

## THE BEAUTY AND POWER OF HOPE

Viktor E. Frankl is one of those rare and special individuals who survived Hitler's concentration camps. He went on to become a well-respected psychiatrist in his time after the war. Frankl dedicated his life's work to exploring and sharing the necessity and influence of meaning and hope.

Frankl observed that the people who survived the concentration camps during the Holocaust were the ones who found the strongest will to live by finding meaning. He surmised that a driving force in motivating people to continue on in the face of suffering was finding meaning and keeping hope alive. Once they lost hope, their time was short.

He wrote, "Those who have a 'why' to live, can bear with almost any 'how.'"

These thoughts from the not-too-distant past helpfully remind us about eternal truth revealed in Scripture. Because Jesus is our hope (1 Tim. 1:1), we can rightfully long for something better than what we experience when we suffer.

- *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (Romans 8:18)*

Because Jesus is our hope we can rightfully long for something new.

- *For in this hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he see? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:24-25)*

Because Jesus is our hope we can rightfully long for something permanent.

- *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)*

- Bart Warren, South Green Street church of Christ, Glasgow, KY (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the Solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
- Edward Mote, 1834 -

"The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time." — Abraham Lincoln

## News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** *Sunday:* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. *Wednesday:* Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**FACE COVERINGS OPTIONAL:** Beginning today, **face coverings will be OPTIONAL in our assemblies.** Please continue to practice personal routine hygiene procedures.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Each **Tuesday** at 7:00 p.m.

**OUR SENIOR DAY:** **Saturday, April 9th, 9:30 a.m. to Noon.** Speakers: John Keith and Noah West. Lunch provided. See Willard or Rosie Burdine for what is needed for the luncheon or to give monetary donations.

**LADIES DAY:** **April, 23rd at Steelton.** See details on the bulletin board.

**OUR LADIES DAY:** **Saturday, May 7th, 9-9:30 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast. 9:45 a.m. Program begins.** Lunch provided. Topic: "Mirror, Mirror On the Wall, Do You See Christ In Me At All?" Speakers: Elaine McClung & Docie Moore.

**PANTRY:** Canned fruit.

**PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS:** Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson.

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:** **Dewey Moore, Jr.** (health issues). **Ethan Haught** (Skip & Sue's grandson), knee surgery. **Catrina Wright** (roommate of Ella Haught at YSU), brain tumor. **Lori Rowand** (John Sprout's niece), Stage 4 lung cancer.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** **Weirton Medical Center:** Becky McKittrick (colon cancer). **Calcutta Health Care:** Sam Burdine (Willard's brother). **At Home:** Tim Adkins, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Claudette Miller, Jim & Linda Hall, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

Pennsboro	Mar. 13-18	Bob Vincent
Hillview Terr., Moundsville	Mar. 20-25	Peter Ray Cole
Weirton Heights	Apr. 3-7	Brent Gallagher
CHESTER	Apr. 24-28	Eddie Cooper

## God the Omniscient

*There is an Eye that never sleeps beneath the wing of night;  
There is an Ear that never shuts when sink the beams of light.  
There is an Arm that never tires when human strength gives way;  
There is a Love that never fails when earthly loves decay.  
That Eye unseen o'erwatcheth all; that Arm upholds the sky;  
That Ear doth hear the sparrow's call; that Love is ever nigh.*

~ James Cowden Wallace, 1793-1841 ~