



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

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We Have an Anchor

By Ron Bartanen

As a ship would need an anchor to prevent it from being driven by the wind and waves onto a rugged, rock-infested shore and destroyed, without exception we all need an anchor for our lives to keep us from the storms of life that would destroy us. Our faith in Christ is just such an anchor—and especially we would view the resurrection of Christ in this regard. While all religions have their revered founders and gurus, all are powerless against the winds of time that would drive us onto the shores of God's judgment. Only Christianity has a founder who died for our sins and been raised from the dead. Death is not the ultimate conqueror. Though even Jesus, in death, willingly gave up His spirit into the Father's hands, yet, as a verse in one of our hymns declares, "Death could not keep his prey." He arose in triumph over death, and holds within His hands "the keys of hell (hades) and of death" (Rev. 1:18). Ours is not a dead savior, but the Living One. Without the assurance of a living Savior, we would be at the mercy of all that is spiritually destructive to our souls. We would not even be assured of who Jesus is—the Son of God. After all, anyone could make the claim. Of Jesus alone can it be said that He was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead" (Romans 1:4). We know who He is because of His resurrection.

Without His resurrection we would have no assurance of our own. Death would be the great ultimate destroyer. But because He was raised, we, too, will be raised. In 1 Corinthians 15, the apostle Paul linked our resurrection to His, saying, "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man (Adam) came death, by man (Christ) came also the resurrection of the dead" (15:17-20). Hebrews 6:19-20a compares His resurrection to the believer's anchor, declaring, "which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus." This hope is secure—"within the veil," that is, beyond the veil of death into heaven itself, where the risen Christ has entered as the "forerunner", preparing the way for our resurrection. Our eternal welfare is established only in the crucified, risen and glorified Son of God. For the believer, it is as one hymn declares: "We have an anchor that keeps the soul, Steadfast and sure while the ages roll...."

The greatest question we could ask is: Is your faith anchored and made secure in Christ. Have you accepted Him, who, by the grace of God, "tasted death for every man?" (Hebrews 2:9) Have you identified yourself with Him in being "buried with Him in baptism" and raised with Him to walk "in newness of life" (Rom. 6:3-4). Is it your hope to continue that walk till you share in "the likeness of His resurrection" (6:5)?—to share His glory?

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 85
Sunday AM: 162
Sunday PM: 86
Wednesday PM: 67
Contribution: \$4986
Budget: \$4439

Think on This...

the precepts of the
LORD are right, rejoicing
the heart; the
commandment of the
LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
Psalms 19:8

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Judy Fulbright: 07.18
Jessica Kee: 07.20
Zach Dowdy: 07.21
Kay Gilliland: 07.23
Justin Simmons: 07.23
Sue Kellett: 07.24

Anniversaries

James & Jodi Johnson:
07.20
Kelly & Trudy Garland:
07.22

Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell

*Finding Peace in the
Home: Part 2*
Ephesians 5:23

PM: Brian Mitchell

The Call to Hope
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Serving This Week

Announcements: Larry Dowdy

SUNDAY

Greeters: Gary & Marcia Ridenour

Ushers: Randy Seabaugh/Cody Naramore

A/V: Seth Spraggs

Lead Singing: Greg Dowdy

Head Lord's Table: Scott Spraggs

Scripture: Lance Kluesner

Prayers

AM: Bill Welshans/Murray Dunn

PM: Gary Miller/Mat Kee

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs

Lesson: Neil Hight

"Peter"

Prayer: Scott Watson

Elder Chair: Allen Hedge

A/V Backup: Greg Dowdy

Communion to Shut-Ins: Dan Silvers

Building Lock-Up: Gary Miller

Remember in Prayer

- **Faye Stinnett** was admitted to Southeast Hospital on Tuesday. She has pneumonia and congestive heart failure. She is in Afib and is being treated.
- **Sid Naramore** saw the cardiologist Tuesday, and he will have some more testing August 4th and 6th
- **Steve Simmons** is continuing his recovery from back surgery at home and is doing some better. He appreciates all the texts, calls, cards and prayers.
- Savannah Watson's boyfriend, **Ethan Watkins**, is improving slowly after his four-wheeler accident and surgery.
- Kelly & Trudy Garland's daughter, **Angie Harris**, has returned home from the hospital after having COVID. She is doing well.
- **Betty Tanner**, from the Cape congregation is at the Life Care Center in Cape. She would appreciate calls, cards and visitors
- **Jerry Singleton**, is in St. Francis Hospital with chest pains. He had an abnormal stress test and was to have an angiogram.

News & Notes

- We rejoice with **Sarah Singleton** as she was baptized on Wednesday evening at BYC. Please let her know how proud you are and show her encouragement.
- Our new Audio/visual system is installed and we now have live-streaming capabilities. Check the church website (www.jacksonchurchofchrist.net) or our Facebook page to see our services online.
- Our next potluck/ice cream social is set for **July 25** following evening services. Mark your calendars and plan to stay for this time of fellowship.

Daily Bible Reading

July 18: Proverbs 25-27

July 19: Proverbs 28-31

July 20: Ecclesiastes 1-3

July 21: Ecclesiastes 4-6

July 22: Ecclesiastes 7-9

July 23: Ecclesiastes 10-12

July 24: Song of Solomon 1-4

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Please help keep our list current: contact the office with updates, to add/remove individuals****

Christine Austin	Julie Kelso
Thelma Brown	Dorothy Loyd
Donna Cox	Esther Martensen
Bill Dillman	Sid Naramore
Sandi Essner	Carolyn Neese
Colton Frieze	Lena Schweain
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Steve Simmons
Wayne Graham	Sarah Singleton
Allen Hedge	Ethan Spraggs
Tim Hosey	Faye Stinnett
Diana Ivanovich	Mike Turnbow
Betty Jones	Ethan Watkins

More notes...

July 26-28, 7 pm each evening, the **Metropolis church of Christ** will be having a gospel meeting. Speakers will be Adam Faughn from Paducah, KY, Dr. Bryan McAlister from Dickson, TN and Bill Brandstatter from Marion, IL.

Monday, August 2 the Children's Home truck will be picking up the groceries collected. The list of items needed are: cereal, chocolate chips, coffee, tissues (Kleenex), velveeta cheese, picante sauce/ salsa. Please get those items to the building.

There is also a list on the bulletin board of school supplies they are needing for the Children's Home.

Love and Sympathy

goes out to the Ward, Stinnett, Chesser, Watson, Newman and Craft families at the loss of **John Ward** from Louisiana John passed away in his sleep.

Youth Events/Activities

- **July 18-24:** BYC Session 4 (Director: Mike Rush)
- **July 18-23:** LECYC Junior High week
- **July 25-30:** LECYC Senior High week
- **July 26:** SYS at Shady Acres
- **August 2:** SYS at Green Forest
- **August 9:** SYS at Bernie
- **August 16:** SYS at Dexter
- **September 11:** Fall Festival; details will be announced soon
- **October 23-24:** Shady Acres Youth Rally with Lonnie Jones