

Church of Christ

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Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Are You a Christian?

**Do you know what you must
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully –
Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible Question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

The Park Street Informer

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Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook and Drew Shinn.

Prayer List

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Tom Thrasher, Robert Hook, Sandra and George Rowell, Tina Thomas, Millie Robertson, and Margie Chastain.

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

5th Sunday Potluck – December 31st
Game Afternoon – December 31st
Questions and Answers – December 31st
Ladies Bible Marking – January 7th following morning worship.
Ladies Bible Study – January 13th at 10:00 am.
Men’s Meeting – January 14th

Truth Seekers

Starting Jan. 7th Truth Seekers will be moving to Sunday Night following evening worship. Come join us on the front pew!

Passage to Ponder: Hebrews 4:11

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Sunday Sermons

A.M.....Let us Labor
P.M..... Questions and Answers

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity, as another year comes to a close, to express my gratitude and appreciation for everything thing that this congregation does for me but more importantly for the Lord. Sarah, the kids, and I are so thankful for each and every one of you. Let us look forward to another year of laboring together for God and make the best of 2024! – Zac Hall

Those To Serve

December 31st, 2023

Morning Worship

Announcements

Steve Phillips

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

Preside

Steve Phillips

Assist

Ed Hanson

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Ed Hanson

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wed. Jan. 3rd, 2024

Song Leader

Ed Hanson

Invitation

George Thomas

CHRISTIAN'S HOPE IS LAID UP IN HEAVEN

Dan Goddard

"WE GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, PRAYING ALWAYS FOR YOU, SINCE WE HEARD OF YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS AND OF YOUR LOVE FOR ALL THE SAINTS; BECAUSE OF THE HOPE WHICH IS LAID UP FOR YOU IN HEAVEN, OF WHICH YOU HEARD BEFORE IN THE WORD OF THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL" (**Colossians 1:3-5**).

Paul gives thanks to God because of the hope which was laid up in heaven for the saints. "Hope" (elpida) denotes a confident expectation of receiving something in the future. A Christian's hope of eternal life (**Titus 1:2, 3:7**) is confident because of God's promises—not because of himself (**Hebrews 6:13-18**).

But, if it (i.e., hope) is certain, why is it called hope? Paul explains in **Romans 8:24-25** that it is hope because it is not seen—it has not been received.

But how can we be certain of receiving something that has not been seen? **Hebrews 11:1** says: "NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN." So our hope of eternal life is hope because it has not been seen or received, and is confident because of faith.

Paul told the Colossians that their hope was laid up for them in heaven (**Colossians 1:5**). Laid up (apokeimeun) denotes: laid away, reserved, stored up. Nothing on earth illustrates a certain hope. But, it is similar to a young child who has a certain expectation of eating tomorrow. He has not received the next days' food, yet he is confident that the food will be there to eat. And, it is similar to reserving a hotel room with a credit card—the room is reserved and awaiting the traveler; it cannot be given to anyone else and cannot be canceled except by the one who has reserved the room. The traveler has not seen the room, the traveler has not received the room, but the traveler has a confident expectation of receiving the room.

"Laid up" is also used of the crown of righteousness (**2 Timothy 4:8**), death (**Hebrews 9:27**), and subsequent judgment. There are two things

reserved and inescapable for each person—death and judgment. For Christians, there is one other thing laid up—eternal life, a crown of righteousness.

Jesus says: "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS; IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME AGAIN AND RECEIVE YOU TO MYSELF; THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YOU MAY BE ALSO" (**John 14:2-3**).

Think about this: If you are a Christian, you have a mansion in heaven laid up for you, reserved for you, and awaiting your arrival. Metaphorically: Your mansion in heaven has your name on it; it cannot be taken or occupied by anyone else. You are the only person that can cancel your reservation—if you don't cancel it, you'll receive it after your brief pilgrimage on earth.

Do you have an earnest expectation and hope (**Philippians 1:20**) of eternal life? If not, nothing is keeping you from it but yourself. If you do, then give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light (**Colossians 1:12**).