From Where I Sit . . .

“The Hope Of The Christian”

When our loved ones come to the end of their earthy journey there is rightfully much sadness. This sadness is mostly for ourselves. We were the greater because our loved one was with us, and we are at a loss because he or she is now gone. We all owe it to our families to leave them something when the time of our death comes. This something could be described with many different words: Peace of mind as opposed to emptiness and depression; Reassurance of a reunion as opposed to utter finality; Hope for tomorrow after a blessed resurrection. Our loved ones need to know that we died in full hope and assurance of eternal life with the Lord. Not only do we owe this to our loved ones, but we owe it to ourselves as well.

A Christian can die bravely and full of hope. The Word of God assures us that 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. Bliss awaits the faithful. Thus the Spirit has revealed to us in God’s Word these words of comfort and hope:

2 Cor 4:17-18 “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.”

We must Be Hopeful. There is rest for the weary. There is Hope in Christ Jesus. John 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 calls this a Hope for “…an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (I Peter 1:4).

He further declares this hope and admonishes us to be prepared so we may enjoy it: (2 Peter 3:13-14) “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”

John, the Revelator encourages us with these words: (Rev. 22:14) “Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

The Apostle Paul spoke of the assurance he had in the Lord as he faced imminent death: (II Timothy 4:6-8) “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

The common denominator to all these words of hope are found in Revelation 14:13 and the phrase “die in the Lord.” “Revelation 14:13 (KJV) “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

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

**Vara Stiles** had many brackets, plates and screws inserted during her ankle surgery. She has had several rough days and is recovering at her daughter’s home. Please keep Vara in your prayers.

**Sam Wright** came home on Monday evening. He rested well his first night home. Keep Sam & Roxie in your prayers.

**Haley Hastings** had knee replacement surgery a few weeks ago and is recuperating at her aunt’s home in Henagar. She is facing a replacement surgery of the other knee in the near future.

**Becky Russell** will undergo back surgery on July 7th. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Izella Proctor** is recovering at home. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Tammy McGuire** is doing well in her recovery. She will begin chemotherapy after she heals from surgery. Please keep Tammy in your prayers.

**Stan Hastings** continues intensive chemotherapy treatments. This round of treatments are scheduled through July and then he will possibly have another scan at that time. Continue to pray for Stan and Joyce.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST**

Ginger Myers
Pat Washburn
Cheryl Ellis
X’shi Ana Benavides
Irene Gist
Mary Lawrence
Polly Franklin
Sophronia Burney
Ken Lawrence, Sr.
Harold Reynolds
Judy Roberts
Mary Nell Gonce King
Holly Cobb
Jackie Evans, employee of Woods Cove Florist, 2661 Snodgrass Rd. 35769.

**Judy Tidwell McBride**, member at Larkinsville, 322 Co. Rd. 15, Woodville, AL 35776.


**Judy Solomon**, sister of Martha Pendley.

**Winston Busby**, brother of Doris Laney, 198 Weaver Rd., Henagar, AL 35978.

**Martha Kimbrough** 1500 Locust Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801.

**Sally Abbott**, aunt of Bill Price, 440 2nd St., S Naples, FL 34102-8620.

**Shep Knight**, child of Jo Reed Brumley’s cousin.

**Lisa Erwin**, niece of Buddy & Donna Pace, 848 Pinemeadow Dr., Gardendale, AL 35071.

**Tom and Mary Ann Worst**, Libby Crona’s brother & sister-in-law.

**Dale Lemley**, sister of Nancy Miles.

**Cecil Wilkes**, grandmother of Nick Ledbetter.

**Jordan McCormack**, US Navy

**Trent McCormack**, US Navy

**Jordan Holt**, US Navy

**Abigail Holt**, US Navy

**Nathan Bridges**, US Air Force- Reserve

**Paige Chrisman**, US Air Force

**Philip Doan**, US Marine Corps-Reserve

**Nathaniel Doan**, US Marine Corps

**Anthony Worst**, US Marine Corps

**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND**

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**Calendar of Upcoming Events**—

June 24 — Summer Series speaker: Lonnie Jones

July 1 — Summer Series speaker: Danny Rader

**Just4Youth!**

Aug. 1 — VBS
Last Sunday, Major Ledbetter confessed Christ before the congregation and was baptized for the remission of sins. We are so thankful for his tender heart and his desire to follow Christ.

MY SHADOW
by Charles Cash

“They brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them” (Acts 5:15).

There is an old song, “Me and My Shadow.” Each of us does have a shadow — our influence. As the tiniest hair will cast a shadow, each life casts its shadow of influence. You have been influenced by the lives of others, for better or for worse, and you will influence others. We pass this way but once, how important it is for our influence to cast a shadow of blessing.

Tertullian, one of the early church leaders, said that he and most of the converts who came out of paganism in his day were won to Christ, not by books and sermons, but by observing how Christians lived and died.

Phillip Brooks wrote, “No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure, and good without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.”

“The lightest breeze that ever blew
Some slender grass has wavered;
The smallest life I ever knew
Some other life has flavored.”

If I walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He will shed on my way. He will make my shadow a blessing.

A Story About a President

The story is told of U.S President James Garfield’s first Sunday in Washington, D.C. after his inauguration. A member of the cabinet insisted that a cabinet meeting must be called at 10:00 a.m. the following day (Sunday), to handle a matter that threatened a national crisis. Garfield refused on the grounds of another appointment. The cabinet member then insisted that the national matter was of such great importance that the President should break his engagement.

Garfield refused. Then the cabinet member remarked, “I would be interested to know with whom you could have an engagement so important that it cannot be broken.” Garfield replied, “I will be as frank as you are. My engagement is with the Lord, to meet Him at His house and at His table at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, and I shall be there.”

The President was at worship services the next morning. The nation survived the crisis. President Garfield was a member of the Lord’s church.

The Lord’s statement is still true. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Do you keep your appointments with the Lord?
He Knows

Though now ascended up on high,
He bends on earth a brother’s eye;
Partaker of the human name,
He knows the frailty of our frame.

Our fellow sufferer yet retains
A fellow-feeling of our pains;
And still remembers in the skies
His tears, His agonies and cries.

In every pang that rends the heart
The Man of sorrows has a part;
He sympathizes with our grief,
And to the sufferer sends relief.