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CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY

Paul summed up the essence of the Christian life as "*Christ in you, the hope of glory*" (Col. 1:27). Our only hope of eternal salvation is through the living presence of Jesus' Holy Spirit whom God gives to those who repent and are baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38). Just as the kingdom of Satan is motivated by "*the spirit who works in the sons of disobedience*" (Eph. 2:2), the kingdom of God is motivated by "*the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him*" (Acts 5:32). Jesus died for our sins that through His Spirit He might live His life of love and power in us and through us.

"*Obedience to the faith*" (Rom. 1:5; 16:26) demonstrates our faith in the gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Initially we obey the gospel

by being buried by water baptism into the death of Jesus knowing by faith that our old man of sin is "*crucified with Him*" (Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20). We continue this life of faith by 'reckoning' or 'counting' ourselves to be "*dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Rom. 6:11). This blessed truth of our death with Christ and our life in Him is the true secret of the Christian faith.

God's Spirit works to change our old sinful human nature into the divine nature of Jesus (2 Pet. 1:4). To accomplish His divine task, the Spirit releases His power one day at a time within those who focus upon Christ's gospel of their death to sin and the refreshing life and love imparted by the Spirit. Jesus shares His love and power with those who live by the faith of their crucifixion with Him. Only those who live by faith understand this great mystery of the gospel. We may have numerous college degrees but remain totally ignorant of the power

of God's Holy Spirit who works to transform our selfish old man into the selfless new man of the Lord Jesus.

Paul sums it up for us in his inspired words: "*I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me*" (Gal. 2:20). Are you living the crucified life of faith that Jesus might live in you as the hope of eternal glory?

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"*So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature*" (Gal. 5:16).

Lines for Ladies by Patty McAlister

“Each morning when I open my eyes, I say to myself: ‘I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn’t arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I’m going to be happy in it.’”

(Attributed to Groucho Marx)

Happiness can be defined in several ways. Some people go searching for it. Some think you find it by the “things” you attain. Others think their happiness depends on others. So, if they are unhappy they tend to blame it on someone else.

“It isn’t your **position** that makes you happy or unhappy, it’s your **disposition**.”

To those who judge their happiness by their riches, Paul gives this warning in his letter to Timothy. “People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction” (1 Tim. 6:8). Paul tells us to be content. We know that contentment is a form of happiness.

“Happiness is the best of all riches – and it’s not taxed!”

People who are happy may not be happy all the time. We have problems and bad days. But, these pass, and they don’t have to ruin a whole day. That is our choice. Don’t let these bad days define us. God gives us both, good days and bad days. “*When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other*” (Eccl. 7:14).

Read your Bible and pray every day and you will grow, GROW, grow!

Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

Charlie Ritter – (father of Charli Collins) – a difficult ongoing battle with cancer, is at home under hospice care

Carolyn Ezell – will have knee replacement on April 4th in LR

Jan Loveless – specialist is planning another surgery for April 24th – will do a new knee replacement and a partial femur replacement

Melinda Robbins – is back at home with treatment

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson – Room #34

Juanita Whitted – Room #62

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller –Room #317

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Jesse/Jennie Branch, Donna Chambers, Chris Chance, Jamie Churchill, Dan Cloud, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Davis, Randy Ellis, Charles Ensey, Johnny Estes, Mary Grice, Leota Hickey, Kathryn Lee, Rose Lee, Letson family, Daniel Loper, Jeff/Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Shirley Miller, Julie Moss, Glen/Paulette Oakes, Jackson Pierce, Cathy Pittman, Jerry Pruitt, Mike Rinke, Pat Robertson, KaLee Robbins, Bob Sims, Greg Standridge, Michael Tindall, Joan/Jon Vance, Joey Vaughn, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, Jay Winters, & Patsy Wisbrock

Military: Pray for our service men and women:

Eric Richardson

D J Bandy

Expecting Mothers:

Emma Walters

*From:
Diane Burton*

*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”
Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)*

Our 15th annual Ladies’ Day is fast approaching! Our speaker, Diane Burton, describes herself like this:

“From the age of six until my senior year in high school, I battled with being the fat girl. I lost the weight and have kept the weight off for 45 years. However, the ‘fat girl’ lurked behind me for 40 years, and I couldn’t let go of the degrading words people said to me. The fear of regaining the weight and limiting beliefs swarming in my head caused me intense grief and feelings of depression that kept me from being the woman God intended me to be.”

Then in January 2011, Diane began the process of becoming a Certified Grief Coach. At this event Diane realized how she had carried the ‘fat girl’ and through a process with Aurora, the founder of The Grief Academy, she released the fat girl and the grief surrounding it. During one of her coaching sessions, Diane shared with Aurora how she loved the scripture Ephesians 2:10 about being God’s masterpiece. With Aurora’s encouragement, Diane took this scripture and wrote lessons for her ladies Bible class. She then taught tele-seminars and had people asking for a book. From the classes and tele-seminars came her book, “The Master’s Masterpiece.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be no regular Ladies Devo for the month of April because of our Annual Ladies' Day. Please make plans to be at the building to greet our guests and meet our speaker beginning at 8:30 on Saturday morning, April 29th.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

We are currently making plans to change the way we print and mail the Lifelines after 27 years! We will stop mailing them and begin handing out the Lifelines each Sunday morning to all members and guests.

If you are not a member of our congregation, but would like to continue to receive a copy of the Lifelines each week, please contact us and let us know.

1) You may call the church office@ 479-331-3428 and leave us a message with your name and current address or

2) You may email the church at staff@dovercoc.org with your information or

3) You may text your info to 479-264-6052 or

4) You can send us a letter to P O Box 299, Dover, AR 72837.

If the Lifelines has been a help to you over the years, we will be happy to continue to mail it to you, just let us know!

COMING SOON

There will be a wedding shower for Carlee Williams and Jackson Schmitt on Saturday, April 8th from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. The couple is registered at Walmart.com and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

ATTENTION: Morrilton Ladies' Day

On Saturday, April 22nd, we are all invited to the Conway County Ladies' Day. This year's event will be held at the Harding Street Church of Christ. Registration will begin at 8:30 and breakfast will be served. There will be a luncheon to follow the program. The theme is: Together – We Can Make a Difference

Please bring Little Debbie's and Pop-Tarts for the Russ Bus ministry.

April Birthdays

06 Andrea Henson
08 Donna Chambers
09 Suzy Pennington
14 Danielle Hayes
16 Zach Pennington
19 Earlene Davis
20 Earl Stamps
22 Brett Walters
27 Sharon Bailey
Faith Bowden
29 Kati Pennington

In Search of the Lord's Way

The Search Program can now be accessed any time on their website

@

www.searchtv.org

Phil Sanders
weekly lesson can be heard and seen each Sunday
on

LR KASN TV 38

@ 7:30 am

DirecTV 307 @ 6:00 am

Dish 239 @ 6:00 am

THOSE TO SERVE

April 9th, 2017

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Tristan Stamps
Alan Boatright

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: Matthew Moss
Michael Robbins
Presley Williams
Rex McDaniel

Scripture Reading

Brett Cains

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Chris Moss

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Allen Veasman

Greeters

The Elders

Next Business Meeting

April 10th, 2017

Wednesday Night Services

@

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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Chris Loper 331-3313

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Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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