

**Family & Friends.....September 16thnd, 2020**

Hasta luego my little friends. The Hummingbirds have been really busy at the feeders. We noticed they are coming to the feeders a lot for the nectar and taking long drinks. I feel they are getting ready to migrate South where they usually reside in Mexico for the winter. There is much excitement going on in our backyard. The birds and squirrels are preparing for Fall and Winter which will be here before we know it. We had a small bird land on the hummingbird feeder that was not a HB. He looked confused. No wonder, he didn't have the right kind of beak to drink the nectar. He was a little bigger than they were, but so tiny. I have no idea what kind of bird it was. Wish I knew! We have seen a few fights with the hummingbirds. We have enough of that going on in the world, I just want them to "Be Happy" and have a safe trip from all the obstacles they will face. We feel pretty sure we will see them again in the Spring when they return and we will be ready for them. Meanwhile we will wait for the Cardinals to take residence on our front porch for the Winter. It's never boring around here with all our critters. The squirrels are cute, but they like to agitate us all! Love you, Lord! Thank you for all our blessings!

*I know every bird of the mountains,  
and everything that moves in the field is Mine.  
Psalm 50:11*

Those on our prayer list this week: The Tracy Bowman family continues to need our prayers in the passing of Tracy's mother, June Self, Tuesday morning. Also remember Amy's dad Bill, and her niece Krista Magness. The Passmore's son, James, was hospitalized last week with a stroke. Jim Passmore was hospitalized Saturday with several health issues. Chris McSweeney had a defibrillator procedure on Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Doug Klingman's surgery was successful. Chris Johnson is scheduled to have Gal bladder Surgery this coming Tuesday. Remember Becky Pittman's mother who has Covid-19; and Debbie Helms mother, Louisell Tyler, who has pancreatic stage four cancer. Mike Johnson and his daughter request our prayers for Kendra Ringo and Rollie Schutz. Pray for Joyce Pippin who is having trouble from the eye surgery she had, and will be going back for more treatment. Continue to remember and pray for Roy Fanning, Mark Bagwell's mother, Dorothy, JB Tarr, George Bowman, Clint White, David Bradley, our missionaries, our military and police force, our country and president, a cure for the Covid-19 virus.

Items needed for Fair Haven Children's Home: juice, hamburger helper, soups, cupcake liners, and toilet bowl cleaner. Items or our Food Pantry include: canned vegetables, canned pinto & black beans, chicken broth, Rotel, sugar, flour, cookie mixes, peanut butter, and jelly.

*All creation sings God's praise.*

Love you, stay safe! *Karen*

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<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	9:30 AM
Bible Class	10:30 AM
Worship	6:00 PM
Evening Worship	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:45 AM
Ladies' Class	6:45 PM
Bible Class	

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**WITNESSES**

**The Good News Gospel**

The word Gospel is found 114 times in the New Testament. The Greek is euaggelion, literally meaning "The Good News", "glad tidings." The word was used describe news that people were anxious to hear, like the announcement of a military victory. As used in the New Testament, the word was used to describe Jesus and His coming.

**IT'S A GOSPEL OF GRACE.** "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3.16-17).

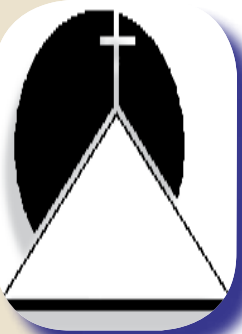
**THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION.** "You were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 1.13).

**A GOSPEL OF PEACE.** "With feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6.15). Peace with God because our sins have been forgiven, peace with others when we have the heart, disposition and behavior of Jesus toward our neighbor and enemy, peace within because "in Christ' there is no condemnation."

Perhaps nowhere is the Gospel's Good News expressed any better than in First Corinthians fifteen: "Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day." Indeed, the Gospel is about Jesus: His coming, His life, teachings, doctrines; certified, affirmed by His resurrection.

