

# Family Matters

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## Hope

Hope doesn't float, it flies! It soars! It inspires! It springs forth in the human heart to empower us to create a better life and a boundless love. Without hope a person would be foolish to attempt to better his or her life.

Hope must be achievable to be realistic. I have no hope:

- of jumping over the grand canyon
- of living to be 500 years old
- of winning the lottery (I don't buy tickets!)
- of flying with my arms only

Hope must be within reach because intelligent, reasonable people will not attempt the impossible. In Matthew 19:26, "And looking at them Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

I speak not of the inspirational hope which motivates inventors. I speak not of the inner drive that spurs the abused to rise above their personal history. I speak of the biblical hope of which Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome. God tells His children how to get to hope, but it isn't easy.

Biblical hope is not just, "Well, I hope it happens." Hope is not merely an idea about or anticipation of a desired event. Biblical hope comes through a specific path and delivers specific blessings.

"The path?" you ask? Spend some time in Romans 5:3-5: *And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

The path to hope comes from faithfulness in times of tribulation, which creates perseverance, which creates proven character, which (finally) delivers hope! Therefore, when people (even Christians) try to gain hope without perseverance and

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## Daily Bible Reading

|                  | New Testament       | Old Testament |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Matthew 13:44-14:12 | Proverbs 18   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Matthew 14:13-33    | Proverbs 19   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Matthew 14:34-15:20 | Proverbs 20   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Matthew 15:21-16:4  | Proverbs 21   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Matthew 16:5-23     | Proverbs 22   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Matthew 16:24-17:13 | Proverbs 23   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Matthew 17:14-18:6  | Proverbs 24   |

## Prayer Concerns



If you have someone in the prayer concerns, please take one of the yellow cards and write an update on the back so we will know how each are progressing and if they still need on the list. Put in the collection plate.

### NEW

- Gene's mother, Terecia, will be having surgery on Wednesday.
- Angela's surgery went well.
- Angela's daughter, Rosalie, had a little boy last Wednesday.

### CHURCH

- God's Gang. We had 26 kids last Monday.

### CANCER

- Mona Bergey, Mac's friend
- Leroy Beaver
- Cindy Haga's dad, Roy Barz
- Clarence's dad
- Dan McClure's daughter, Sam
- Mike Hately's mother, Fern

### OTHER ILLNESSES

- June Fair
- Jane Rodgers, Doris Rodgers
- Oscar Russell, Linda E.'s dad
- Charlie & Lorraine Taylor, Katherine Penning's parents
- Jim Beaver, Leon's dad
- Wayne's mother, Inabelle
- Martha Worlick
- Becky Moyers brother, Jeff Watson
- Mary Vernon McGinnis
- Linda E.'s sister, Chris-knee replacement
- Chris, Makesha's friend-doing better
- Delbert Martin
- Stan Williams
- H. and Leone Nelson doing well.
- Nadine Smith-kidney
- Tim Ragan, friend of Ron & Mac
- Jason & Kate White
- Linda Burton
- Kenneth McCoy
- Duane Odom's sister, Durice-kidney transplant
- Jeannie Schmidt's mother, Patty Riecke-lung disease
- Tyler Yager

- Justin Watt's-lung problem
- Harold Fair -many health problems
- Jodi's friend, Ashley
- Monty's grandmother, Nadine Ford
- Gladys' friend, Mary Ann Adams
- Brian Wells, Sandra's son (kidney transplant)
- Hannah's great granddaughter (kidney)
- Eugene Westbrook
- Traci Bartalo
- Ginger's granddaughter, Ginny

### VARIOUS NEEDS

- Friend of Makesha's-personal problems
- Melba McCoy
- Ronnie & Stephanie's twins & family
- Wayne Culbreth
- Brian, Alisha, and Jeremy
- Juanita
- Howard and Lucile

### PREGNANCIES

- Jessica Pennington-August
- Kami Koenig-November
- Shasta Pontine-December
- Alisha Reynolds-December

### MILITARY

- Dylan (Iraq)
- Bob and Sue Deitz grandson, Andrew
- Joseph, Wayne's cousin (Iraq)
- Monty's nephew, Nathan Harris (Iraq)
- Calvin & Cecilia's grandson, Ben Kimball (Iraq)

## Activities



- God's Gang Monday. All staff please be at the building by 8:15 for a staff meeting & devo.
- The Serenity Group (Spiritual Recovery Fellowship) meets Monday evenings at 7:00.
- Wednesday Night Meals 6:00. This week is breakfast. We need cooks.
- Cortez Ladies Retreat-Saturday, Sept. 15. More info to follow.
- Potluck and business meetings next Sunday.

