

South Green Street Church of Christ

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Something New

There is something special about standing at the edge of something new.

Anticipation...Hope...Wonder...

As we enter the first week of a brand new year, we stand at the edge of something new. A year full of opportunities and possibilities. What will we do? Where will we go? What will we learn? What will the Divine Potter do with us, His clay vessels?

I am reminded of occasions in biblical history when God's people were nearing new phases in the scheme of redemption...

Moses before the Tabernacle was ready

- Can you imagine the way Moses must have felt when he was shown that all the work had been completed? (Exodus 39:32-43)
- Then, the anticipation must have been off-the-charts once the structure had been assembled. (Exodus 40:16-33)

Solomon before the Temple was ready

- As you read 1 Kings 5-8, the excitement builds with each item listed and put into place.
- They knew this was a special occasion (cf. 1 Kings 8:5), and they couldn't wait to see what the Lord would do.

The Disciples together on Pentecost

- They had been told to wait in the city until they were "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).
- What must it have been like to be in that room on Pentecost before the Lord fulfilled His promise and filled them all with the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:1-4)

The New Testament Church today

- We should be excited to see what the Lord has in store for His people (Rom. 8:24-25).
- We should be filled with wonder as we consider that we serve a God who can bless beyond our imaginations (Eph. 3:20-21).

—Bart

A Beautiful Child

In Hebrews 11:23, the Bible says Moses' parents hid him and protected his life "because they saw that the child was beautiful." Beyond this particular circumstance with Moses, what could be said for **all** children?

What makes for a beautiful child?

1. Just the child itself—the mere existence of a little one made in the image of God is beautiful (Gen. 1:26-27; 9:6). **All** children are precious and of infinite worth / value—this means in the womb or out and includes all nationalities and colors.
2. A child is also beautiful when we step back and see the way they fit into God's plan—wherever that may be! Moses was special because he was chosen by the Lord to lead Israel out of slavery and into a new era. Each child has the potential to make special contributions to the church of Jesus Christ.
3. A child is beautiful when they are seen in the dynamic of a loving and trusting relationship. So many need to be shown love and mercy. They need someone to protect them and to show them the life and message of Jesus. Raising a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is beautiful (Eph. 6:4).

Parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, foster parents, et. al.—we are praying for you! Thank you for caring for and protecting these beautiful children by showing them the love of Jesus.

—Bart

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Faith that Sings!

Someone has said that the prophet Habakkuk runs the gamut of emotions in his short book—from sobbing to singing!

Yes, indeed. He begins with sobbing by crying out: "O, Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save?" (Hab. 1:2)

The prophet concludes his record by singing these lines of praise: "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer's; He makes me tread on my high places." (Hab. 3:17-19)

Will we face difficult circumstances in this life? Of course we will! (cf. John 16:33)

Do those hard times and difficulties mean we have been forgotten by God? Absolutely not! (Hab. 1:12)

The faith that sings like the prophet Habakkuk is the faith that knows the Lord...and knows that this connection and relationship is what matters the most!

The apostle Paul understood this—he had a faith that could sing in spite of less than ideal circumstances. In Acts 16:25, Paul and Silas are literally singing as they wait patiently for God's plan to unfold while they are in the chains of a prison! The apostle would write that he knew how to live during times of lack as well as during times of abundance because he knew the Lord Jesus Christ! (Phil. 4:12-13)

Now that is a faith that sings! What notes have we been belting out?

