

Looking for What Can't Be Seen... Yet

A common theme with God's people – and by that I mean people who were living in and going after a right relationship with God – all throughout the Bible was their yearning to see something that they couldn't see at the time that they wanted to see it. They had a hope that looked forward to something that they wanted, or even possessed, but they just didn't have it, or they weren't able to see it...yet.

Hebrews 11:8-16 and 24-27 reminds us that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and even Moses heard the calling of God and went after what God had promised them, exchanging the visible world for the unseen promises of God. They did this knowing that to the world, the promises of God made no sense, but they held on because they knew they would see the land of God, the heavenly home, and the One who called them through His word.

As Christians, our faith causes us to walk toward something that we cannot see right now, but at the same time we know we're going to see it eventually. We possess it by hope and we see it by faith (Hebrews 6:13-19; 2 Corinthians 5:7). It's as Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:18-5:1 - "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The same theme that pushed Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Moses forward was the theme that led Paul as an apostle of Jesus Christ, and it's the same theme that's meant to describe us as Christians – people who are looking for and holding on to what can't be seen...yet. And why do we do this? It's because of the One who makes the promise on His word.

We sing a song that reminds us that "*There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar, for the Savior waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there.*" One of the sweetest things about this land when we get there is that we'll be able to see it; there will be no more yet to hide it from our eyes! But until then, can you see it, or have you yet to look for it?

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News and Notes

MOPS will be meeting on Wednesday, November 7th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. If you have any questions, please see JoAnna Kirk.

Pleasant Acres Turkey Dinner will be Friday, November 13th at the Pleasant Valley Fire Department. Take out will be from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, sit down dinner from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, green beans, cole slaw or applesauce, roll and dessert! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please see Linda Huber.

If you've not yet submitted names to our Shepherds for who you believe would be well-suited to be an Elder or Deacon at Whitehall, make sure you do that soon!

Volunteers Needed to Serve - We have placed sign-up sheets on the back table for folks to sign up to volunteer at the Union Mission at Thanksgiving. We need folks to sign up to clean the day before Thanksgiving, people to work in the kitchen the day of Thanksgiving and folks to deliver meals the day of. If you have any questions, please see Joel Boggess or Jacob Lough. Let's help make Thanksgiving special for someone less fortunate than ourselves!

Prayer Requests

♥Continue to pray for Keith Kisner, Edwina Summers, Kim Dumire, Margret Brand, the Shaffer's and Sharon Little.

♥Tom Little has requested that we keep Shirley Martin and Kim McGuiness in our prayers. Kim is suffering with a brain tumor and has twin 4 year old children.

♥Continue to pray for our military as they protect the freedoms we enjoy every day.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

A special "Thank You" to everyone that brought in items and to those who made monetary donations for HOPE Domestic Violence Shelter. We were able to put together 47 boxes to be donated. Also, "Thank You" to the teen class and the young adults for helping assemble the boxes. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Rules For Growing Christians

Don't neglect your prayer time. It is the breath of the soul (Luke 18:1).

Don't neglect your Bible. It is your sword for conquest, your hammer for construction, your guiding light for dreary days (Rev. 1:3).

Don't neglect your body. It is the capital on which you are to do business for the rest of your life (1 Cor. 6: 19,20).

Don't neglect your mind. It is your channel for reaching up to the very thoughts of God (Phil. 4:8).

Don't neglect your laugh. Bible teaches that "A merry heart does good like medicine" (Prov. 17:22).

Don't neglect your reputation. It is the gold with which you will meet the demands of a complex civilization (Mt. 5:14-16).

Don't neglect your influence. It will point others to the living God whom you serve (Prov. 11:6).

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