

A Life of Hope

by Travis Main

Hope is believing that a particular desire or expectation will be given based on the information that has been presented to you. For a Christian, this hope is Heaven. Heaven is a place where one will spend eternity praising the Lord and giving thanks to Him for coming into the world for us. But on earth, it is difficult sometimes to remember hope.

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Heb 11:1). In this small verse, God has told us to have faith in what we may not see or hear. “But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb 11:6). Therefore, we do not have to see the Lord to believe that He exist.

God has given us all things that we need in order to see Him without seeing Him. The complexities of this world still cannot be explained by man. The theories that man has invented attempt to justify without God, but they fail. Nothing can be explained without God’s divine wisdom. So with this in mind, we must have hope in Him.

Hope keeps a Christian doing right. It allows him to not give up on himself or other Christians. Even

when the world seems to tear your soul down, it is hope that allows us to continue and to keep our paths straight. God would never lie to us and He has made His promise that “Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16b).



In order to have hope in what the Lord promised, we need to obey Him. If we have obeyed Him, then “The Lord is not slacked concerning His promise” (2 Pet 3:9a). We need

to have faith that one day we will be with God if we have lived right and that without Him, there is no hope. Hope should be a comforting word for a Christian so that our souls can one day be at rest with Him in Heaven.

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Prayer List

Don Bowen has returned to Heritage Oaks Retirement Village, room 209.

Corrine Blackwell, former member of Westhill, passed away last Sunday evening. Please, keep her family in your prayers as they mourn this loss.

Continue to Remember: Yvonne Ainsworth, Robert Bess, Velma McDougald, Eula Parrish, Rita Compton, Meagan Gould, Dalton McCullough, Carl Schmidt, and Jayme Shafer.

Service Men: Clay Bayes, Jason Book, Alston Compton, Robert Johnson, Josh Moehring, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, Ryan Stewart, Morgan Weaver, Payton Weaver

Announcements

Former Member, Chanda Kellum, is celebrating her 90th birthday this Saturday, June 27. If you'd like to send a card, her address is on pg. 3.

Open House at Sam & Julie Dilbeck's House (1716 Bowie Circle) this Friday evening, June 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is invited to come see their newly remodeled kitchen and dining room!

Days in the Sun - The Kids for Christ (5th grade and younger) will have a service project on Sunday, June 28 in the Outreach Center following the morning worship service.

Online Registration for our Leadership Initiative, "Radical," is now open. All young men, aged 13-20, are encouraged to join us July 31 - Aug. 2. **Register online now** at www.westhillchurchofchrist.org.

10th Annual Ladies Retreat! Grab a friend and join us for a wonderful time Sep. 25-26 at Summers Mill in Salado, TX. Cost is \$65 for the retreat and \$12 for the T-shirt (optional). There's still room. Sign up before June 26 (this Friday) to reserve your spot!

The Ladies at Eastside Church of Christ invite our ladies to their 10th annual Ladies' Day program this Saturday, June 27 at 9:15 AM. Charlene Milton of Fairfield and Rowena Winfrey of Corsicana will speak on "Walk in the Light: Letting Your Light Shine for Jesus."

The Smithfield Church of Christ in North Richland Hills invites you to hear Dr. Dave Miller answer

the question, "Can We Know that God Exists?" Join them Friday & Saturday, July 10-11, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, July 12, at 9:00 & 10:00 AM.

The Ladies of the Smithfield Congregation in North Richland Hills invite you to their annual Ladies Day with Becky Blackman on Saturday, July 25.

Upcoming Westhill Events

July 13-15 - Vacation Bible School
July 18-23 - Mission Trip
July 31-Aug. 2 - Leadership Initiative

Birthdays This Week

June 21 - Jeanie Slaughter
June 22 - Carter Bearden, Callie Bearden, Paige Jennings
June 23 - Stacy Cook, Mitchell Del Signore
June 25 - David Mahoney
June 27 - Joe Glass, Jimmy Horn

Next Week's Class Rebuilding Jerusalem's Wall
Nehemiah 1-6

Records for June 14, 2015

Bible Class	131
AM Worship.....	202
PM Worship	106
Wednesday	65
Contribution	\$11,322.07

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Cory Myers
Opening Prayer	Gene Steinkraus
Communion Leader	David Shastid
Communion Servers	
Scott Barham	David Baumgartner
Bryan Bearden	Dan Gibson
Wade Hall	Don Ivy
Michael Jones	Buck Murphy
Rick Newton	Aubrey Parrish
Austin Roughton	
Closing Prayer	Zach Drain
Nursery	Tina & Emily Roughton
PM Song Leader	David Baumgartner
PM Opening Prayer	Carter Bearden
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