



**First Church of Christ**

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Sunday AM Worship.....10:30AM

Jr/Sr High Youth Activities.....6:00PM

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**The Many Facets of the Blood of Jesus**

There are many who want to reject the Gospel message of Christ because of the frequent and stressed reference to the blood of Christ being the focal point of Salvation. But that is exactly how it must be conveyed because only the blood of Christ turns away the wrath of God that demands our blood for our disobedience.

In the New Testament there are at least 35 references to the blood of Christ and in each one they testify to the great importance Christ’s blood has in the salvation and the daily life of the believer. Through these sections of Scripture we are given a definite description of what the blood of Jesus represents, and the power it holds. Judas, the man who betrayed Jesus, declared to the chief priests and elders saying, “*I have sinned by betraying innocent blood...*” (Matt. 27:4). The Apostle Peter referred to it as: “... *precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*” (I Peter 1:19). John the Revelator gave description this way, “...*we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.*” (I John 1:7), a cleansing blood. And in Rev. 1:5, “...*To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood.*” teaching us that it removes the guilt of our sin from us.

The Apostle Paul writes of the qualities of this blood as purchasing in Acts, “...*has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*” (Acts 20:28). And then in Ephesians he calls it redeeming, “*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses...*” (Eph. 1:7). Paul is declaring to us that the shedding of Christ’s blood to be the very price of our salvation.

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There are still other defining statements as to what the blood of Jesus represents. It is justifying, “*Much more then, having now been justified by His blood...*” (Rom. 5:9), God sees us just-as-if-I’d never sinned. The blood brings us peace, “*...having made peace through the blood of His cross...*” (Col. 1:20). The blood not only saves us, but it also sets us apart for Holy work for God, that being a simple definition of sanctification, “*Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood...*” (Heb. 13:12).

Borrowing from God’s Word, I want to look at the Alpha and the Omega; I want to look at the first book in the New Testament and then to the last book. The first reference we read to the blood of Jesus stresses 2 powerful aspects. Jesus makes a statement at the Last Supper that shows an infinite and eternal power in His blood, “*for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.*” (Matt. 26:28). The writer of Hebrews supports this, as is written: “*...through the blood of the eternal covenant...*” (Heb. 13:20). We then turn to the last book in the New Testament, “*And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.*” (Rev. 12:11). This is the last reference in the Bible to what the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ does for us. And it is in this passage that we are told it is an overcoming blood. The blood of Christ strengthens us to stand up against the deceptions, and lies, and accusations of Satan, and defeat him.

As Christians we need to make sure that no one make light of, or downgrade the importance of the blood of Jesus. “*How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?*” (Heb. 10:29). The blood of Christ is always pure, forever precious, wholly justifying, continually cleansing us, and completely consecrating us!

In His service,

Doug

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
May 11 4:00PM . . . . . First Care Ministry 6:30PM . . . . . Walk Through 7:15PM . . . . . Worship Ministry	May 18 6:30PM . . . . . Walk Through
May 14 2-5PM . . . Open House (Paul Nolen)	May 20 7:00PM . . . . . First Care Spring Program
May 15 6:00PM . . . . . Family Movie Night	May 22 6:00PM . . . Evening Study at FCC
May 16 7:00PM . . . . . Leadership meeting	May 25 6:30PM . . . . . Walk Through
	May 28 10:00AM . . . . Ladies Bible Study

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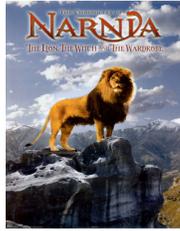
## *You Are Invited!*

Please join us for Paul Nolen's Graduation Open House on Saturday, May 14th. Will be held in church basement from 2PM—5PM.

## *Chronicles of Narnia*

Come and be a part of our Family Movie Night, every 3rd Sunday of the month, as we get started on the series "The Chronicles of Narnia".

First movie of the series, "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe", will be shown Sunday, May 15th at 6PM.



## *Leadership Meeting*

Next Leadership meeting is Monday, May 16th at 7:00PM.

Doug Nolen will lead devotions from the book "Simple Church", pages 120 through 134.

