

Sunshine on the Mountains

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Walking in Faith

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It is important to believe. We have spent the last few months talking about what we believe during worship. When we let him, God transforms our thinking. We believe in God. We believe in his Son. We believe in his saving grace. We believe in heaven. We believe in hell. But God also works in us to put into practice what we believe. This is living or walking by faith.

The Apostle Paul said, "For we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Co 5:7). Walking by Faith is putting our faith in action.

I love how the Hebrew Writer explains real and active faith. First he defines faith. "**Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.... And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**" (Hebrews 11:1,6)

Then he gives examples of faith at work in people in the Old Testament. In this "Hall of Faith," Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Issac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab and David, are just a few mentioned by name. He also talks about the unnamed number who have suffered and died living faithful lives. None of these faithful saw the fulfillment of their faith in Jesus Christ, yet they walked by faith to the fullest.

In Chapter 12, the writer of Hebrews challenges us to live by faith too. "**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**"

The challenge is for us to live, walk and run by faith daily. Step by step. We keep our eyes on Jesus. We remember the faithful ones that came before us, that "great cloud of witnesses." We do not get distracted by sin and temptation but walk the same walk that Jesus walked perfectly. Jesus walked it even knowing that his faith walk would take him to the cross. With our eyes focused on Him we can finish this race in faith and with hope. Finish strong!



MISSIONS POSSIBLE CAMP-OUT - Don't forget that the MP Campout will be held on July 13-14 at Raccoon Holler Campground. There will be songs around the campfire, games, and stories on Friday night. Open to all ages. Then on Saturday we will have a mini VBS in the camp pavilion. Invite the kids and camping enthusiast in your neighborhood. (Camping will be weather permitting. Mini VBS will take place on Saturday rain or shine.)

SINGSPIRATION- Our next big sing thing is coming up on June 24th at First Christian Church in Lenoir. The van is leaving at 3:45 pm. We are looking forward to the fellowship, singing, and food at our sister congregations in the mountains! Come join us!

BIBLE STUDY- Bible Study will resume on July 1 due to Summer activities. We will be looking at our attitude towards PRAYER, FASTING, AND GIVING. We will continue our discussion from Matthew 6. 6pm.

HOWL! (Hanging Out with Wendy and Loren) - Come and join us in the yard at the parsonage for food, fun, and fellowship. We will have some songs around the fire and a devotion (weather permitting - rain date 7/15).

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION - On August 5th we will be honoring our newest members with a covered dish meal after church. Join us in welcoming them.

REVIVAL - It is never too early to start praying for revival in the church. Homecoming and Revival this year will be held on August 26-29 with featured Evangelist, Creighton Beatty.

CHURCH PICNIC - September

