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Crack the Sky (and Take Me Home)

*I know you've got me where you want me to be
I know you've got a plan to use even me but I long for you
So, now I'll work until you're ready for me, I don't know
if I can guarantee that I'll never cry, never try to get to you*

*Come on and Crack the sky for me, Come on and
Crack the sky and take me home, Take me home,
Come on and crack the sky for me, Come on and
Crack the sky and take me home, Take me home tonight*

Mylon LeFerve has had a long and blessed career in Christian music circles. He will always be known for that great hymn “*Without Him (I Could Do Nothing)*.” I will always cherish his song “*Crack the Sky*” that he recorded with his band *Broken Heart*. He sings of the Blessed Hope and Paul wrote that we should be **looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ in Titus 2:13**. Paul states plainly in his letter to Titus that grace teaches us to look for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

In Titus 2:12, Paul educates Titus as to what God’s grace teaches us: that we should deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and that we should live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age while wait for His return. The Lord’s return has never been more imminent. The signs and birth pains are evident and Bible prophecies are being realized right before our very eyes. Jesus instructs us to keep our eyes open so that we are not deceived or fooled by the signs indicating the End Times are near. In other words, grace teaches us to expect and prepare for our **Blessed Hope**. That **hope** is not heaven or glory, but Jesus Himself, face to face.

We must understand that prophecy is important to God and He desires us to discern His plan for the future. There are more than 900 prophecies in the Bible concerning the second coming of Jesus Christ. Yet we don’t just wait for the coming of Jesus; we live in active expectation of the return of Jesus. We are **looking for it**. **Matthew 24:33** says, *Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.*

Seeing the signs played out in the news can cause despair, anxiety, and confusion. But Jesus tells us to be encouraged for *“When these things begin to take place stand up and lift up your Head because your redemption is drawing near.” (Luke 21:28)* He also said in *Matthew 24:27* – *“For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”* Soon the sky will crack and the Lord will take us home!

Keep the Faith,

Bro. Andrew

Copies of the Sunday Sermon Outline, Eligible Deacon list, July Financial Statement, Proposed Committees and Nursery sign-up sheet will be on the table in the back of the social hall.

Alpha Pregnancy Center

Prayer needs:

Final architect plans to be finished
Construction to begin
Skilled labor to help with construction
Volunteers in daily operation
Volunteer training scheduled

Financial needs:

Construction materials
Room furnishings
Ultrasound machine

Work Day 9/5 and 9/12 7 am to 3 pm
Deconstruction of interior

Questions: Contact Ami Mejia 229-220-1901

Make checks payable to: Luke 10 Ministries

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, September 12

Let's saturate Pelham with a Jesus Film!

We will be going door to door handing out the Jesus film and other information

Tuesday 9/8 & (Wednesday 9/9 if needed)
9 am - 12 noon pack bags for distribution

Saturday 9/12
9 am meet at FBC Pelham
9 am - until handing out bags in Pelham

We will continue to have prayer and bulletin information on the website (pelhamfbc.org), our Facebook page and mail out to those without computers or cell phones connected to the internet.

*Praise God from
whom
all blessings flow*

Georgia Baptist Children's Home Food Drive

September 13 - October 18.

The items will be **collected by the churches during that time**



Pelham will be collecting:

Dawn Dishwashing liquid

We will have a box in the office & social hall September 6th

OBEDIENCE, a word that we try to instill into our children's minds from a very early age until they leave our home and are on their own. It's also a word that we think we can grow out of as we get older, we like to think that we reach an age when we are no longer required to "obey" anyone! We certainly don't want to be told that we must "obey or else" and we really don't relish the thought that we are expected to. God has promised blessings to those who will obey!

In our Wed night youth studies and in our family devotions of the Kings of Israel and Judah, there are 2 main truths that we learn from God:

1. God blesses obedience and He punishes unrepentant disobedience! We see that it does not matter if you are the king's son as Solomon and ehoboam (1 Kings 3:14, 9:4-5), the son of a servant as Jeroboam (1 Kings 11:38) or a prophet of the LORD (1 Kings 13:9), obedience is commanded and expected!

2. God is a sovereign God! God chooses when He blesses and when He punishes. It may be difficult to read where 2 different prophets of the Lord disobeyed God, (1 Kings 13:11-26, 20:35-37) and God punished them immediately. Then we read how Ahab was such an evil king all his reign and when he "humbled himself" before God, God held his punishment until later!

How do we comprehend this?

We have peace with these things by trusting God that He is both Holy and Sovereign. He knows the true heart of each person, He knows the true outcome of each situation, He knows what is best in every life, He knows the whole picture from the view of eternity, He is never surprised, He never makes a mistake, He is never fooled or tricked, He never loses and He never will!

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever" Heb 13:8

The children's song goes like this:

Obedience is the very best way, to show that you believe;
Doing exactly what the Lord commands, doing it happily;
Action is the key, do it immediately, joy you will receive;
Obedience is the very best way, to show that you believe!

Let's be obedient to Him and love the unsaved like Christ would and did for us! Let's share the good news of Jesus to everyone we come in contact with!

