

Hear God Speak About Faithfulness

The faithful are preserved by God. "O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer" (Psalms 31:23).

The faithful are blessed. "A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent" (Proverbs 28:20). Will be saved. "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22).

The faithful are good stewards. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

The faithful obey, with single heart. "Servants obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers but in singleness of heart, fearing God." (Colossians 3:22).

The faithful persevere unto death. "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

The faithful are loyal in little things. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's who shall give you that which is your own?" (Luke 16:10-12).

The faithful are wise. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods" (Matthew 24:45-47).

Are you faithful to God?

~ Charles Box, Walnut Street church of Christ, Greenville, AL (via Bulletin Digest) ~

What It Means to be a Christian

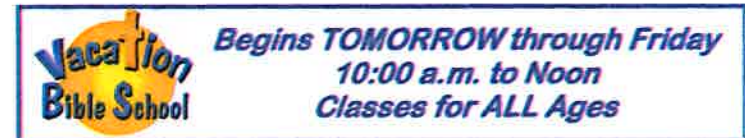
- As members of the body one carries out the will of Christ the head (Colossians 1:18).
- As lights in the world one shines forth for Christ the light of the world (John 8:12; Philippians 2:15).
- As a soldier one endures hardness for Christ the captain of our salvation (Hebrews 2:10; 2 Timothy 2:3).
- As a sheep one follows Christ the shepherd (John 10).
- As a citizen one obeys Christ the king (Colossians 1:13).
- As a branch one bears fruit for Christ the vine (John 15:1-6). (via Bulletin Digest)

Three essentials: a faith to live by, a self to live with, and a purpose to live for.

News & Notes

MAIN ELEVATOR: Out of Service for repairs. Please use the Lift at the front of the building until further notice.

SYMPATHY TO THESE FAMILIES: To **Linda Parkes & family** at the passing of her son, **Chris Call**. Chris was also the brother of **Cindy Miskimen**. To **Willard Burdine & family** at the passing of Willard's youngest brother, **Vernon**. To **Jenny Rhodes** at the passing of her mother, **Barbara Gainer** in Texas. God bless and comfort these families in their sorrow.



NIAGARA FALLS TRIP: Monday, July 31st to Wednesday, August 2nd. Rooms will be \$200 per night (two queen beds per room). Additional costs will be for transportation, meals, and any charges for attractions. Sign up by next Sunday, June 18th.

PANTRY: Pancake mix & syrup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Trinity Hospital (Hospice), Steubenville: Mike West. **At Home:** Peggy Williams, Ron Shultz (Jerry's brother), Randy Beagle, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Becky McKitrick, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece). **Fox - Chester:** Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **In Ohio:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon OH 44432.

16 Tips to Live Happily

1. Learn to laugh with others, and at yourself (Proverbs 17:22).
2. Spend time with older people; learn from their wisdom (Proverbs 19:20).
3. Enjoy the innocence and purity of children (Matthew 18:1-6).
4. Work with all your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10).
5. Live life like you will live forever, because you will (Ecclesiastes 3:11).
6. Plan as though you will die tomorrow, because you might (James 4:14).
7. Say something encouraging to someone; be specific and genuine (Hebrews 3:13).
8. Give something away with no strings attached (2 Corinthians 9:7).
9. Help someone in need; expect nothing in return (Matthew 25:35-40).
10. Forgive others as many times as needed (Matthew 18:21-22).
11. Ask for forgiveness; a clean conscience makes for a soft pillow (1 John 1:9).
12. Pray often and be specific (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
13. Count your blessings (you might lose count) (Ephesians 1:3).
14. Love God, love your neighbors, and love yourself (Matthew 22:37-39).
15. Bow to the Lord—better now than later (Philippians 2:10).
16. Obey God's commands (Matthew 7:21-27).

- Brett Petrillo, Denver, CO (via Bulletin Digest) -