



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

By Elder Gary Kunz

The Bible speaks of hope as a robust confidence in the purpose and power of God. 1 Peter 1:3 says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Our hope is rooted in Christ's conquering of death on our behalf. Romans 15:4 says, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."

The encouragement of the Scriptures gives us hope as we see how God faithfully deals with His children. He is the "God of hope" who encourages us to trust Him with whatever we might face. As we read and study scripture, do we really develop hope? This is a question we really need to ponder and think about. Is hope real to you and me? Recently a group of us traveled to Israel and had the opportunity to visit and walk many of the areas that the Israelites and Jesus actually travelled.

As we travelled we saw how vast and rough the country of Israel is. We saw many ruins of the pagan gods and the fortresses built by rulers upon high mountain tops. The huge stones and walls built can only leave one to imagine how magnificent they once were. But today they all have been destroyed. None have survived. Only remnants remain. We walked the streets of Bethlehem and saw where Christ was born, toured Nazareth where Jesus grew up and finally walked the streets of Jerusalem and walked the path that Jesus walked the last days. Hope seemed lost. The stones were in ruins, the roadways were rocky, and the countryside is barren and dry. The road to Via Delarosa is narrow and difficult.

As we walked into the Garden of Gethsemane hope began to dawn. The gardens were beautiful and guess what? In the garden the tomb is empty!!! This became very real to us. As we read scripture, as we study, we profess to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and we profess to believe that He died for our sins and rose again from the dead. It is because of His resurrection that we have hope for the future. It is real!!!

As I close this short message I think of the highlight of our trip. One calm sunny morning as we sailed on the Sea of Galilee our group sat quietly with our hands held high and sang our hearts out in worship to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The tears flowed freely and it was all real!!! Jesus is alive. He is risen and we have hope! This Easter we have hope in our future! Church of Christ Cleveland has hope and a great future, Jesus Christ is risen today, and we can put our trust in that. He will lead us into our future. The tomb is empty, I have seen the stone rolled back.

Worship Jesus Christ our Savior today!
He is risen!

May the Lord bless and keep each of you.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2018

All events are at the church building unless otherwise noted.

* Indicates an article is elsewhere in this newsletter.

- April 1 – Easter Sunday Service *
- April 4 – Ladies Bible Study at 6:30pm
- April 8 – Prayer Time in April at 9:00am *
- April 8 – Monthly Building Offering
- April 10 – Dorcas Fellowship & Friends at Diamond Dust Bakery in St. Peter at 11:30am *
- April 10 – Church Board meeting at 7:30pm
- April 11 – Ladies Bible Study at 6:30pm
- April 13-14 – FLOURISH Conference at Andover, MN *
- April 18 – Ladies Bible Study at 6:30pm
- April 19 – May Newsletter articles due
- April 25 – Ladies Bible Study at 6:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD...

- May 2, 9, 16, 23 – Ladies Bible Study at 6:30pm
- May 3 – National Day of Prayer for America
- May 5 – KJLY Christian Radio's "A Day for Women"
www.kjly.com / www.sheilawalsh.com
- May 8 – Dorcas Fellowship
- May 8 – Church Board meeting at 7:30pm
- May 13 – Mother's Day
- May 13 – Monthly Building Offering
- May 20 – MN Adult & Teen Challenge *
- May 24 – June Newsletter articles due
- May 28 – Memorial Day

BIRTHDAYS: April 3- Oliver Rogers; 6- Tony Dittrich, Sherm Rupe; 7- Brenda Davis; 9- David Crow, Marshall Heldberg; 10- Zach Will; 13- Kim Wobbrock; 16- Jeff Jaster; 18- Wally Krenik; 19- Brandon Rogers; 23- Simba Nyamutora (son of missionary in India); 24- Lisa Sprague; 25- Larry Filter, Brandon Koppelman; 28- Jim Schmidt

ANNIVERSARY: April 7- Graydon & Ellen Dickie



PRAYER TIME IN APRIL

We are trying a new time to come together as a church body to pray. On Sunday, April 8, we will set aside our regular adult Sunday classes and open the 9:00-10:00am hour for our church family to pray together. This is for everyone in our church family (not just regular S.S. attendees). Prayer is key to our whole existence as a church; it should be at the forefront of everything we do as Christ's church.