Harold

Trust in the Sovereignty of God

Our Members Birthdays in the Month of September

4	Glenda Rich	26	Eleanor Pollock
5	John Gray	28	Joyce Richter
7	Kaleb Bentley	28	Russell Leasburg
11	Judy Adams	30	Lula Scott
11	Pam Harris	30	Mary Strickland
12	Robert Carroll		
13	Joshua Kitchens		
13	Tyler Edenfield		
15	Julia Harris		
16	Jimmy Godwin		
16	Dovie Ross		
17	David Daughtry		
18	John Butler		
21	Austin Bentley		
21	Chris Cranford		
22	Carey Butler		
22	Chris Singleton		
24	Meagan Kitchens		
25	Greg Scott		
26	Judy Conley		



Look Who's Having
a Birthday!

September 20, 2020 National Back to Church Sunday

Join us in an intensive effort across the area to
reclaim those who have been out of church for a while.

Activate The Prayer Chain Contact:

Tina Sellers 294-8443
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Deacons of the Month

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Prayer List

MEMBERS

Nan Chapman	windpipe
Larry Frosteg	medical
Mary Grant	medical/heart
Deborah Anderson Hall	medical/heart
Janice James	recovering foot surgery
Amy Lock	medical/tests
Glenda Rich	medical
David Wells	medical
David Willis	medical

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Edwin Adams (Wells)	bone cancer
Kim Aldridge (Gray)	medical
Eula Beckwith	medical
Mark Bodin	eye surgery
Benny Britt (Monday)	bladder cancer
Matthew Bullock (Wells)	medical/surgery
David Burt (Smith)	cancer/spiritual
David Chapman	medical
Sumner Conger (Long)	medical
Richard Cox	cancer
Lisa Ezell (Strickland)	medical/kidney
Nadine Faircloth (Feagin)	cancer
Olivia Hampton	medical
Randy Harris (James)	liver cancer
Dorothy Lock (Amy)	medical
Ricky Marshall (Lock)	medical
Jeannie Mellow (Lock)	medical
Jean Murphy (Monday)	medical
John Murphy (Monday)	medical
Tim Patton (Smith)	Eye Retina replacement
Doug Riggs (Bozeman)	lung cancer
Lincoln Rogers (Strickland)	baby-tumor on heart
Kevin Royal (D Bodin)	financial
Dorothy Sizemore	bone cancer
James Sizemore	medical
Randy Sizemore	leukemia/hospital
Candace Trimble (Monday)	medical
David Trimble (Monday)	medical

Our World City of Pelham City of Camilla
 Our Schools Remember the spiritual needs in our
 Community Pregnancy Center for Mitchell County

Happening at FBC

Sunday 8:45 am

Sunday School - Live stream on Facebook @ First Baptist Church Pelham **We will be meeting in-person Sunday, August 30 - see insert for times and room.**

11:00 am Worship Service - in - person services or

Live stream on Facebook @ First Baptist Church Pelham

Speaker: Rev. Don Cable

6:00 pm Family Prayer & Fasting

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Children's Bible Story - on Facebook @ First Baptist Church Pelham

Facebook @ Awana - First Baptist Church

Youth Games and Bible study (**in-person**) 6:30 pm at Camp Crosspoint

Announcements:

PLEASE, contact your deacon or the church staff if you need anything at all, especially our elderly, we want you to stay safe from this virus!

Offerings may also be dropped off at the church office mailed to P.O. Box 287 Pelham or on-line at our church website (pelhamfbc.org) follow the link

"Experiencing God" Bible Study Be a part of a small group as we study "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby beginning week of September 13th

Small Groups and Times

Sundays	6:00 pm	@ Fellowship Hall
Mondays	7:00 pm	Ladies @ FBC Youth room
Tuesdays	12 noon	Men @FBC Youth room
Wednesdays		Youth @ FBC Youth room

Budget Info

Budget needs:
\$ 262,455.52

Budget receipts:
\$ 252,114.31

This Week's Bible Reading

August 31- Sept 6

Rev. 14
 Rev. 15
 Rev. 16
 Rev. 17
 Rev. 18
 Rev. 19
 Rev. 20

This Week's Memory Verse

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev. 20:15 esv

Weekly Bible Reading for September

Sept. 7 - 13	Sept. 14 - 20	Sept. 21 - 27	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4
Rev. 21	Psalms 6	Psalms 13	Psalms 20
Rev. 22	Psalms 7	Psalms 14	Psalms 21
Psalms 1	Psalms 8	Psalms 15	Psalms 22
Psalms 2	Psalms 9	Psalms 16	Psalms 23
Psalms 3	Psalms 10	Psalms 17	Psalms 24
Psalms 4	Psalms 11	Psalms 18	Psalms 25
Psalms 5	Psalms 12	Psalms 19	Psalms 26

Welcome Back to Sunday School!

Sunday School

8:45 am	Facebook live w/Harold and Cindy
9:40 am	Children's Opening Rally! - Choir room
9:40 am	Teens will be assisting in the opening rally
9:45 am	Adult classes meet
10:00 am	Children's classes meet
10:00 am	Teen classes will meet in the rooms 204 & 206 upstairs

Sunday School Classes

Nursery		107	Nursery hall
2 yrs	M Bentley	105	Nursery hall
3-4 yrs	P Harris	103	Nursery hall
Pre K/K	NeSmith	101	Nursery hall
1-3 gr	K Wilson	203	
4-6 gr	D Hurst	201	
7-12 gr girls	C Smith	204	
7-12 gr boys	H Smith	206	
College	D Bodin	208	
Career	A Chaffer	211	
Couples	N Hilliard	106	
Ladies	LJ Gray	Library	
Ladies	D Fenn	NFH	
Ladies	S Long	NFH	
Ladies	M Williams	NFH	
Men	J Godwin	108	