## *Donations for Church Camp*

Camp is just around the corner—next month! There are many items needed to help with church camp. Please look at the wall out in the church foyer, where there are tags posted. If you are able to help, take tag(s) and bring purchased item(s) to the church and place on table. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

## *A Note from First Care*

As we are approaching the end of our preschool year, we are preparing for our Spring Program. We currently have eighty-eight children enrolled here and have thirteen staff members. Forty-eight of the eighty-eight children will be participating in our program. This is one of the biggest groups we have had in a long time! Please come and join us Friday, May 20th at 7:00PM as our children get up on the stage and show what they have learned this year. Your support means so much to us and we thank you for all that you have done to help us this year.

Marjorie

## *Sunday Evening Study*

First Church of Christ will have evening studies every 2nd and 4th Sundays. First study begins Sunday, May 22nd at 6:00PM.

## *Ladies Bible Study*

The ladies will meet on Saturday, May 28th at 10:00AM.



## *Graduate Recognition Dinner*

We are having a 5th Sunday Carry-In Dinner on May 29th, immediately following AM Worship. We will also recognize our grads at that time. Just bring a covered dish. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

## *Prayer Concerns*

### Those Who Need to Become Christians

#### Home (Health Concerns):

Ruth Cole; Heather Good; Karmen Kellams;  
Bob & Helen Stewart; Elaine Wells; Esther Williams

#### Our Missionaries including:

Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission

### Those Serving in the Military

#### Home (Cancer):

Bob Bretzinger—Sandy Thornburg's brother  
Trinity Buck—classmate of Olivia Thurston (2nd Grade)  
Pamela Cole— Charlie & Ruth Cole's daughter-in-law  
Janice Dill—Bob Thornburg's sister

### Assisted Living and/or Nursing home:

#### **Modoc Group Home:**

Rochella Newland

#### **Randolph Nursing Home:**

Virginia Frazier

#### **Summers Pointe:**

Beulah Kirk  
Ruth Welch

**These names and concerns have been reported or updated to the church in the last month. If you have a prayer request that the church family needs to be aware of, please contact the church office.**

## *Servant Spotlight* *by Rebecca Glunt*

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28). As this writer interviewed Sue and Pete Hill, it became apparent why these verses would be some of Sue's favorite verses. Pete and Sue Hill have been married for 52 years and have lived in this area nearly their whole lives. They had been in school together at the Lynn School, and dated off and on while Sue was in nurses training at Reid Hospital in Richmond. They were engaged towards the end of Sue's training at Reid. When Pete graduated, they moved to Taylor University, while Sue worked to put Pete through school. They are the parents of Tim and Steve Hill, and have grandchildren and great grandchildren that they enjoy as well.

After Pete graduated from Taylor University, they moved back to Lynn, where they have been active in the church and in the community. Pete had worked as a teacher in Richmond and was in banking for 26 years. Pete has also been faithful in his calling to teach Sunday School classes, as he has taught for 50 years. One of Pete's first church teaching assignments was the seventh grade Sunday School class. His class met in one of the former coal bin areas due to the large number of people attending the church at that time. Pete has also served as an elder, deacon and a trustee throughout the years. Sue has taught Sunday School classes, has led the teen choir, and has worked in the nursery. They have also served in many other ways in the church over the years.

Besides being involved in the church, they have also been involved in the community. Pete and Sue have both worked with and helped to start up the Jay Randolph Developmental Center for handicapped persons such as Steve, as he has Down's syndrome. This is an organization in which persons with disabilities can work after they turn 18 years of age. Previously, the Hills served on Southern's School Board for many years, as well as on the Substance Abuse Task Force. Pete has also served on the Lynn Library Board and in the Lions Club in the past.

Pete and Sue have been committed to helping Steve reach his full potential. Steve received a Certificate of Completion from Crestdale. He enjoys reading his large print Bible given to him from his grandpa Jim. He read Matthew 28:6 for this writer, which states, “He is not here; he is risen just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” One thing that you may not know about Steve is that he also enjoys being in a signing choir that has gone to places such as Washington D.C. and the Indianapolis State House to perform.

This writer believes that the Hills have worked hard to make a difference in their family, their church and in their community, living by some of Pete's favorite words from scripture from I John 2:15 which states, “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world the love of the Father is not in him.”