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21 AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

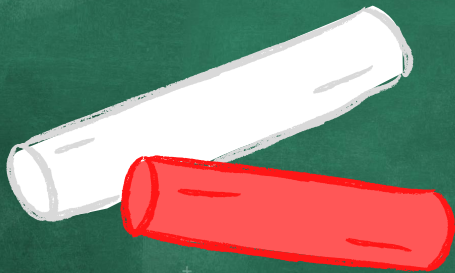
HOPE THAT DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

WRITTEN BY JERRY ASCHER

Dealing with disappointment is a fact of life. We are confronted with these things every day, if not multiple times in a day. We expect one thing and something else happens instead. Often, these things are minor, and we've learned to deal with them as they come. But when we desire something to turn out a certain way so badly and it doesn't, our experience is that which is described in Proverbs 13:12, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick!" Most people can relate: a desired career advancement falls through, plans for a special vacation have to be put on hold, or someone other than your desired candidate wins an election. The list of examples could continue to include things we've experienced during the last five months of this pandemic. But there is one hope that will not result in disappointment. It can't. We have God's infallible Word to back that up. Paul writes in Romans 5:5, "Now hope does not disappoint..." What is the hope to which he refers? Is it a financial hope? No. Is it a hope that I get the job I've always wanted? No. The hope Paul refers to is the hope of the gospel that gives us peace with God through Jesus Christ.



This hope is a guaranteed hope because we have been given the Holy Spirit when we repented of our sins and placed our faith in Christ. It is a living hope, according to 1 Peter 1:3-5, made possible by Christ's resurrection from the dead. John writes in his first epistle that it is a purifying hope that gives each believer the motivation to be different from the world. And ultimately, it is an eternal hope that because Christ lives, we will live also. It's when we focus on this "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13), that we are able to put earthly disappointments in perspective. We are often tempted to despair because of a desire that goes unmet. We may think, "I even prayed about it and had peace this was God's will for me," and that seems to add to the disappointment. During these inevitable times, may God help us realize His goodness in saving us and reconciling us to Himself through the sacrifice of His Son on our behalf. May He shine the light of His Word in our hearts and provide the soothing comfort from His Holy Spirit to help us realize that the greatest hope we can have will surely come to pass.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 OR 11 AM

We offer two services in the auditorium. The services will simultaneously be live streamed in the gymnasium (no singing), or available to you at home.

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- CALL TO WORSHIP
- "HEAVENS SHOUT GOD'S MATCHLESS GLORY"
- "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"
- PRAYER
- "JESUS PAID IT ALL"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "HE LEADETH ME"
- MESSAGE: "FREEDOM IN CHRIST"
JOHN 8:12-59 PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "AND CAN IT BE?"

PLEASE NOTE:

We will have a baptism service on Sunday, September 13, 6 pm. Please see Pastor Kevin if you would like to be baptized.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7 PM

This service takes place in the auditorium. In addition, you may also participate in a Zoom group that will follow the same format at the same time (Please email kwilliams@meadowlandsbaptist.com for a Zoom invitation). For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JOHN 8:12-59

1. Which three words in this passage do you think are most significant?
2. What is being said about those three important words?
3. What does this passage say about Jesus?
4. How do people in this passage respond to Jesus?
5. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
6. What from this passage can you share to encourage a fellow Christian?
7. What from this passage can you share with an unbeliever?

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR JOSEPH O'NEIL & GRACE HARDER



*When: Tuesday, Sept. 1
Where: Meadowlands Gym*

*There is a group limit of 50
people. Please register here
or at the link below to
attend.*

*Gifts can also be dropped off
at the church office.*

*Their gift registry may be
found here or at the link
below.*

You may also e-transfer a gift from your bank to
custom@meadowlandsbaptist.com.

FOUNDATION BAPTIST COLLEGE BLOCK COURSE: SANCTIFICATION AUGUST 24-29

DESCRIPTION

This class presents how the believer can progressively change to become more like Jesus Christ. Students will examine God's provision and plan to sanctify His children, learn about flawed views of sanctification, and be equipped to pursue biblical change in his own life as well as in the life of others

PROFESSOR

Kevin Williams (B.A , Bob Jones University) is the Senior pastor at Meadowlands Baptist Church in Edmonton. He holds an M.Div. from Heart of America Seminary. He has taught church history and delivering messages classes at FBC.

COST & SCHEDULE

\$100 to audit/\$330 for college credit

Monday-Friday: 7-10 pm

Saturday: Class begins at 9 am

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Vickie Forrest: Recovering from surgery
- Daniel Robinson's mom has Covid, and is in a care home suffering with dementia.
- Laura Cook's sister, Lee, is going through chemo treatments for breast cancer.
- Nell Popowich: health needs
- Wisdom and guidance for the leadership and staff of Meadows Baptist Academy in planning for fall classes.

Update on Chris & Glenda Hammond, MBC Missionaries in Saskatoon:

They have booked flights September 11 for Australia. Please pray for them as they prepare to transition and leave their church and family. Please pray for Open Door Baptist Church to find another pastor.

DEACON NOMINATIONS END SEPTEMBER 27

CURRENT DEACONS:

Robert Lummerding, Paul Stephens, Anthony Neumann, Chris Lee, Brian Hunter, Manuele Russo, Willem Piennar, Jeffrey Parcon, Jeff McConnell

Nomination forms and ballot box are located in the church foyer on the credenza by the front doors.

Guidelines for in-person gatherings may be found on our website.

Need to contact us?



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