLIN, recovering from a small TIA and a mild heart attack.

CAROL STOVER, sister of Helen Sharp, back surgery Wednesday, Baptist Collierville.

ILL AT HOME: Bob Bergstrom and Doris Jean Cole.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry
 Virginia Ditto
 Hazel Eskew
 Tommy & Nell Herndon
 Anita Hopper

Albert & Ruth House
 Clarine Justice
 Jerry & Betty Robbins
 Velton & Dorothy Trimm

I just wanted to send a short note thanking you for all the cards, prayers, and well wishes during the last week. I can't express how much they meant and were felt. God bless you all and again thank you!

Martin and Elise Maund
 (brother/sister-in-law of Marion Maund)

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Caroline Dawson, Caleb Hull, and Dale Neil.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

HEARTS AND HANDS

TEAM "A" (ROBERT BERCH) will receive assignment cards April 8.

TEAM "B" (WARREN DAVENPORT) will receive assignment cards April 15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES AND MEN'S CLASSES meet each Tuesday at 10:00. Men's class will not meet Tuesday, April 10.

TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME spring food drive until Sunday, April 29. Items needed are listed on the bulletin board.

NEW CLASS TO BEGIN Wednesday, April 4 in the fellowship hall. Matthew Jones will be teaching "Taking Sin Seriously."

EVANGELISM BAG ASSEMBLY Sunday, April 8 for ladies. Please meet in the ladies classroom at 12:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT DEVOTIONAL Saturday, April 14 at 6 p.m. at the home of Danny and Melinda Braddock.

BRIDAL SHOWER honoring Mallory McAlister Sunday, April 15 after the morning service. Mallory and Evan are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Crate & Barrel, and Paisley Pineapple.

SALT (for ladies) will meet Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, April 22.

YOUTH RETREAT April 20-22 at Chickasaw State Park Group Lodge. The cost is \$30 per person/\$50 for two from same family. Checks may be made payable to Forest Hill Church of Christ. Cash is also accepted. See Matthew Jones for information/payment.

2018 VBS JUNE 4-6. Theme: Deep Divin' (Exploring Our Relationship With God).

2018 SUMMER SERIES Wednesdays, June 20-Aug 8. Theme: *Add to Your Faith... (A Study of the Christian Graces)*. Various speakers.

Last week's solution:

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:37-38

CORNERSTONE

Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

OS WNHE YTHE HDA NIEDD, USSJE TSIHA OT SONMI TRPEE, SONMI, NOS FO ONJHA, VTSOLE UTOH EM ROME TNHA TSHEE? EH TSIHA UTON MIH, AEY, ROLD; UTOH WTSONKE TTHA I VOLE EEHT. EH TSIHA UTON MIH, DEEF YM SMLBA.

HOPE'S EXPECTATION

What is the expectation of our hope? An inheritance incorruptible (1 Pet. 1:4).

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:13)

Remember that biblical hope is expectation with anticipation. What will keep the Christian persevering until the end? It is the realization that a reward is in sight. Just as those addressed by Peter were suffering because their faith was under fire, so it was true of the Thessalonians. Paul was speaking of the resurrection of the dead and the second coming, when he said unto them, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18).

CONCLUSION

Peter's first epistle was written as a source of encouragement to those of the first century whose faith was tested in the middle of heavy persecution. He reminded them there is no greater honor, no greater joy than to be a "partaker of Christ's sufferings" (1 Pet 4:13). Faith is still under fire today. Modernism, Liberalism, Denominationalism, Hedonism, Terrorism, et al, are among the various Satanic methods to test our faith. The Christian can confidently endure with a living hope. Our Lord's great mercy still provides hope's motivation. His resurrection still provides hope's foundation. His inheritance still provides hope's expectation.

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