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From Where I Sit . . .

"Blessed Are The Dead..."

The book of **Revelation** is a wonderful book – yet a frightening book to most people because of all the symbols and the great difficulty we have understanding it all. To simplify the book, however, one could say accurately that it was written to show John things that must shortly come to pass, and was written for the **purpose of helping real people in a real world** look beyond distress and persecution to the victory that is assured in Jesus Christ.

Victory assured to the faithful is the overall theme of the book. Jesus is portrayed as the lamb that was slain and has prevailed, and overcoming saints are pictured as reigning with the Lord in the beautiful city of God. In **Revelation 14:13**, John hears a voice that pronounces a state of blessedness upon those who "die in the Lord." They shall "rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Just as Jesus pronounced special blessedness, or happiness 9 different times in the Sermon on the Mount of Matthew Chapter 5, upon those who are "Poor in Spirit," "They that Mourn," "The Merciful," "The Meek," "The Pure in Heart," "The Hungry for Righteousness," "The Peacemakers," "The Persecuted For Righteousness Sake," and "Those who are Reviled, Persecuted, and Falsely Spoken Evil Of," John uses the very same word here to describe the bliss of the one who has walked faithful with the Lord, and comes to the end of his journey and dies in the Lord.

Our ultimate joy and hope lies in the precious provision God has made for a life beyond the grave which is promised us in Jesus Christ. While there are many obstacles that one might have to cross in getting to that goal, the Holy Spirit wants us to see that the reward of eternal life is worth the endeavor and that bliss awaits the faithful. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:17-18).

John's writing in **Revelation 14:13** is as relevant and as needed today as it ever was. Christians need to be reminded of the importance of staying faithful to the Lord and He will give us the great reward which lies beyond the suffering and distress in life. It's a wonderful thing to know that God knows and that God cares. In time of severe persecution God's people desperately needed a message of encouragement. The Lord sent this message to emphasize that he knew what was going on, that he was standing in the midst of the churches, and that the forces of evil would not succeed in destroying the church. He didn't want the people to be discouraged.

There are two key concepts we need to consider in view of this great promise: First, **Be Hopeful**: There is rest for the weary. There is hope in Christ Jesus. The Revelator saw pictures of a new day dawning in a heavenly realm where saints would reign with God forever with no tears, no sorrow, and no pain. Peter saw New Heavens and New Earth (2 Peter 3:13). Second, **Be Faithful**: This promise is only to the faithful – those who die in the Lord – who remain stedfast to the end.

... Terry Broome



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Mary Lawrence has been transferred to Cloverdale Manor to receive physical therapy. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

Tammy McGuire is doing well following a surgical procedure. She also received encouraging news from a recent PET scan.

Buddy Holt had his cast removed and is making good progress. Please pray for him.

Sandra Pounders, the sister of J. A. Sharp, former member at Broad Street, has been diagnosed with ALS. She would appreciate everyone's prayers. Her address is 3020 Old Moulton Road, Decatur, AL 35603.

Ron Gardner, father of Joel, received encouraging results from recent tests and no further treatments are needed at this time.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

D.L. Little

Irene Gist

Lee Ann Manning

Ray Latham

Ginger Myers

Donna Pace

Carol Bell

Elsie Goodman

LaRue Anderson

Sam Wright

Harold Reynolds

Judy Roberts

Nellie Spring

Mary Hodge, 88 Sumner Dr., 35769.

Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley.

Hudson Coldwell, Martha Pendley's grandson.

Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

Benn Farr, cousin of several of our members.

Vickie Farr, sister of Charlotte Vinson,4319 Hanging Moss Dr. Orange Park, FL 32073.

Malachi Hill, 6 month old grandson of Pam Hill (Gerald Helton's fiancé).

Jeanine McCrary, mother of Johnny, Highlands Health & Rehab.

Rhonda Harrison, sister of Brenda Devers, 74 Sarah Betty Lane, Apt. B1, Scottsboro, 35769.

Roger Alley, son-in-law of David & Margaret Crawford and brother-in-law of Ralph & Tammy Cook,12931 AL Hwy 79, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

Shep Knight, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

Jordan McCormack, US Navy

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy-Reserve

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

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Calendar of Upcoming Events—

March 26 — VOA Group home visit— 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

One	
Measure	Wed. Bible Study. 147 Sunday Bible Study. 155 Sun. A.M. Worship 241
Of Our Love	Sun. Night Worship.154Contribution.\$7353.00Budget.\$7556.00

YOUTH EVENTS

March 25-27 – Spring Retreat at Camp Neyati

April 10 – Lunch & Egg Hunt, MPR

June 8-10 – Vacation Bible School

June 26-30 – Summer Bible Camp



Dear brothers and sisters you have a special invitation to go with a group of us to the VOA Group Home for an evening of beautiful singing and Bible reading. Join us on Saturday, March 26th from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

We rejoice that Charlene Cobb came forward last Sunday evening asking for forgiveness of the elders, minister, and all the Broad Street church of Christ members. She also would like to be identified as a member of this congregation. We appreciate Charlene's sincerity and we welcome her back.



