

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Joe Brown (*cancer*), Marian Church (*back*), Kelly Cochran, Betty Eubanks (*out of town*), Linda James (*on-going medical*), Paul Lloyd, Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*recent surgery*), Wayne Ryland, and Ken & Arlene Turner. *Our family and friends:* Elnora Bennet (*Moses Stevens' sister*), Mildred Church (*Shut-in*), Bob Elston (*the Rice's neighbor; cancer*), Diane Fields (*Keri's mom*), Ned Hicks, Brian James (*cancer*), and Ardis Tucker.

Ladies' Bible Class: The ladies' Bible is taking a break during the summer months and will pick back up in the fall.

Out of Town: Jim Abram, Jordan Lawson, and Charles & Vernita Goodall.

Bible Class Review: The review class for the kids will be *tonight* shortly after the evening services, in classroom # 7.

Afternoon Singing: The next afternoon singing will be June 12th (*next week*) at 5pm.

Group Meeting: Group (2) meets tonight after worship.

Area Meetings: The summer series to be held every Thursday night at the Lutz Church of Christ began last week. Please see the announcement flyers in the foyer for details.

Elders and deacons; mark you calendar: There will be an elders/deacons meeting on Monday evening, June 13th, at 7PM (*next week*).

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 6/8/16

Song Leader: OPEN
 Opening Prayer: OPEN
 Invitation: Jeremy Wharton
 Announcements: Ian Rice
 Closing Prayer: Paul Lloyd
 Recordings: Keith Marschall
 Usher: Colby Sadler

Sunday Evening: 6/12/16

Song Leader: Bob Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Wayne Ryland
 Lord's Table: Bucky Day
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall
 Recordings: Eddie Lawson
 Usher: Ben Cunningham

Sunday Morning: 6/12/16

Lord's Table: Bucky Day (B)
 OPEN (C)
 Serving: Ed Lawson
 OPEN
 Song Leader: Joe Brown

Opening Prayer: Ronnie Henderson
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Trent Stevens
 Recordings: Eddie Lawson
 Usher: Ben Cunningham



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SERVICES

Sunday
 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Morning Services 9:50 A.M.
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday
 Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

DEACONS:

Robert Marschall
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"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

It is hard to fathom why Jehovah God would be so good to us, sometimes. While I was unworthy; Jesus Christ, because of His love, redeemed me for His own! Why would God send His Son to redeem (liberate by payment of ransom) us from all iniquity (Titus 2:14)? Why would He make known to me His favor?

**"I know not why God's wondrous grace To me He hath made known,
 Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love Redeemed me for His own."**

The Scriptures provide reassurances that God indeed bestows favor upon His children, because He loves us! *'For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

through whom we have now received the reconciliation.” (Romans 5:6-11) That is a wonderful thing to think upon. God loved me so much, that even while I was a sinner, Christ died for me. And He granted me opportunity in becoming His child (Galatians 3:26-29)! He did the same for you, too! Therefore, accept the blessings offered to you in Jesus Christ, and may we all live a life that aims to be well-pleasing to God, according to His terms.

Even in Christ though, we do not have a promise that this life on earth will be a “bed of roses”. In fact, we have no idea what the future holds for you or me in this life (concerning our physical circumstances).

“I know not what of good or ill May be reserved for me, Of weary ways or golden days, Before His face I see.”

What is reserved for you...? Will you live a long life? There are no guarantees in that regard. God *may allow* for us to walk a weary road, or he may bless us with many, many, years in His service. That said; if we are found faithful in the end, you and I will be rewarded with finally getting to see God’s face! David longed for that day & wrote of it

saying, “*As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.*” (Psalms 17:15). Jesus Himself promised, “*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*” (Matthew 5:8). John even referred to such, writing, “*And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.*” (Revelation 22:3-4). Have you thought about the day when you will no longer walk this earth? All will see God at some point (Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10). The question is -- will we be afraid, or joyous, upon the moment we see Him? The Lord wills for you and me to prepare for that day now, so it will be a joyous one! Let us pray and prepare *now*, brethren!

“I know not when my Lord may come, At night or noon-day fair, Nor if I’ll walk the vale with Him or ‘meet Him in the air.’”

We do not know when our Lord will return... He may come at night, while you are sleeping, He may come first thing in the morning, or He may come at mid-day. Also, we do not know if we must pass through death in order to walk with God (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; Revelation 2:10), or if we will meet Him in

the air (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-55). There are some questions that we simply have no answers for yet, as, “*The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*” (Deuteronomy 29:29). Nevertheless, “*...I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day*” (2 Timothy 1:12b)!

Whenever it is that we actually see the Lord, I pray that it will be a joyous experience, for both you and me. Until then, may we be encouraged to continually seek His face! God loves you; and He loves me. Take comfort in that fact, and faithfully prepare now for the Day of reckoning. The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

* The above article was outlined using the words to the song in our hymn-books, “**I Know Whom I Have Believed**”. The words to that song & the musical arrangement, respectively, are attributed to Daniel W. Whittle and James McGranahan.

(All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version; Emphasis—mine)

- Ian Rice

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

- ◇ Jesus taught obedience (Matt.7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Matt. 28:20)
- ◇ Jesus taught that unless we believe in Him, we will die in our sins (John 10:31-39)
- ◇ He taught repentance (Luke 13:3; 24:46-47)
- ◇ He taught confessing Him before others (Matthew 10:32-33)
- ◇ He taught baptism as a necessity (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:5)
- ◇ He teaches faithfulness unto death (Revelation 2:10)