

Change Is Inevitable

In God's word, Hebrews 13:8 states, "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*" However, in the physical world change is inevitable and here at the Montrose congregation we are experiencing that change. Bro. Larry Cole preached his final gospel sermon as our located minister on June 24th. He taught his final Wednesday evening auditorium class on June 27th, which covered the subject of love. Larry has graciously agreed to come back as a visiting speaker, perhaps for a gospel meeting or fall lectureship series. His tenure was one month shy of an eighteen year commitment as our minister. When we say commitment we refer to, as an example, an audience of eighty-five people hear a lesson with eighty-five minds, through eighty-five sets of ears, but Larry never taught except book, chapter, and verse from God's divine word and it was accepted by the membership as the unbiased truth because of the loving manner in which Larry delivered the lessons. Philippians 1:10 states, "*That you may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense until the day of Christ.*" as Ben Smith stated in his Sunday morning July 8th lesson, "The Lord's church does not hinge on one man." Even though we will greatly miss Larry and Vickie, we have the attitude that is stated in the last part of Romans 8:31, "*If God be for us who can be against us.*"

—Jacky Carver, Sr.

Together, We Stand

Thomas Carlyle said, "Ten men banded together in love and unity can do what ten thousand separately would fail to do." This quote points out that there is strength in unity. Jesus said in Matthew 12:25, "...Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." These two quotes are very applicable for the church of Christ today. The Church is faced with many trials from Satan (e.g., individualism, sexual immorality, the questioning of absolute truth and the lack of trusting God's Word). This is why it is so important that we stand together and unite as one body in Christ (Ephesians 4:3-6).

Christians in the New Testament based their unity upon Jesus Christ and His teachings. This is how Christians showed the world that they were one. It is just as important today as it was in the first century for Christians to show their unity with one another in Christ. Also, it is important that we base our unity upon Jesus Christ and His teachings.

Someone may ask, "How do I help show unity with my brothers and sisters in Christ?" The answer to this question is the same way that the Christians in the

Bible showed unity. First, we must assemble together in worship (Acts 2; 20:7; Hebrews 10:25). Second, we must continue in the teachings of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:20; Acts 2:42; 17:11). Third, we unite together in taking the Lord's Supper on the first day of every week (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34). Fourth, we must fellowship together, spend time together and get to know each other (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:7). Fifth, we as Christians must pray together (Acts 2:42; 4:24). Sixth, we must give to those in need (Acts 2:45; 4:34; 6:1-6). Seventh, we must unite in vocal song and praise to our Lord and King (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 5:19-20). Eighth, we must love one another, always seeking out the best for one another (Acts 2:46-47; Romans 12:9-10). Last, we must remind each other and tell the lost about the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:42; Mark 16:15). With Jesus as our Lord and the Bible as our guide, together, we can stand against the world and Satan

—Mark T. Tonkery, gospelgazette.com, 10/17

July 22, 2018

Peace, Perfect Peace

On the night of His betrayal, Jesus made the following statement: “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27). Those beautiful words of comfort to Jesus’ apostles should hold great meaning for us today, as well.

The world claims to give men some peace. As a result, over the centuries, men have tried many things in and of themselves to find internal peace, transcendental meditation, yoga, philosophy, pleasure, and hot tea, just to name a few. But none of those can give true, lasting satisfaction, comfort, and peace of soul and mind.

The peace that the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6) gives is real and enduring (Ezek. 37:26). It meets all the needs of our souls. And He left this peace with us in the form of the Gospel (Eph. 6:15). The word of God will never let us down. Reading it should continually soothe us and bring great tranquility to our lives.

As we read more of God’s will, more “peace of mind” should come. As we righteously live what we have learned, we can be assured that we can continually “keep the peace” that Christ desires us to have in our lives (Jas. 3:18). As we tell others about the truth of the gospel of peace (Rom. 10:15), we help to spread the good news about the peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7)..

Jesus left His peace with us. Let’s not let it go to waste. Let’s claim our piece of Jesus’ peace and be “at peace” forevermore. “Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.” (1 Pet. 5:14)

—Edd Sterchi, bulletinGOLD, 07/18

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

July 22, 2018

Co-Coordinator George Clay
Announcements Dallas Eddie

Scriptures Reading..Matt. 6:33-34.....Austin Clay
Song Leader Steve Anderson
Opening Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
Serve: Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard
Justin Draper, Roger Draper,
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece

Greeters: Please be here to greet 20 minutes before services.

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
.Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—
PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Dallas Eddie
Song Leader. Steve Anderson
Scripture Reading...Psa. 147:1 Austin Clay

Opening PrayerMitchell Brooks
Lord's SupperJacky Carver, Sr.
. Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer Roger Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement..... Dallas Eddie
Song Leader Brian Smith
First Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.
Opening Prayer Glen Reece
Closing Prayer Kaleb Bush

**Prepare Communion for JULY
Melanie Smith**

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 Ramelle Cole,
 Billy Halliburton, Susanne Tisdale,

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

07/15/18

Wednesday.	85
Worship Sunday AM	98
Bible Study Sunday AM	79
Daily Bible Readers	37
Worship Sunday PM	N/A

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 15th-21st.** JSCYC
- July 22nd.** Begin collecting school supplies
- July 29th.** Young men conduct evening service
- Aug 5th.** Men’s business meeting

READING SCHEDULE FOR JULY

1 Ps 116-120	11 Ps 150;	21 Eccle, 1-3
2 Ps121-123	Prov. 1,2	22 Eccle. 4-8
3 Ps124-126	12 Prov. 3-5	23 Eccle. 9-11
4 Ps127-129	13 Prov. 6-8	24 Eccle. 12;
5 Ps130-132	14 Pro. 9-11	S. of S. 1-2
6 Ps133-135	15 Pro 12-16	25 S of Sol. 3-5
7 Ps136-138	16 Pro 17-19	26 S of Sol. 6-8
8 Ps139-143	17 Pro 20-22	27 Isaiah1-3
9 Ps144-146	18 Pro 23-25	28 Isa. 4-6
10 Ps147-149	19 Pro 26-28	29 Isa. 7-11
	20 Pro 29-31	30 Isa. 12-14
		31 Isa. 15-17