

Foothills Church of Christ

"We treat you like family."



November 27, 2022

There Is No Escape

Harry Houdini was a famous magician and escape artist who defied danger and death. However, his tomb has been a memorial to the Bible's accuracy. "For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground" (2 Samuel 14:14). None of us can escape the inevitable consequences of life, death, and the judgment. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Our days are but a passing shadow (Psalm 144:4) and swifter than a weaver's shuttle (Job 7:6).

Most of us realize this. Solomon said: "For the living know that they shall die" (Ecclesiastes 9:5). The wealthy and the poor march together down the valley of the setting of the sun. The pauper and the billionaire have much more in common than most realize.

Eventually each of us will find himself with empty hands and wonder what he is worth for time and eternity. Whatever our fame and glory might have been on earth, there is only one question worth serious reflection. Is my name written in the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 21:27)? There will be tremendous sorrow for those who have failed to prepare.

An old gospel song challenges our hearts: "Dear friend, there'll be no sad farewells, there'll be no tear-dimmed eyes." And we will spend eternity "where the soul never dies." Brother Tillet S. Teddlie, author of many of the songs in our song book, wrote these piercing words: "Sadly you'll stand, if you're unprepared, trembling, you'll fall on your knee; facing the sentence of life or of death, what will that sentence be?"

It is so easy to prepare; don't stand unprepared.

- Jack Openshaw

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Everyone Can Sing

Do you believe that everyone can sing? Does anyone and everyone who has a voice possess the ability to sing a song? This question is well worth the time investigating because it has such bearing on our worship and spiritual wellbeing.

The Bible instructs us to “speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:19-20). It is a well-established fact that singing is an integral part of our worship to God (Col. 3:16).

But often we hear someone say, “Brother, you don’t want me to sing. I can’t carry a tune in a bucket!” Others will comment, “I don’t sing out loud in worship because I don’t have the ability, but I do make melody in my heart.” The American humorist, Charles Farrar Browne, who was popular in the mid 1800s, said, “I am saddest when I sing, and so are those who hear me.” However, we must ask, “Why would God demand we do something that everyone doesn’t have the ability to do?”

The following is an excerpt from the Columbia Encyclopedia:

“Not only is the voice the principal means of communication, but it was undoubtedly the first musical instrument. The instrument is in the performer, and the condition of the vocal apparatus, and thus the quality of the voice, is strictly dependent on the physical and mental condition of the singer. Since the vocal impulse cannot actually be described, the teacher’s task is to provide the pupil with concepts, usually systematized into a vocal ‘method’ that will free the vocal apparatus from restrictive tensions and lead ultimately to the complete coordination of all the faculties involved.”

Surprisingly, there is an absence of articles or explanations on why people have an inability to sing! It is true that some natural ability comes into play, and some of us don’t have the vocal range that others have, but it would seem to reason that development of your singing voice is no different than learning to ride a bike, playing tennis, or shooting a gun: it just takes practice.

So, can everyone sing? Yes, if you have the ability of speech, you have the ability of song. Isn’t that exciting? Isn’t it a comfort to know that God hasn’t placed a command upon us that we all can’t comply with? **I encourage us to sing in our worship together!** You will receive such a blessing while actively participating in the worship of our heavenly Father. You can comply with the psalmist when he said, “I will declare your name to my brethren, in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You” (Psalm 22:22; Heb. 2:12).

– Jack Openshaw

Announcements

Birthdays This Week

Georgie Lyons (November 27)
Doris McCoy (November 30)
May Griffin (December 2)

Directory and Photos Update

We are in the process of updating our members' directory and photos. Recent **new members**, please see Kaitlin Alexander to arrange for your photo to be taken and to provide your contact information for our directory. **Existing members**, please take a moment to confirm that your information is up to date, which you can do by logging in to members.instantchurchdirectory.com, or you can ask the help of Kaitlin or Garrett McGilvray. If you would like to update your member photo, please see Kaitlin.



“While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. Then one said to Him, ‘Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.’ But He answered and said to the one who told Him, ‘Who is My mother and who are My brothers?’ And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, ‘Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.’”

Where in the Bible?

Do you know where this passage is found? See page 4 for the answer.

For the Record

Attendance Last Sunday: 104
Contribution Last Sunday: \$2,674

Prayer Concerns

Current:

Tish Clark
John Collins
Danna Cofer
Alicia Cooke
Anthony Dailey
Susan Epperly
Carolyn & Larry Eubanks
Mary Hale
Race Falconer
Randy Goodman
Amanda & Steve Kendal
Joyce Murrell
Brad Nokes
Robyn & Mary Roach
Richard Sciba
Mary Lou Staib
Dennis Widner

Ongoing:

G. David (India)
Bristol Garner
Jimmy & Billie Gibbins
Nellie Hardin
Etta Holden
Danny Langer
Doris Pruitt

Assisted Living:

Donna Brewer
Cloe Jordan
Doris McCoy
Dorothy Pensoneau
Gladys Widner



“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”

(Colossians 4:2; NKJV)

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

	November 27	December 4
<i>Announcements</i>	Larry Nokes	Dennis Widner
<i>Song Leader</i>	Steve Carrell	Jason White
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Jason White	Roger Bruce
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Jerry Griffin Roger Bruce James Libby Ethan Falconer Mike Boyer	Micah Heavin Paxton Davis Caleb Young Jerry Webb Jeremy Sciba
<i>Presiding</i>		
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Garrett McGilvray	Jaden Zerby
<i>Sermon</i>	Leon Brown	Josh Alexander
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Chip Braswell	Leon Brown

Sunday Evening

<i>Song Leader</i>	Jason White	Mason Sciba
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Bob Lyons	Bruce Lemieux
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Garrett McGilvray	Jaden Zerby
<i>Sermon</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Ethan Falconer	Paxton Davis
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Bobby Cofer	Reese Cartwright

Wednesday

	November 30	December 7
<i>Auditorium Class</i>	Singing	Leon Brown
<i>Devotional</i>	Garrett McGilvray	Dennis Widner
<i>Song Leader</i>	Jeremy Sciba	Reese Cartwright
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Jason White	Chip Braswell

Answer to "Where in the Bible", page 3: **Matthew 12:46-50**

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Study..... 9:30 am
 Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
 Evening Worship.....6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 pm