**So, what's so "Good" about this Gospel, this Good News?...**

**First, The Gospel is God's Plan.** Look at the first three verses of Titus one: "Paul, a servants] of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the



faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior." Did we catch it, our hope of eternal life, the Gospel, is a promise from God since before the creation. Because this Good News is God's plan, it will be accomplished! The Gospel is not just another religion, it is a Revelation from God: "The gospel I preached is not something that man made up. Nor did I receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1.11-12).

**The Gospel is for All.** "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people" (Titus 2.11). Jesus came to give all people access to God. It doesn't matter what our race, background, economic status, birthplace, or anything. Jesus wants all to come to Him, just as we are: *O Lamb of God I come...*



*I come broken to be mended...  
I come wounded to be healed...  
I come desperate to be rescued...  
I come empty to be filled...  
I come guilty to be pardoned...*

by the blood of the Lamb. All are not just invited, but welcome!

**This Gospel Transformative.** Jesus welcomes us just as we are, but we don't stay just as we are. Through the sacrificial death of Jesus, we can be cleaned and reborn. We receive the Holy Spirit, God living within us through the Spirit He gave us. "When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior" (Titus 3.4-6). Paul tells us that when we keep step with the Spirit, we will be transformed, different people: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control... Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5.22).

**Then finally, we must Receive the Message by Faith.** It was Jesus who said: "Whoever believes in God's Son shall not perish but have eternal life." The Hebrews' Writer makes the point: "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Our obligation is to form an unalterable conviction to believe the Gospel Message, and fully trust in the Good News promises. Amen?

This Gospel is about the death, burial, and resurrections of Jesus. For us to receive it, there must be two deaths, two crosses, two burials, two resurrections; His and Ours! We are to crucify the old man, die to sin be buried in New Testament baptism and be raised to walk in a new life.

—Adapted from Sermons by  
JEFF GRISHAM & RANDALL CASELMAN

### When You're in Over Your Head

*"It was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. The sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, saying 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.' saying this, He breathed His last."*  
(Luke 23:44-46)

"He breathed His last." Those words cause one's heart to sink. When Jesus exhaled for a final time on the cross, all the minions of Hell may well have thought that the battle was over and that victory belonged to Satan their evil commander. But how wrong they were! And how horrified they must have been just a short time later! Yes, Jesus suffered and died. He was buried. But then "He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:4)! Furthermore, "He [The Father] has put all things under His feet" (v. 27)! Think for a moment about the wonderful implications of that truth that should compel us to praise, worship and live for God.

"He has put all things under His feet" (v. 27). Do you ever feel that you are in way over your head with problems? That may be the case, but Jesus is over all things. He is in Heaven, interceding on your behalf! A glorious fact is powerfully declared in Romans 8:34, "Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us." Where are your problems? "Under His feet"! Jesus is alive! He is in control! Jesus is coming again!

Beloved, is there someone in your life who is hurting, suffering, struggling? You might consider sending that person a note of encouragement and be sure to use Romans 8:34 as a closing verse of hope. Letting one know that Christ is alive, above, active and working on the behalf of His people can bring a comfort and strength that nothing else can produce.

—Johnny Hester  
Matthews MO

**If life is a flight through time,  
Who is in the cockpit?  
If life is a joyride,  
Who is behind the wheel?  
If life is a voyage,  
Who is at the helm?  
It matters not how strait the gate.  
How charged with  
punishment the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate;  
I am the captain of my soul.**

**SUNDAY SERVANTS: 9/20/20**

**FIRST SERVICE (8AM)**

Song Leader .....	Sammy McCain	Prayer & Scripture .....	Dallas Dobbs
Communion Scripture & Prayer .....	Parker Willis	Greeters/Handouts.....	Keith Hubanks & David Saunders

**SECOND SERVICE (10:30AM)**

Song Leader .....	Lee McCain	Prayer & Scripture .....	Don Butcher
Communion Scripture & Prayer .....	Perry Johnson	Greeters/Handouts.....	Howard Hurst, Don Cope

**Coordinators (September)**

Worship Coordinator .....	Mike York	Streaming Coordinator .....	Elijah Johnson
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