Resurrection Sunday, April 1

9:00am Continental Breakfast
10:00am Worship Service

Note time change from usual schedule
No Sunday Bible Classes on Easter

DORCAS FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDS

The ladies of Dorcas Fellowship and Friends will meet on Tues, April 10, 2018 at 11:30am at the Diamond Dust Bakery at 320 Sunrise Drive in St. Peter for lunch. We will car pool from our church parking lot at 11:00am.

FLOURISH CONFERENCE

MN Christian Churches are sponsoring a **FLOURISH Conference** on Friday eve, April 13 and Saturday, April 14 at the Andover Christian Church. This is a conference for church leaders, both men and women, with the emphasis of learning how to build and strengthen leadership teams in our local churches. By helping our churches to become healthy and strong, we will impact our communities. More information is available on the foyer table at church. Several of our Cleveland church folk are planning to attend this conference. If you are interested in attending and wish to ride-share, talk to elders Graydon Dickie or Gary Kunz.



Cleveland Church of Christ
WE ARE THINKING BIG THESE DAYS

I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God.
 His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (CEV)

On March 18th we had a Dream Event inviting any and all of our Cleveland church family to come share their hopes and dreams for the Cleveland church. We praise God for His blessing on that day – 68 were in attendance! We will set a date for another Dream Event in the near future. It's TBA, so watch your weekly bulletins for the posting of the date and time. Keep praying for God's leading for His church here in Cleveland, MN.

MINNESOTA ADULT / TEEN CHALLENGE

Due to bad weather that day, MNTC did not come as we planned on February 25th. Good news — we have rescheduled MNTC to come for our worship service on Sunday, May 20 with a fellowship/potluck meal after the service. Jot that on your calendar and plan to come for great blessings as they sing and speak of God's awesome power at work. www.mntc.org



Pine Haven Christian Assembly

**2018 SUMMER
 CAMP SCHEDULE**

www.pinehavencamp.org

Based on grades
 going into Fall 2018

Cleveland is in Zone A



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| Work Weekend | May 10-12 | Thu-Sat |
| Fishing Weekend | May 25-28 | Fri-Mon |
| Ladies Retreat | June 8-10 | Fri-Sun |
| 7th-8th Camp Zone B | June 10-16 | Sun-Sat |
| 11th-12th Camp | June 17-23 | Sun-Sat |
| Family Week | July 1-6 | Sun-Fri |
| 9th-10th Camp | July 8-14 | Sun-Sat |
| 5th-6th Camp Zone A | July 15-20 | Sun-Fri |
| Servant Leadership | July 15-28 | Sun---Sat |
| Adult Weekend | July 20-22 | Fri-Sun |
| 7th-8th Camp Zone A | July 22-28 | Sun-Sat |
| World View Camp | Aug 1-5 | Wed-Sun |
| Greenhorns 3rd-4th | Aug 5-8 | Sun-Wed |
| Family Weekend | Aug 9-12 | Thu-Sun |
| 5th-6th Camp Zone B | Aug 12-17 | Sun-Fri |
| MANCAMP | Aug 17-19 | Fri-Sun |
| Ministry Leadership | Aug 19-21 | Sun-Tue |
| Scrapbook/Craft Wknd | Sept 13-16 | Thu-Sun |

Fees and other camp information are posted at www.pinehavencamp.org

ONLINE REGISTRATION for all camp sessions will open March 1, 2018 at ww.pinehavencamp.org

➔ Youth Campers ➔

EARLY BIRD Registration from March 1-May 1 saves you money on your camp fee.

➔ Cleveland Youth Campers ➔

The Cleveland Church is giving you 1/2 scholarship of your regular camp fee. We will also pay for 1/2 the regular fee for a friend you have come with you to camp.

So, invite a friend and go to Pine Haven Camp this summer!!!

HE IS RISEN
 the Lord is risen indeed

MISSION TRIP TO TEXAS

Judy Lloyd of our church family spent the week of March 18th with 24 other volunteers in south eastern Texas. This was the 3rd of four teams who worked in this Texas area hit last August by Hurricane Harvey.



2018 CHURCH FAMILY GRADUATES



If you, or a family member from our Cleveland church family, are graduating this spring from high school or college, please tell our church secretary Lisa Koppelman at clchurchlisa@live.com. We would like to know from what school you are graduating, when you graduate(d) and your degree & major, if graduating from college. If you graduated between summer 2017 and now, we would also like to hear from you.

OUR HEAD: Jesus Christ
OUR LEADERS: Our Church Elders
CHURCH SECRETARY: Lisa Koppelman
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 9:00 a.m. – Bible Classes
 10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

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