—Bart

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Family Matters

Prayer List

- Ernestine Beals, P.O. Box 124, Glasgow, KY 42142
- Dorothy Brake, 300 Westwood St., Rm 34, Glasgow
- Randell & Linda Bray, 175 Kino Rd., Glasgow
- Terry Bunnell, 343 Winners Circle, Glasgow
- John Dove, 361 Dunedin Way, Glasgow
- Judy Dugger, 180 Scottie Dr., Apt. 152, Glasgow
- Bettye Edmunds, 5899 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
- Kathleen Emberton, 119 Robin Dr., Glasgow
- Suzanne & Joseph Fant, 122 Hi Haven, Glasgow
- Seth Thomas Groce 180 Scottie Dr., Glasgow
- Ray Guinn, 4771 Hiseville Park Rd., Horse Cave, KY 42749
- Thelma Harbison, 243 Wedgewood St., Glasgow
- Jeffrey Lynn Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue, 447 Lanny Harlow Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
- Virginia Neville, 104 Ridgecrest, Glasgow
- Jesse Page, 2035 Ratliff Mitchell Rd., Horse Cave, KY 42749
- Lula Belle Pickard, Community Hospital, 1301 N Race St., Glasgow
- Billy & Peggy Pritchard, 117 Douglas Dr., Glasgow
- Dottie Ritter, 207 Seay St., Glasgow
- Jewel Searcy, 117 Sheila Dr., Glasgow
- Tony Shirley, 908 South Green St., Glasgow
- Emogene Stephens, 480 Hollis Thomas Rd., Glasgow
- Sue Tooley, 186 Whitney Woods Rd., Cave City, KY 42127
- Lynn Vick, 111 Karakal Dr., Glasgow
- **Additional Prayer Requests**
- Terri Barbee, friend of Shane Walton
- Junior Bowman, brother of Mark Bowman
- Patrick Gaunce, friend of Bobby Steenbergen
- Ronnie & Pat Hamilton, father/mother-in-law of Jailer Aaron Shirley
- Rosie Grace Honeycutt, granddaughter of Marty & Chantal Honeycutt
- Courtney Insell, friend of the Gumm & Warren families
- Marianna Irving, aunt of Mike Martin
- Earl Jackson, husband of Runelle Jackson
- Stanley Russell Jewell, friend of Jeffrey & Sonya Hogue
- Roy Lanier, grandfather of Laura Warren
- Susie Lee, friend of Margaret Garmon
- Randell Lockett, father of Ancy Glass
- Kailey Riner, granddaughter of Brenda Kirk
- Viktor Spaun, friend of Marcus & Nichole Franklin
- Kim Turner, friend of Angie Kessler
- Larry Williams, friend of Tommy Gumm
- Bobbie Wilson, brother of Bonnie Rich
- Martha Wilson, cousin of Doug & Frenchie Belcher
- Kristi Woodall, daughter of Raymond & Joyce Utzman
- Betty Wright, sister-in-law Becky Speer

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Ruth Bradford She passed away on December 29. Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Hatcher & Sadler Funeral Home. Please continue to keep the Bradford family in your prayers.

Thank You Note

My heartfelt thanks for all the cards, texts, visits, phone calls and the food that was delivered to my house during my knee surgery. Most importantly, thank you for the prayers.

Bobby Steenbergen

Pantry

Items needed: spaghetti sauce (no glass jars), mac and cheese, crackers, and breakfast bars. Donations may be left by the back door.

Community Soup Kitchen

Anyone interested in helping with the Bunche Soup Kitchen Program see Brandon or Ronnie Turner. You would work only four times a year on the third Tuesday of the month preparing to go boxes with a team. Many thanks for a job well done in 2023 in serving 2613!

Brandon, Ronnie & Debbie Turner

L2L Keepers

Keepers will be meeting on Sunday, January 7, after the AM service to make pillow case dresses to send to Africa. Supplies and lunch will be provided.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will not meet until after the holidays. Class will resume in January 2024.

For The Record

Sunday AM Attendance	323
Sunday Contribution <i>week of Dec 25</i>	\$12,238.00
2023 Weekly Budget.....	\$12,500.00
2023 Weekly Average <i>week of Dec 25</i>	\$13,782.00

Responses Year To Date

Baptisms	14
Prayer Requests	9
Placing Membership	28

Deacons in Charge	Brandon Turner
.....	Joe Prichard
Song Leader/Welcome	Patrick Wright
Opening Prayer	David Alls
Scripture Reading	Andrew Gilpin
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Alan Alexander
Serve Communion (Auditorium)	Mike Burress
.....	Tommy Vick
.....	Beckett Burress
.....	Ashton Page
.....	Jake Warren
.....	Josiah Gaines
Serve Communion (Balcony)	Trace Bishop
.....	Frankie McCoy
.....	Carter Alls
Serve Communion (Basement)	Brad Lowe
.....	Jeremy Prichard
Closing Remarks	Mark Bowman
.....	Robbie Fudge
Dismissal Prayer	Chris Page
Ushers	Glenn Pritchard
.....	Mike Pruitt
Pick Up Cards	Isaac Norris
.....	Cade Prichard
Control Room	Tarry Lockett
.....	Zac Turner
Bus Driver	Hunter Clark

Song Leader/Welcome	Patrick Wright
Opening Prayer	Wesley Cline
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Allen Jones
Dismissal Prayer	Luke Prichard

Announcements.....	Bart Warren
Song Leader	Caleb Fudge
Opening Prayer	Darrell Pitcock
Lesson	Bryce Rudd
Dismissal Prayer	Asa Jones



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