



Welcome summer!

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Hope Restored

The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145:15

We who believe in Jesus Christ have every reason to be strong in hope. But what happens when that hope grows dim? When our circumstances our memories or our thoughts lead us into feelings of depression or even despair? God can restore our hope.

I know, because I went through a dark episode in my life. It crept up on me gradually, unawares. As I look back now, I wonder how it ever could have happened. Finally I admitted that I was "bowed down." I could see nothing to be hopeful about. Inside, I had given up. I couldn't express it in words. I could only reach out to God for help.

God came to my rescue. His help came in several forms. Friends who had no idea what I was going through sent me encouraging notes. The two or three people I risked telling about my struggle were very supportive. My family stood with me. I received gentle firm help from a Christian counselor. The sunlight began to peek through the dark clouds. It became brighter as I began to work and pray and think. I found great hope in today's verse. The Lord lifted me up.

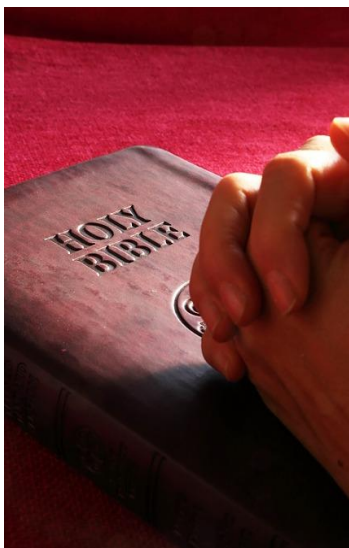
Are you bowed down? So discouraged you feel there is no hope? Call unto the Lord for help, even if you can't put it into words. He will keep His promise. In His time, and in His way. He will lift you up.- D.C.E.

When plunged in darkness and despair,
Our only hope is in the Lord;
Not once does He withhold His care,
Nor ever fail to keep His word.- D.J.D.

NO ONE IS HOPELESS WHOSE HOPE IS IN GOD

Psalm 145:14-21

Daily Bread





The God Who Never Changes

While riding in the car this week, I meditated over the past eleven years of ministry here at Woodville Community Church — first and foremost the years have gone by fast! What really struck me though, was how many relationships have come and gone over the years. Shelly and I have experienced relationships that have consisted of acquaintances, all the way to close friendships — some of which have blossomed over the years, and a few have remained strong to this day. Others, sadly, have grown faint, and some have disappeared altogether.

As I think back over twenty-plus years of ministry, the same thing has happened. We still have some close friendships from previous ministries, but many have just slowly over time, fallen away. Thankfully we keep in touch with a few via social media, but the relationships themselves have changed. Many relationships in ministry become so close, its as if they are family. Shelly and I have said on more than one occasion, that our church family is closer than our actual families. But my pondering has led me to grieve those relationships that have changed or have been lost altogether. How can this be? How does this happen? How can you be so close as friends, and then one day wake up and you do not see these people anymore? All that's left are the memories.

There are a variety of reasons why friendship change — people move away, some leave for other ministry opportunities, or some flatly, do not care for you anymore, and stop any contact. Sad but true. O, how I wish that those precious relationships were still here. When I think of relationships, none can be more significant, nor more intimate than our relationship with God. Through Jesus Christ, we have the privilege of having someone always there, no matter what in our lives. Why? Because God NEVER changes!

"I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed."- [Malachi 3:6](#)

"The only thing constant is change." This saying is attributed to the Greek philosopher Heraclitus, one of the most significant Western thinkers to have lived before Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. In making such a statement, Heraclitus captured what many others have also recognized, namely, that there is precious little that is stable in the world around us. Even the mountains, which appear to be so unchanging, are over millennia subject to erosion and other effects that slowly but surely alter their shape. But it is not just the world outside us that is unstable. Over time, we ourselves also experience physical, mental, moral, and spiritual changes.

Such realities drive us to seek stability. Because of sin, however, we tend to look for permanence in things that are also changing. Whether it is a relationship, our bank balances, familiar surroundings, or something else, we all too readily seek stability in the created realm. And, moreover, we are eventually disappointed by such things, for everything in creation is subject to change.

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To find true stability and permanence, we must look beyond the created order to its Creator, for as Scripture tells us, God is unchanging. As we read in [Malachi 3:6](#), the Lord God Almighty does not change. And as the prophet tells us, that should be a great comfort to God's people. Jacob was not consumed because of the Lord's unchanging nature. The old covenant community deserved destruction because of its great sin, but God did not utterly destroy them. He had made a covenant with them, and because He is unchanging He could not break His promises to preserve them (see Gen. 15). As Christians, we serve the same unchanging God who kept His promises to Israel.

