

- In Memory -
Arlen Webb
1927 - 2019

*Servant of God, well done! Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought; the victory won, enter thy Master's joy.
The pains of death are past, labor and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last, thy soul is found in peace.*
- James Montgomery -

4 Pictures of Faith

Faith is such a wonderful quality that it is impossible to define it adequately with words. That may be why the Bible is not only a collection of doctrines and treatises, but also of stories of people and their responses to God. Four of those well-known stories offer us insights into the real meaning of the faith God is looking for in our lives.

Picture #1: The unquestioning obedience of Abraham (Genesis 22:9-12, 16-18; James 1:22, 2:14-16, 21-24).

In this picture, we see a man whom God commanded to do something he detested to do—offer the body of his only son as a burnt offering. Of course, before he could complete this horrible assignment, God sent an angel to stop him, and to announce, “Now I know that thou fearest God, seeing that thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.” James presents this picture as a true picture of faith, for in it we see one who not only hears or believes God’s Word, he does it no matter what, without question or hesitation.

Picture #2: The unwavering confidence of David (1 Samuel 17:4-7, 10, 33-37).

Picture this shepherd boy, inexperienced in battle, walking briskly onto the battlefield to face the fearsome Philistine champion, Goliath, in combat! David did not think it so strange. He only thought it strange that there were not others as confident as he in God’s power to deliver the faithful.

Picture #3: The unseeing certainty of Abraham (Hebrews 11:1, 6, 8-10).

Faith is certainly of that which we do not see. Such faith is not an option if one wants to please God. Abraham packed up his goods and gathered his household and left on a journey, never to return. He did not know where he was going. But he followed God’s instructions because he had confidence in what God had said, and he was certain that God would lead him.

Picture #4: The unyielding hope of Job (Job 2:9-10, 13:15, 19:9-25).

Although we know that Satan caused all of Job’s misery. Job and his friends believed that God had afflicted Job with all his losses. Even though Job felt that God was not treating him fairly and not responding to his prayers, he refused to give up hope in God. “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him” (Job 13:15).

May our faith grow to unquestioning obedience, unwavering confidence, unseeing certainty, and unyielding hope.

- Author Unknown, *House to House* (3/13)-

Faith puts God between us and circumstances.

News & Notes

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Latisha Brown.

SYMPATHY: To Joann Webb and family at the passing of Arlen. He was a faithful member of this congregation for many years and a Christian gentleman. He will surely be missed by all who knew and loved him. God bless and comfort Joann and the family.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each **Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** All the ladies are invited to participate in helping to make stuffed bears for kids.

MEN’S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Resumes this **Tuesday, Oct. 8th at 7:00 p.m.** Men are urged to come and spend an hour with other brothers and be encouraged.

MEN’S BREAKFAST: Next **Saturday, Oct. 12th, 8:30 a.m.** at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. Sign-up sheet on the desk.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: In an effort to update our membership directory, all will be done in-house (pictures, etc.) at no cost to members. The next appointments can be scheduled for **next Saturday, Oct. 12th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** (sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer). Each family will receive a free directory after all pictures and information are processed. To expedite this effort, please sign up ASAP; your cooperation will be appreciated.

HALLOWEEN PIZZA PARTY: Next **Saturday, Oct. 12th, 4:00-7:00 p.m.** at the Fellowship Bldg. Halloween costume required. RSVP to Dean & Sandy Spencer by **Oct. 9th** so food and snacks can be prepared accordingly.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAYS: (1) **Saturday, Oct. 19th** at National Road Church of Christ, Wheeling, WV. **Registration: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Topic: “Spiritual Potpourri.”** Additional information at (304) 242-2321. Lunch provided.

(2) **Saturday, Nov. 2nd** at Hanoverton, OH Church of Christ. **Registration: 8:15-9:00 a.m. Topic: “On the Road to Heaven.” Speakers:** Latisha Brown, Danielle Burch, Angela Marshall, Terrie Spooner. Lunch provided.

PANTRY: Noodles and crackers.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & WITH CARDS:

Rick Beck (minister at Weston, WV), 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Rick had recent cancer surgery.

Kathy McGeehan (Mike Martin’s sister-in-law), 11325 Straford Ridge Lane, Chardon, OH 44024. Kathy is undergoing cancer treatments.

SICK & SHUT-IN: VALLEY OAKS, East Liverpool: Fred Larrimore. **AT HOME:** Emma Rine, Beulah Walker, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach’s sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers.

CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETINGS & LECTURES

Weirton Heights.....	Oct. 13-18, 7 p.m. (except Sunday)	Brent Gallagher
Hanoverton	Oct. 20-24, 7 p.m. (except Sunday)	Bill Miller
WVSOP, Moundsville	Oct. 20-24, Various times	Different Speakers