

9/3/2023

WELCOME!

We're so glad you're here!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements:.....Mark Rector

Song Leader.....Jim Selbe

"Here I Am To Worship"

"Jesus, Hold My Hand"

Opening Prayer

"We Praise Thee, O God"

Scripture Reading

Morning Sermon: *"Escape for Your Life"*

Invitation Song: *"Why Do You Wait?"*

"In Gethsemane Alone"

Lord's Supper

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Closing Prayer

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

Fear God and keep His commandments,

For this is man's all.

14 For God will bring every work into judgment,

Including every secret thing,

Whether good or evil.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Night Bible Study: This week we will begin an expository study on II Timothy. This week from II Timothy 3: *The Importance of Knowing the Word of God; II Timothy 3:16-ff*

We now have more than **150** sermons on the Beech Grove YouTube site. Go to:

www.youtube.com and search Beech Grove Church of Christ Sermons. They are also on the Beech Grove Church of Christ page in RightNowMedia.

CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6: Tom Cullum
11: Fred Yerty
14: Bailey Bland
20: Chilo Espinoza
25: Brenda Evetts
26: Betsy Sparkman
29: Cheryl Bowers

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5: Walter & Heather Roth
7: John & Sheila Durham
12: Ronnie & Kathleen Smithson
12: Mark & Jennifer Rector
29: Grant & Gretchen Forrest

A Carrot, an Egg & Coffee Beans

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She didn't know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen and filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes, she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee into a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. He did and noted that they were soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter asked, "What's the point, mom?" Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity... boiling water – but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after being through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water. "Which are you?" she asked the daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?" Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after death, a break up, a financial hardship, or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity? **ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG, OR A COFFEE BEAN?**

CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS & UPDATES

- Jeff Barber is at home recovering from successful surgery. He is having some discomfort.
- Bud Cloer continues to have good & bad days.
- Cathy Cullum is home. Her health fluctuates daily. They love having visitors.
- Sheila Hickman had an iron infusion last week and also saw an oncologist.
- Thelma Hughes continues to recover from her recent fall.
- Wanda Rector, Mark's mom, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will see a doctor later this week.
- Darrell Warren, Gretchen's dad, will have surgery next Tuesday.
- Joy Yerty, Heather's mom, will have hip replacement surgery on September 25.
- Meredith McCraw, friend of John & Sheila Durham, was recently diagnosed with ALS and needs your prayers.

EXTENDED ILLNESS & RECOVERING

- Jeff Barber, Ray Randolph, Jenny Locke, David Pullum, John Hayes, Clayton Russell, Betty Parham, Cathy Cullum, Scott Turner, Nina Hausmann
- Jude Riley: Infant grandson of Patricia Ingram (Terry Boatright's friend)—multiple health issues and remains on a vent at Vanderbilt.
- Darrell Warren: Gretchen Forrest's father—Cancer
- Sandy Lambert: Sheila Durham's aunt—Fractured pelvis & MS
- Jeff Rector: Prostate cancer
- Carey Hight: Brain tumor
- Cheryl Bowers: Breast cancer and other health concerns
- Bud Cloer: Sheila Durham's father—Metastatic Melanoma
- Larry DeHart: Chad DeHart's father—Pancreatic cancer
- Rick Cloer: Sheila Durham's cousin—Colon cancer
- Ruby Rainey: Rachel Russell's sister—Breast cancer
- George Parnell: Friend of Larry Watson—Cancer

HOMEBOUND & HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

- **HOMEBOUND:** Clayton Russell
- **Jenny Locke:** *The Lantern at Morning Pointe Spring Hill, 1003 McCutcheon Creek Ln, Spring Hill, TN 37174—Room 220*
- **John Hayes:** *Sage Hill Maybelle Carter Senior Living, 208 W Due West Ave, Madison, TN 37115—Room 433*

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Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:20 am

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 pm

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