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News & Information for Members & Friends

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God Does Great Things that We Cannot Comprehend

"God thunders with His voice wondrously, doing great things which we cannot comprehend" **(Job 37:5).**

As Elihu continued his response to Job, he affirmed God's greatness and His place over all things. When you read through Job 37, you can see all the things mentioned by Elihu over which God has power. He focused primarily on the natural world – that which He created and which continues to be governed by the natural laws He established in the beginning.

Since the time of Job, man has made much progress in the pursuit of scientific knowledge. But even with these continued advancements, we cannot–nor will we ever be able to match–the power of God. God created the universe **(Genesis 1:1)**. We can do no such thing. God established the laws that allow life to continue **(Colossians 1:16-17)**. We cannot do this, either.

Though many scientists promote theories about the universe that ignore God, they have no way to explain how the world came to be or why the natural processes are the way that they are. They just understand that certain natural laws exist, and they then speculate about the origins and hold to their conclusions in faith.

We also have faith – not in science or the speculations of man, but in God. The power, wisdom, and love that is shown in creation and continued providence attest to the existence of God.

"The fool has said in his heart, there is no God" **(Psalm 14:1)**.

Those who are wise recognize that the power of God is behind all things, whether we can comprehend them or not. *Andy Sochor*

prayer request

Willie White is in Jackson Hospital room 678 with cancer.

David Turner has had a prolonged infection that has been resistant to antibiotics. With new medication he is now some better.

Brenda Turner has a suspicious lump on her thyroid gland. Awaiting a biopsy.

Bill Knighten has a melanoma in his neck that will require surgery soon.

David Sims Recovering from surgery.

Jess Hart is recovering at home now.

Betty Burch is recovering from successful shoulder surgery.

Ongoing Heath Issues

Stephen Guy, Ollie Robinson, Dan Robinson Helen Darnell, Jess and Pat Hart, Connie Howe, Lois Wright. Barbara Smith

A special thanks to Kerri Keith for donating a new heart defibrillator.. It is located in the sound booth at the rear of the auditorium.

We Wait by Faith

To the Galatians, Paul wrote, "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith" **(Gal. 5:5)**. The main thought in that sentence furnishes the title of this article.

1. We wait by faith when the gospel is preached. After the farmer or gardener sows the seed, he cultivates, waters, and cares for the plant, patiently waiting for the harvest. He has faith that the seed will germinate, the soil will be productive, and the sunshine will cause growth according to God's natural laws.

In like manner, we do not expect immediate results each time the seed of the kingdom is sown. We show our faith in God's word, in the divine laws for the growth of the kingdom, and in the promises of God by cultivating and watering, and by patiently waiting for the increase.

2. We wait by faith for the coming of the Lord. Jesus has promised that He will come again **(John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11)**. No one knows of that day or that hour **(Matt. 24:36)**. We do know that "unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" **(Heb. 9:28)**. Our citizenship is in--heaven, "from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" **(Phil. 3:20)**. "Look for" in this passage is the same as "wait" in **Gal. 5:5**. It conveys the thought of eager expectation as well as patient readiness.

3. We wait by faith for eternal life. We who are Christians live "in hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" **(Tit. 1:2)**. That which is the grand object of our hope is unseen, for "hope that is seen is not hope . . . But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it" **(Rom. 8:24, 25)**. This is what Paul is referring to in **Gal. 5:5**. We, through the Spirit's revelation by means of the word of God, wait for the hope of righteousness. The Spirit reveals that righteousness or justification is through Jesus Christ, not the works of the law of Moses. Eternal life is the hope offered to all who attain to the righteousness that comes through the exercise of faith in Jesus Christ. We wait (rather than grow discouraged or turn back) for the hope of righteousness by faith.

The life of the Christian is one of the earnest expectation and diligent service in patient waiting; it is a life of fidelity to Christ.

Irvin Himmel

THOSE TO SERVE

Coordinator: Jim Keith / Ron McDonald
Ushers: Kerry Lashlee / Will King
Sound System: Stephen Guy

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements: John Burch
Scripture: Paul Puckett
Lead Singing: Will King
1st Prayer: Neal Smith

Communion

Kenny Roberts — Keith Hollis
Ron Kochik — Gary Smith
Chris Lloyd — James Powell

Sermon

Marshall McDaniel

Closing Prayer: Todd Thayer

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements: John Burch
Ushers: Gary McDaniel / Harold Mustin
Scripture: Curt Williamson
Lead Singing: Craig Sims
1st Prayer: Paul Puckett
Sermon:
Lord's Supper: John Demas
Closing Prayer: Doug Williamson
Sound System: Bob Trefethen

LORD'S Supper Preparation

04/30 Rachel Lloyd 05/07 Samantha McDonald
05/14 Katie McDonald 05/21 Kay Painter

Wednesday Bible Study

Ushers:
Announcements:
Lead Singing:
Opening Prayer:
Invitation:
Closing Prayer:
Sound System:

Count Contribution: Keith Hollis, Curt Williamson, Daniel Jones

CAREGROUPS

Care Group 1 meets after Sunday evening services.....

Wifi Password auditorium is john316yes and classroom annex john3162

Records You Helped Make

For the Week of

April 23, 2017

Sunday Bible Class 99
Sunday A.M Worship 145
Sunday P.M Worship 94
Wednesday Bible Study 93
Contribution $5.724

LADIES BIBLESTUDY

Tuesday evening at 6:00 at the home of

For we walk by
Faith
not by sight

2 Corinthians 5:7