The war in Ukraine rages on and millions of people are being uprooted, including many brethren in Christ. Your generosity in the last two weeks raised \$8,340. The Elders upped that amount to \$11,000 which was transferred to our contact in

Ukraine. Prayers are extremely important as well.

Gospel Meeting: The Central Church of Christ in Rainsville is hosting a Gospel Meeting April 3-6 with Danny Rader from the Bridgeport Church of Christ doing the preaching. Times are Monday - Wednesday at 7 p.m.



Our sincere condolences are extended to those that have lost loved ones recently. Please remember them in your prayers.

Jerry Hass, cousin of Jeremy Paschal, passed away on March 20th. His funeral service will be on Friday in Rossville, GA.

Johnny Wininger, cousin of David Precise, passed away on Tuesday night. Arrangements are pending.



Jaxie Hargrave is now a resident of Rosewood Manor. Her address is Address Change 1513 County Park Rd., 35769.

Please join us for a group lunch in the MPR and egg hunt after the morning services on Sunday, April 10th. Please sign up at the 🦼 bulletin board if you plan 📥 on attending and to bring a food item. The 4th and 6th grade puppet teams



will meet after the egg hunt to have their final practice before Lads convention. Older KFC kids may help hide the eggs if they do not wish to hunt. Please sign up by Wednesday, April 6th, so we have enough eggs.

NO PUPPET PROGRAM - March 27, 2022 YOUNG MEN'S TRAINING NIGHT

Thank you so much, boys and girls, and all you adults who will be where we are before you know it!! What Chad didn't ask was what were we earning in 1960-1970. Sometimes we could only barely afford a dozen eggs and a loaf of bread! So Seize The Moment! Thank you all,

Attendees of the Young at Heart Banquet

The Grass is Always Greener

Why do people have this need to be something that they are not, to go somewhere else and live in a "better" place? If we're short, we want to be tall. If we're giants, we want to be normal. If we live in the city, we want to have open land and no noise of the city life. Of course, this scenario is not always true, there are some people that are happy where they live, the way they look, and everything else, too. However, I would say, for most people there is something about their life they wish were different. And the phrase comes to mind, "Be careful what you wish for."

On the other hand, the phrase that rings out for me concerning this topic is "the grass is always greener." I wrote a song with a friend one time concerning not being happy where you are and with what you have, it was called, "It's a Long Way." The point of the song is that we are always searching for something better than what we have, but it feels so far away from where we are right now. But, if we ever find it, often times we finally realize what we had at the beginning was already home and what we want anyway, we just didn't know it or appreciate it until we weren't there and didn't have it.

The "other side" of the grass always seems like it's better, even though it's always full of it's own problems, too! We just can't see them because it's too far away and there's a fence separating us. We glorify things in our head and imagine that it would be so much better than what we have now because we don't see the struggles on the other side. One line of the song says "When you think that happiness is something to hold and you think the world has what you want, don't be too discouraged, you are not alone...

" I John 2:15-17 says: "15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever"

Don't worry if the grass is greener, just appreciate your little patch and remember, it's not yours anyway, it's all GOD's grass!!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP. Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY...... Sunday 9:00 A.M.

and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS. Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

Those to Serve...

SUNDAY, March 27, 2022

Announcements: Trey Russell Song Leader: Mark Price Prayer: Brad Wilhelm Serve at the Lord's Table: **Presiding: Vince Lanev** Speaker: Terry Broome

Closing Prayer: C.B. Laney

Ushers: Dave Bagley & Jay Jay Bagley

P.M. SERVICE:

Song Leader: Chad Brown Scripture: David Dover **Prayer: Pat Russell** Speaker: Terry Broome

Lord's Supper: Tim Allen & Grady Gattis

Closing Prayer: Ed Clayson

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:

Scripture: Grady Gattis Song Leader: Will Robinson

Prayer: David Precise

CONTACT ELDER: Brad Wilhelm OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

John A. Porch

If you are unable to serve, please call: Dave Precise 256-599-6668

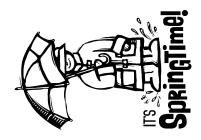
The Learning Center Pre-School (Infants - 4 yrs.) Debra Wilhelm, Director ♦ 259-0005

First Class

If you go to worship to hear something other The Word of God (the Bible) never changes

You have gone for the wrong reason.

If you hear something other,



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The clock of life is wound but once,

THE CLOCK OF LIFE

To tell just when the hands will stop

At late or early hour.

And no man has the power

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,

To lose one's health is more,

To lose one's soul is such a loss

The present only is our own,

That no man can restore.

ROBERT H. SMITH

For the Clock may then be still

Place no faith in "Tomorrow, So live, love, toil with a will