

### “The Christian’s Cheer Team”

When reading through Hebrews, chapter twelve, one cannot help but be encouraged. After finishing the "Hall of Faith," we open the next chapter with, *"I Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God"* (Heb. 12:1-2).

It makes me wonder how many Christians take into consideration their distance audience. The Hebrew writer, whomever that may have been, was not in the physical presence of those mentioned in the previous chapter (e.g., Abraham, Moses, David, etc.), and, yet, they were there. To an audience living during the first century, this image would have been as clear as crystal.

They would have thought of the coliseums spread throughout the land where many of people of faith died horribly. They would have heard the crowds calling out all forms of degrading names. The smell of half-starved animals would waft across the sand before being released to the arena floor where adults and children alike would be torn limb from limb.

While it would have been vivid, so too would Abraham and Moses's image and David waiting in the wings to see what they would do. But these prophets and men of God are there to encourage them and us to keep the faith. Since we are surrounded by such men who lived in times much graver than our own, let us set our burdens aside. While we are at it, let us also lay our sins aside and look only to Christ.

God called Abraham to sacrifice his only son. Moses had the people set against him and became so frustrated that he never entered the Promised Land. David, because of his sin, grieved desperately to be forgiven. If they can do it, so can you! They had a tunnel vision, the likes of which we rarely see today: they focused on the call and command of God. It was the Lord who directed them, and not culture. It was Jehovah who taught them how to treat their wives and raise their children, not the latest episode of an obscure television show.

Imagine now, at this moment, that you are surrounded by these great men (and women) of faith. They are in the stands awaiting your answer to the burdens life brings you. What will your answer be? Will you heed God's call to do that which is right, or will you answer to man, who is as unwise as the day is long?

Mike

Since God gave us two ears and one mouth, He must have wanted us to do twice as much listening as talking.

The person who **angers** you, controls you!



A big thank you to all who helped in preparing classrooms (bulletin boards, crafts, painting, curriculum, cleaning, etc.) for resuming bible classes.



A tentative date of October 31 has been set to have a Truck or Treat. More information to follow.



Minutes from men and women's meetings are in the foyer.



#### Teachers this quarter:

Cradle Roll—Lisa Lucas

2&3 yrs—Peggy Bitting

Pre-K—Kindergarten—Rita Anguiano

1st-2nd Grade—Sharon Jordan

3rd-5th Grade—Pam Ramsey

Youth—Jim Lucas

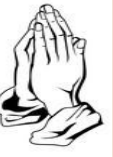
College—Raul Rendon

#### Proverbs 22:

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

## Prayer Requests & Concerns

Jim Lucas had orthoscopic surgery on his knee this week. He is now home and doing okay. Lisa Lucas' mother has been in the hospital dealing with health issues this last week. Lisa is currently with her in Tennessee.



Jennifer Anglen, David and Kathy Thurman's daughter, met with her oncologist. The cancer is not in her bone marrow and lymphoma is Stage 1 or barely Stage 2. She will begin chemo Monday. Pray that the chemo will be effective. Keep her and the family in your prayers as they deal with this interruption in their lives.

Continue to keep teachers, students, and parents (and grandparents in your prayers as some struggle to adapt to the "new normal" of virtual teaching as well as in school classes.

There are many who need our prayer: Diann Milstead and family; Wayne Anderson and family; Eileen Vennum and family; Weldon Smith; Jimmy Newton; Paul Grace and family



#### Attention ladies

The Ladies Bible Workers will resume on September 28, 9:30 a.m.

#### Daily Bible Reading

**September 20** Isaiah 33:10-36:22; Galatians 5:13-26; Psalm 64:1-10; Proverbs 23:23

**September 21** Isaiah 37:1-38:22; Galatians 6:1-18; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 23:24

**September 22** Isaiah 39:1-41:16; Ephesians 1:1-23; Psalm 66:1-20; Proverbs 23:25-28

**September 23** Isaiah 41:17-43:13; Ephesians 2:1-22; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 23:29-35

**September 24** Isaiah 43:14-45:10; Ephesians 3:1-21; Psalm 68:1-18; Proverbs 24:1-2

**September 25** Isaiah 45:11-48:11; Ephesians 4:1-16; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 24:3-4

**September 26** Isaiah 48:12-50:11; Ephesians 4:17-32; Psalm 69:1-18; Proverbs 24:5-6

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### Service & Class Times

**Bible Class: 9:30 AM**

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

**Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM**

**Minister:**  
**Mike Lane**



### Sunday, September 13, 2020

Sunday Attendance-AM Worship: 67  
2020 Budget: \$3,697.75  
Contribution: \$1,538.01

#### A popular inspirational reading:

"What will matter most is...  
not what you bought, but what you built.  
not what you got, but what you gave.  
not your success, but your significance.  
not that you learned, but that you taught.  
not your competence, but your character.  
not your memories, but the memories that live on in those  
who love you.



Do you need something to do? Then consider:  
Building lock up—sign up sheet on bulletin board in hallway  
Greeter—sign up sheet on bulletin board in hallway  
Be a teacher next quarter—see Sharon Jordan  
Be part of a clean up team—see Pam Gough  
Men to serve (lead opening, family, or closing prayer; read scrip-  
ture) - see Gary Gough

### *Welcome Guests!*

#### **Please Stop By Our Visitor Center Located in the Foyer!**

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us. You honor us with your presence. We pray you find your time with us uplifting and encouraging and that our worship will honor our God and bring you closer to Him. If you have any questions, simply ask one of our members, or speak to one of our ministers. Please take a moment to fill out one of our visitors' cards, so we can have a record of your visit with us. Feel free to let us know what you think by writing comments on that card. You are always welcome!

### Those To Serve

**September 27, 2020**

Song Leader: Perry Grace

Welcome, Opening Prayer, and Family Matters:

Gary Gough

Family prayer: Mike Lane

Communion Leader: Eric Omoike

Scripture Reading: Joey Anguiano

Closing Prayer: Wren Smith

Greeters: Israel and Bonnie Esparza

Building lock up: Jim Lucas

## *The Family Gram*

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**Becoming a Rainmaker**

## Order of Worship

Song Leader

Jim Lucas

Hymn

We Bow Down and We Worship You  
Lord

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Israel Esparza

Hymn

Earth Holds No Treasure

Hymn

Teach Me Lord to Wait

Family Prayer

Gary Gough

Hymn

Wonderful City of God

Hymn

Sweet By and By

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:4-42

Brandon Anguiano

Sermon

The Forgotten Doctrine of  
Hell (Pt. 2)"

Hymn

Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Hymn

When My Love to Christ Grows  
Weak

Communion

Communion Leader

Tommy Seymour

Family Matters

Israel Esparza

Hymn

I'm a Hard Fightin' Soldier

Closing Prayer

Dwaine Gough