

Announcements & Prayer Requests

- Let's keep the following in our prayers:
 - Perez family – In quarantine; Amoz in contact with someone at school who tested positive for COVID-19
 - John Wolfe – Recovering from successful hand surgery; early lung cancer diagnosis
 - Kim Self – stomach ulcers and weekly Chemo treatments
 - Angie Self – arthritis and Parkinson's
 - Joann Larkin – advanced dementia
 - Barb Agee's son (James)
 - Bernida Wolfe's father – dementia and Parkinson's; now in hospice care
 - Rick Parks' parents – Roy has prostate cancer; Helen has dementia
 - Jimmy Woodall's sister – cancer
 - Dorothy Macon, Sandra Perez's grandmother – Dementia
 - Frank Wineinger, Sandra Perez's uncle – stage 4 cancer

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear Gospel – Rom. 10:17; Acts 8:30-31
- Believe – Heb. 11:6; Mk. 16:16
- Repent of & Turn from Sins – Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess our Faith – Rom. 10:10; Mt. 10:32
- Baptism – Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith** [Believe], having our **hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience** [Repent] and our **bodies washed with pure water** [Baptism]. Let us **hold fast the confession** [Confess] of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to **stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. – *Heb. 10:22-25*



CHURCH OF CHRIST

Invitation

'Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' – Mt. 22:9

Address

5080 Highway 70 East
Rockwood, TN 37854

Assembly Times

Sunday Bible Study – 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship – 11:00 AM

Please text/email any announcements, questions, or concerns to Bill Fix, (865) 934-9239 or fix.bill@gmail.com



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We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and members. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let one of us know.

Adult Bible Class – Eph. 4:28ff

Sermon Topic – Four Liars According to John

Memory verse:

He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. – *Ps. 91:4*

The Sin of Doing Nothing

Author Unknown (ORACLE, July 23, 1989)

He made no mistakes, took no wrong roads,
He never fumbled the ball.
He never went down 'neath the weight of the load.
He simply did nothing at all.

He lost no hard fights in defense of the right;
He never bled with his back to the wall.
He never fell faint in his climb to the light;
He simply did nothing at all.

So death came nigh, for life slipped by,
And he feared for the judgment hall.
When they asked him why, he said with a sigh,
“I simply did nothing at all.”

So God will pardon your blunders, my friend,
Or regard with pity your fall.
But the one big sin that surely means hell
Is simply to do nothing at all.

Assorted “Sidelights” by Homer Hailey

(compiled from his writings in the 1950s and 1960s)

God Reigns. Today, when pride and arrogance, power and might, become the gods of the nations, the citizen of the kingdom of heaven can rest secure in the assurance that God still rules.

Our Nation. Can it be possible that the handwriting is on the wall for our nation, and that we refuse to see it? Or, blinded by our smug indifference to materialism and worldliness, and characterized by a pride that rejects the spiritual and the eternal, we cannot read it?

Ephesians. The epistle to the Ephesians presents the church as God views it and as He would have it be, as it relates to Him and to His eternal purpose. It is an epistle of encouragement as well as instruction. Among other things, the apostle would have the church to know the power by which victory is achieved.

Fixating on What’s Important: *Death*

By Bill Fix

As we get older, it’s inevitable. We hear of friends, classmates, co-workers, family members, celebrities, and others we respect or admire that have passed away. And in a year of seemingly unprecedented fear, sickness, and death, it seems I have heard about more people I know personally who died this year. Even some celebrity deaths hit me a little harder this year. Although I never met Alex Trebek, Eddie Van Halen, or Kobe Bryant (2 months older than I), being a “fan” of their work meant they made some sort of impression on my life, and now there won’t be any new witty Jeopardy! retorts, guitar solos, or game-winning jumpers...

On a more personal level, just Friday, my dad told me that one of my cousins had died. At this point, I don’t know any details, which leaves me with a lot of questions... But regardless of my questions, or if I had answers to those questions, it doesn’t change the result—this life is temporary. We’re given however much time we get to enjoy this life, accomplish our goals, and impact other people. Or we can choose to waste it with riotous living (Lk. 15:13). Whether we leave this earth due to old age, cancer, or a tragic accident, we can’t extend our allotted time.

Knowing that this life is temporary, the best thing we can do is prepare for the eternal. “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’ ... Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Eccl. 12:1, 13-14).

Maybe I’m just getting old, and it becomes more natural to see friends and acquaintances die the older one gets... Or maybe we can use these losses to honor our loved ones and motivate ourselves and each other to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12). If something unexpected happened to you today, have you prepared your soul adequately? Have you made an effort to share the gospel with those you love so that they also might be saved? Have you told your family members and friends how much you care about them?

Hope in Christ. Whatever may come of the present world and national crises, social or religious, the Christian need not worry; in the midst of the storm, he has an anchor that will hold, because it is fixed in the immovable Christ.