Summarizing the witness of Scripture, question and answer 4 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism states that God is "unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth." Our Lord is immutable—His character and being can experience no change or mutation (see [Heb. 1:10–12](#)). God cannot grow more or less powerful. He can never cease to be holy, just, good, or true. His wisdom and knowledge cannot be increased or decreased.

God's unchangeability is bad news for impenitent people, for it means the Lord will not overlook their sin. But our Lord's immutability is good news for those who trust Him. It means that He cannot fail to keep His promises to forgive us and to protect us forever (Ps. 46; [Isa. 55:6–7](#)).

We live in a fallen world, and so it is easy to be fearful. Change is ever present, and not every change is positive. If we trust in Christ, however, we have no reason to be afraid. We are relying on the One who is incapable of changing and who will never allow His promises to fail. When we are fearful, let us remember that God and His goodness to us are unchanging; thus, we are ever secure in Him. And the best news of all is that we have a God who has promised that He sticks closer than a brother ([Prov. 18:24](#)) and that He will never leave us or forsake us ([Heb. 13:5](#)) — that's a relationship that never changes!

Proper Etiquette **with BOB**

In this issue of "*Proper Etiquette with Bob*," we will learn the proper way that gentleman are to greet a woman. We must never take for granted the great respect that is needed and often lost in our culture today...

"It is improper for a gentleman to greet a woman by offering his hand to shake first, before she offers hers."

So now you know...men, wait for her to stick out her hand! We will have many more pieces of etiquette from Bob to share with you in future issues!





June 2019



Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

Monday

LADIES AID
BIBLE STUDY
1st & 3rd Mon
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00 a.m.

Wednesday

DINNER
5:30 p.m.

AWANA
6:00 p.m.

NIGHT SERVICE OR
EVENING
GATHERING
6:30 p.m.



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for June: Larry & June Frontjes						1 Elders' Prayer Time
2 WORSHIP SERVICE	3	4 Men's AM Bible Study	5 DINNER AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	6 Praise Team practice	7	8 Elders' Prayer Time
9 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Pentecost</i>	10	11 Men's AM Bible Study	12 DINNER AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	13 Praise Team practice	14	15 Elders' Prayer Time
16 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Father's Day</i>	17	18 Men's AM Bible Study	19 DINNER AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	20 Praise Team practice	21 Biblical Counseling meeting Board Meeting	22
23 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Congregational Meeting</i>	24	25 Men's AM Bible Study	26 AWANA <i>Family Picnic</i> WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	27 Praise Team practice	28 Biblical Counseling meeting	29 Elders' Prayer Time
30 WORSHIP SERVICE						

June Birthdays

4th David Frens
9th Vic Berkompas
14th Bill Walta
17th Susan Foust
20th Marilyn Patrick
20th Carol Doornbos
26th Betty Angell
29th Rick Poore

June Anniversaries

1st Dennis & Mary Helmus
8th Gale & Gayle Knuver
9th Harry & Gail King (58 years)
15th Clint & Shelley Cook
17th Brad & Amy Cook
18th John & Polly Byers
26th Duke & Lori VanderArk
26th Scott & Shayne Fifer
28th Luke & Alicia Beckwith



July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for July: Dennis & Mary Helmus	1	2	3 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	4 	5	6 Elders' Prayer Time
WORSHIP SERVICE Biblical Counseling meeting	8	9 Men's AM Bible Study	10 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	11 Praise Team practice	12 Biblical Counseling meeting	13 Elders' Prayer Time
WORSHIP SERVICE	15	16 Men's AM Bible Study	17	18 Praise Team practice	19 VBS Family program & picnic	20 Elders' Prayer Time
WORSHIP SERVICE Biblical Counseling meeting	22	23 Men's AM Bible Study	24 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	25 Praise Team practice	26 Biblical Counseling meeting Board Meeting	27
WORSHIP SERVICE	29	30 Men's AM Bible Study	31 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE			

Vacation Bible School

Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:00 a.m.

Wednesday

NIGHT SERVICE

6:30 p.m.



July Anniversaries

7th Charlie & Jenna Minor

July Birthdays

1st Case Knuver

3rd Brittany Hurlburt

9th Marian Richards

9th Hunter Frens

13th Dale Knuver

16th Deb Fisher

16th Gail King

20th Harry King

21st Mary Helmus

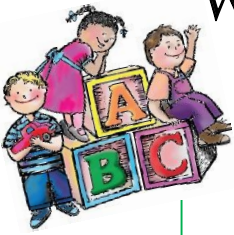
24th Amy Cook

25th Barb Knight

31st Lillian Foust

Items on this calendar
are subject to change

WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE



June

2nd Betty Angell & Susan Foust
9th Marilyn Davis & Sue Walta
16th Barb Knight & Jackie Teja
23rd Shayne Fifer & Renee Cook
30th Betty Sutton & June Frontjes

July

7th Jenna Minor & Gayle Knuver
14th Mary Helmus & Sylvia Edwards
21st Teresa Carter & Shayne Fifer
28th Susan Foust & Stephanie Rockey

Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Susan Foust at 231-652-1237 as soon as possible.



