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Sunday 9:30a, 10:30a, 6:00p
Tuesday 10:30a
Wednesday 6:30p

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

April 15, 2018

Where Is Our Fatherland?

by Kevin Cauley

“For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come” (Hebrews 13:14). There is only one “kingdom” that God has promised will endure forever, and that is the “kingdom which shall never be destroyed” (Daniel 2:44). Jesus promised to build this “kingdom of heaven” in Matthew 16:18-19. Death cannot destroy this kingdom because its members are redeemed by the blood of Christ and live forever (Revelation 5:9-10). It is a “kingdom which cannot be shaken” (Hebrews 12:28). Longing for His coming, we look to the Fatherland.

Yet there are kingdoms which are shaken. In fact, all things will be shaken so that the things which cannot be shaken will remain (Hebrews 12:26). This means that Christians must prepare themselves for changes in governmental institutions that are dear to them. Some Christians have fought and bled for government. Some have died. This engenders deep emotions toward these institutions. This elevates expectations and increases disappointment when circumstances fail to yield desires hoped for in government. Is this nationalism a false idol? It can be, if we do not remember what King is truly reigning.

Psalm 137 records the emotions of a people who have lost their fatherland. They are sad, bitter, and vengeful. Yet, God restored Jerusalem, and Judea continued as a province under the yoke of other masters. They eventually even won their independence only later to give it away to Rome who dealt the final blow in 70 AD. Rome burned the temple to the ground, and the people were scattered. They renamed that city to Aelia Capitolina—dedicated to the god Jupiter. The emperor Hadrian forbade Jews to enter it on penalty of death.

We often sing of heaven. Do we invest our patriotism (love of our fatherland) in that eternal home where resides the Father of spirits (Hebrews 12:9)? God bless you, and I love you.

What is in Your Hand?

What is in your hand? (Biblical Examples)

- **One** _____?
- **One** _____, **and Five smooth** _____?
- **Five** _____, **and Two** _____?

Parable of the Talents

- All different _____
- All gifts belong to the _____
- All the workers will be _____
- All the worthless will be _____

What is in OUR hands, Westhill?

Caution:

The Woman and the Water-Pot

John 4:28-29

“So the woman **left her water-pot**, and went into the city and said to the men, ‘Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?’”

1. She left the Water-Pot of _____

2. She left the Water-Pot of _____

3. She left the Water-Pot of _____

Cherokee Children's Home Food Drive Pack the Pew by April 29th

**Last names
A - G**

Canned vegetables
Canned beans (refried, baked, ranch, black)
Canned fruit, pie fillings
Rotel (diced tomatoes and green chilies)
Spaghetti sauce
Ranch dip powder
Salad dressing
Steak sauce
Salsa
Bacon pieces
Canola Oil
Breakfast cereal
Pop tarts
Granola bars
Toilet paper

**Last names
H - N**

Egg noodles & Spaghetti noodles
Macaroni & cheese
Instant rice (flavored and white)
Instant potatoes
Canned chicken breast
Canned chili without beans
Microwave popcorn
Graham crackers
Body wash
Shampoo & conditioner
Deodorant - men & women
Shaving cream - men & women
Liquid hand soap (in large bottles to use for refills)

**Last names
O - Z**

Caffeinated coffee
Breakfast juice
Family size tea bags
Jelly
Cream soups, canned soups
Liquid laundry detergent (High Efficiency HE)
Fabric softener sheets
Scotch Brite pads, sponges
Dishwasher detergent pods
Liquid dish soap
Bathroom cleaners
Lysol disinfectant spray
Napkins
Paper towels



**His Shoes.
Her Shoes.**

Marriage Seminar
April 27th-28th
Please register in the foyer by April 11th



WesthillWORKS! Leadership

Community Outreach

Benevolence Program
Habitat for Humanity
Food for Fitness

Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home
In Search of the Lord's Way
Southwest School of Preaching
Brown Trail Spanish School of Preaching
The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*
WVBS Online School
school.wvbs.org
La Poynor Prison Ministry
(Steve & Carrie Handley)

Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program
New Zealand Harvest Missions

Elders

Don Ivy - 214.695.5276
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Paul Stewart - 903.872.3464
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Deacons

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David Baumgartner - 903.654.4057
Zach Drain - 903.521.6055
Joshua Haden - 903.602.9645
Micah Haden - 903.673.1177
Michael Jones - 214.803.5984
Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406
James Olsen - 903.874.8918
Rusty Owens - 903.695.0095
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Ministers

Anthony Warnes - 430.775.0196 (Pulpit)
Tim Cooke - 903.641.5515 (Seniors)

Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

Prayer List

Neta Marshall's health has been declining and she has been placed on Hospice Care.

George Schmidt's nephew, Phil Rizzo, had a severe stroke and the family has been called in. Please keep George's family in your prayers.

Kenneth Southard is recovering from pneumonia and is expected to return home from the hospital soon.

Paul Slaughter is recovering from his procedure to remove a spot on his face.

Continue to Remember: Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Billie Thomas, John Sehon, Mary Crews, Malvinee Jett, Kathi Pruitt, Don Corley, Dianne Stewart, & Kay Donahoe

Announcements

We rejoice with our **new Christian sister, Jourdan Anderson**, who was **baptized** Wednesday night!

Mabank COC Lectures - 4/20-4/22

Marriage Seminar - 4/27-4/28

5th Sunday 4/29 - Speaker Wayne Roberts will be teaching morning Bible Class. The Jr. High, High School and adult classes meet in auditorium. After morning worship please plan to stay for a potluck lunch immediately followed by an afternoon service led by our young men.

Spring Senior Seminar - 5/4

Habitat for Humanity - 5/5

WOW Ladies Retreat Registration - 5/2-5/30

Go to: "westhillchurchofchrist.org", click on "**Events**", and then click on "**WOW Ladies Retreat**" or register in person at the registration table.

VBS will be here before we know it! We are extending it to four evenings instead of three (**June 18-21**). Here are some positions we need to fill soon.

-Lesson presenter. The format requires just one evening, presenting the same lesson three times.

-Actors for the skits. If the stage is your element, show your skills! We need at least four or five, but maybe more.

If you are interested, please contact Justin Williams for details (jmwilliams@harding.edu or 903.875.8288). We will also be recruiting for other help soon, so get ready to pitch in!

We want to GO BIG this year!

Thank You- for the calls, cards, and all of the prayers while I was sick and having tests, your acts of Christ-like love are greatly appreciated.
-Malvinee Jett

Birthdays This Week

April 15 - Mollie Southard

April 16 - Lynn Webster

April 20 - Rylee Newman

April 21 - Mike Weaver & Ali Williams

Next Week:

Bible Class *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

AM Sermon

PM Sermon

Records for April 8, 2018

Bible Class	
AM Worship.....	259
PM Worship.....	
Wednesday.....	186
Contribution	\$7,748.73

Military: Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Joshua Haden
Opening Prayer	David Mahoney
Communion Leader	Justin Mahoney
Communion Servers	
Clay Jackson	Millard Dowdle
Andy Parrish	David Shastid
Danny Driskell	Rick Newton
Darrell Olsen	Bronny Watson
Josh Newman	Don Ivy
Joshua Haden	David Baumgartner
Dan Gibson	
Scripture Reading	Justin Williams
Closing Prayer	James Olsen
Nursery	Ann Wylie & Hannah Blaylock
PM Song Leader	Justin Mahoney
PM Opening Prayer	Nicholas Tooley
PM Closing Prayer	Danny Driskell
Wed. Song Leader	Matt Newman
Wed. Invitation	Tim Cooke
April Contact Elder	Percell Milton