## Special Missions Contribution July 30, 2007

Last year we took a special contribution to help train people in Ghana to reach people in Africa. Our support helped provide an extra meal each day for the students of Heritage Christian College which brought their meals up from 1 to 2 per day.

In our Men's business meeting the challenge was issued to try to collect \$14,000 for the work this year. So, this is our target. We will try to have more detailed information for you about the work in the coming weeks. May the Lord bless Samuel Twmasi as he equips men to carry the message of Jesus all over western Africa.



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proven character, they get only a childish anticipation without basis. However, when perseverance and proven character lead to biblical hope, then a precious blessing is delivered by God: the ability to live above disappointment. Why? Because only then are you living in the strength given by, "the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Want to live in true, biblical hope without disappointment? Get to class. Do your homework. Overcome tribulation. Live in perseverance. Prove your character. Have the courage to soar on the wings of hope and rise above disappointment.

– Ray Wallace

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### Church of Christ

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#### Sunday:

Bible Classes ..... 9:00 A.M.  
Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.

#### Tuesday:

Ladies Bible Class . 10:00 A.M.

#### Wednesday:

Bible Classes ..... 7:00 P.M.  
Devotional ..... 7:45 P.M.

### Servants

*For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.* (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV)

#### Elders

Harvey Cundiff, Ian Fair, and Mark Huffmyer

#### Deacons

Monty Cundiff, Mike Hately, Dick Holway, Joe Layton, Bart Moyers, Ron Penning, Lance Taylor, and Frank Van Tassel

#### Ministers

Gene Chapin ..... 884-9280  
Doug Hooten ..... 884-2549

This article will be personal. I believe you need to be in the loop of what is going on in our lives right now. We went to see an oncologist Friday afternoon and began



## Chapin's Corner

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to understand why my family doctor was so concerned. I have some white blood cells that are going rogue. The oncologist is pretty sure that I've got "chronic lymphocytic leukemia" (CLL). Monday I am to have another blood draw for a specialized test that will be sent off to get the details of what is going on in my blood. July 3 we'll go back to the oncologist to talk about what steps to take next. It may be a "watch and wait" process for a few months. Otherwise there are about three treatment options, one of which is chemotherapy. I'll know more about what the doctor recommends on the 3rd. In the mean time I will be working on more natural remedies as well to see if we can build up my immune system. This should not be considered terminal, but it will create a life style change.

How am I doing? My spirit is in good shape. It does not dread what is to come in the next few months and years because whatever I face here is temporary compared to what is yet to come. That knowledge gives me peace. On the other hand I have been touched by the response of my family in offering prayer, support, love – one of my sisters made me cry yesterday with her expression of love and support. The tears were not for "poor me," but rather in great appreciation for the love being shown.

Kind of as a warning, in case you have not figured it out, I face serious things by making light of it – not that it is any less serious, but that is my mechanism to cope. If I go into that mode while you are talking seriously to me, please understand I am not shutting you off and have not stopped listening to your concerns, I am going into my typical coping mode. I may offend you unintentionally by seeming too cavalier about it. Just understand that this is part of my makeup.

I do solicit your prayers. I believe God is the only real source of healing.

–Love, Gene

**CAMP IS NEARLY HERE** – get your applications filled out and ready to go.

**SESSION 1:** July 8-13, Ages 9-11, Director: *Tyson Kalisz*, (970) 382-2779 • tysonkalisz@yahoo.com

**SESSION 2:** July 15-21, Ages 11-14, Director: *Jeff Foster*, (970) 565-3631 • jefffoster@fone.net

**SESSION 3:** July 22-28, Ages 14-18, Director: *Roy Worley*, (806) 720-8698 • roy.worley@lcu.edu



Campers are asked to provide a donation of \$60.00 to attend a summer session at Four Corners Encampment.