Vacation Bible School

Is planned for the week of July 15th
through the 19th

From 9 am- noon

Our theme for this year is **In The Wild**

Children pre K- 8th grade are invited

Call Karen White at 231-519-9488 with any questions
and to pre register your children



Friday, July 19th at 6:30 pm we will have the VBS Family Program and Picnic.



Food For Thought...

Pickle Poppers

Ingredients

12 whole baby dill pickles
1 8 ounce cream cheese, softened (1/2 cup)
2 ounces cheddar cheese, finely shredded
1 – 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and finely chopped
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
Salt and pepper to taste
12 thin slices deli ham or turkey, halved
2 tablespoons jalapeno jam or hot pepper jelly (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Halve the pickles lengthwise. Carefully scoop out the centers. Pat dry. In a medium bowl combine cream cheese, cheddar cheese, jalapenos, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Transfer cream cheese mixture to a re-sealable plastic bag. Snip the corner of the bag and pipe cream cheese mixture into the pickle halves. Wrap each pickle half with ham and secure with a toothpick, if needed. Place pickles in a foil-lined baking pan. If desired, brush with jam. Bake about 15 minutes or until heated through.



Prep:

15 mins

Bake:

15 mins at 350°

Servings: 24

Mediterranean Chickpea Salad

INGREDIENTS FOR THE SALAD

2 (15-oz.) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
1 medium cucumber, chopped
1 bell pepper, chopped
1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
1/2 c. chopped kalamata olives
1/2 c. crumbled feta
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper

FOR THE LEMON PARSLEY VINAIGRETTE

1/2 c. extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 c. white wine vinegar
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper

YIELDS: 6 SERVINGS

PREP TIME: 0 HOURS 5 MINS

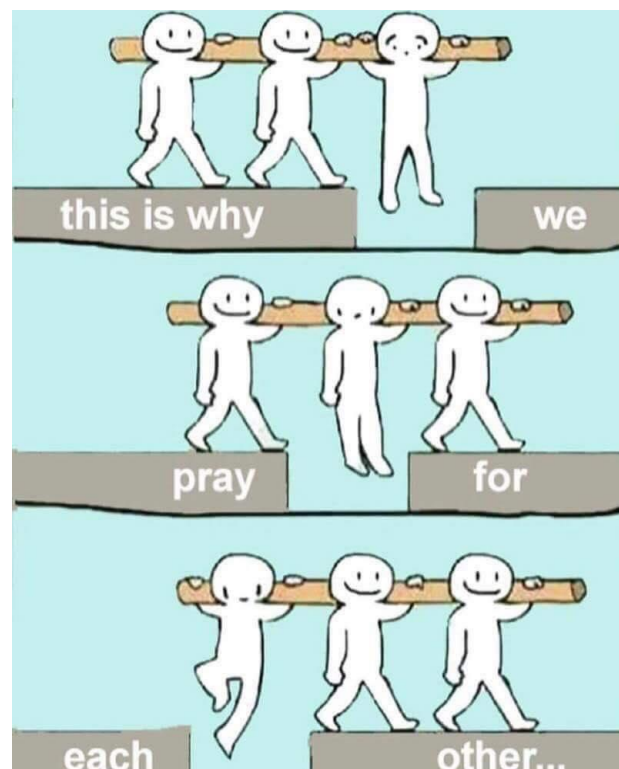
TOTAL TIME: 0 HOURS 10 MINS



DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl toss together chickpeas, cucumber, bell pepper, red onion, olives, and feta. Season with salt and pepper. In a jar fitted with a lid, combine olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, parsley, and red pepper flakes. Shake until emulsified, then season with salt and pepper. Dress salad with vinaigrette and serve.

“...A merry heart doeth good like medicine...”



ACTIVITY PAGE

4th of July Word Search

Can you find all the words in the word search below?

STARS
STRIPES
FLAG
BAND
PARADE

FOURTH
RED
WHITE
BLUE
FIREWORK

JULY
SUMMER
PICNIC
UNITED
STATES

R	O	F	O	U	R	T	H	F	S	Z	V
S	U	S	M	P	E	D	R	L	Y	S	C
T	P	T	Z	Y	C	S	T	A	T	E	S
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J	E	B	A	N	D	H	T	K	D	T	A
U	S	L	C	G	P	E	U	E	V	Q	O
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