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Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister David Wright
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Schedule of Services Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

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Song Leader First Prayer Second Prayer Scripture Sermon Lord's Supper	Michael Hawkins Joe Sweeney Caleb Hambelton Leon Stocksdale David Wright Mark 15:42-16:8	Song Leader Bible Reading Selection Prayer Sermon Closing Prayer	Robby Stocksdale Ron Iverson 50 Irvin Williams David Wright Hank Tincher	Announcements Lord's Supper Offering Usher Count Offering Assist Count	Jerry Casey David Blackwell Greg Blanton Grover Blanton Art Patrick Robby Stocksdale
Message Attendant Attendant Closing Prayer	Rick Martin Haydn Blanton Brandon Montgomery Hayward Blanton	If unable to serve please call: Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511		Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rom 12:11	

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Hiding in the Cleft of the Rock

Mike King

On the Gettysburg battlefield, there are two round top hills with a rocky area between known as "Devil's Den." It became a place of refuge during the fierce battle. Following the battle, many bodies were retrieved of soldiers seeking refuge "in the cleft of the rock." What was hoped to be protection became a vault by which they were entrapped.

We have been promised refuge during times of threat and harm which cannot be penetrated by the most cunning enemy. David had found refuge in God's protective custody many times about which he wrote with these words: "I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies" (Ps. 18:1-3). God's glory is seen from the Rock as is expressed by the words of the old song, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee". I find comfort in the passage where God told His people of the Exodus that "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock." (Ex. 23:21-23)

There is the story of a little bird that was being chased by a much larger bird of prey. The little bird flew to save its life, darting about while being pursued by the larger bird. The little bird quickly flew into a crevice in a rock face, inside the cleft in the rock. The larger bird gave up. The little bird had found shelter in the rock, out of reach from fearsome claws. Its life was saved. How like the little bird are we!

Keep in mind that "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty" (Ps. 9:1). "He will cover you with His pinions and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark" (Ps. 91:1).

The wonderful and warm embrace of our heavenly Father is a place of refuge and not a "Devil's Den." When we try to find comfort in the clutches of alcohol, drugs, sex, money or so many other cares of the world by which we are surrounded, they become a prison and not a refuge. We must take confidence and courage in knowing that our God is our protectorate and never a threat!

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The Father of All Believers

By David Wright

In his letter to the Romans, Paul described Abraham as "the father of all who believe" (4:11). The patriarch deserved this honor, for trust in God characterized his life. He believed the amazing promise that postmenopausal Sarah would bear him a son (v. 19). He trusted God even when commanded to present this precious son as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains in the land of Moriah (Gen. 22:1-12).

The biblical record of Abraham's remarkable faith begins with his call. The Lord says to him, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you" (Gen. 12:1). Ur of the Chaldeans, Abraham's home (11:31), was the capital of ancient Sumer. In his time the city was a commercial center with high cultural standards. Its inhabitants encouraged art, literature, and education.

For Abraham, though, the call to leave home was more than a command to walk away from cultured civilization. The Lord also challenged the patriarch to turn away from paganism. The citizens of Ur worshiped Sin, a moon-god. Archaeological excavation has revealed that the buildings of the temple dedicated to this false deity were magnificent.

When the Lord called Abraham to sever all worldly attachments, the patriarch responded immediately. God said, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you" (Gen. 12:1). And "Abram went, as the Lord had told him" (v. 4). The father of all believers is an excellent example for dads. If we want our own children to be faithful, then we must obey God's call to abandon worldly values.

Sermon

Hebrews 11:8-19
The Father of Isaac (a.m.)

Children of Light (p.m.)

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness[a] of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

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Hamburg Pike Happenings

Signup sheets are available for the Elizabethtown Church of Christ Bible Bowl. Deadline for signup is June 28th. The competition is for grades K-12, see Caleb for details.

"Love is more easily demonstrated than defined."

"Those who deserve love least are often the ones who need it most."

"The love of God cannot be earned but it can be spurned."

"One who loves only himself is the poorest of all people."

"If you have wept genuine tears over another's pain, misery and frustration, you may be surprised to find that when happiness comes to that person it also comes to you."

"If you want others to take the right road you must take it yourself."

"Silence cannot be misquoted."

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