

The Lakeview Lamp

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." – **Psalm 119:105**

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Hope Is to Be Found in Christ

Bill Hall

Entrance into heaven will not be based on a long list of credentials built up through the years (so many new converts, so many years in the service of the Lord, so many sermons preached, etc.) No, a person's hope of going to heaven will be based on the merit of Christ's blood. One prepares for heaven by entering into Christ through faith, repentance, and baptism (**Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3**); living a faithful life in Christ; and dying in Christ. This is the true basis for one's hope, whether he has been a faithful Christian for fifty years or is just rising from baptism in newness of life.

Here is the prevailing purpose of every Christian, to become more like (in the manner of) God every day. *"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure"* (**1 John 3:3**). Regular worship, liberal giving, unceasing prayer, concerned benevolence, unfeigned love of the brethren, self-control, etc. – all of which are commanded of God – are a means to the end of becoming like Him, or as stated by Jesus, *"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven"* (**Matthew 5:45**).

One who ignores these commands shows his contempt for God, becomes unfaithful, ceases to be like God, and loses his hope of heaven. On the other hand, one who obeys the commands of God grows to become more God-like. And while we recognize different levels in this growth, all who are faithful, and are thus purifying themselves as He is pure, share equally the hope of heaven. None has earned his way to heaven. All are dependent on God's grace, and His grace is extended to all the faithful.

Let not the young in the faith, then, be intimidated by the attainments of the more mature in the faith. Let not the mature become proud and self-confident. All must be faithful. All must be growing. All must become more and more like God. And all must die in the Lord. And to all who do so, the Lord will say, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."*

Back to School

Troy Nicholson

They say that all good things come to an end. Unfortunately, that includes summer breaks. I do not know who dreads going back to school more between the students and the teachers!

There are many items that students take with them back to school: paper, pencils, notebooks, calculators, etc. These items are essential for success as a student. There are some other items needed that you will not find on any store shelf. These items are essential for success as a Christian.

Respect

Take respect with you to school. Respect must begin in the home. Children in the Old Testament were put to death when they failed to show respect for their parents (**Exo 21:15, 17**). Paul repeats its importance in **Ephesians 6:1-2**. Students, make sure you carry this respect with you to school. There are several ways to take respect with you. One way is by answering teachers with “sir” and “mam.” Remember what happened in **2 Kings 2:23-24** to the youths who were disrespectful in how they addressed Elisha! Show respect by doing your assignments to the best of your ability. You can also show respect for other students by being friendly, especially those who are ignored or put down by others (**1 Peter 3:8**). Besides pleasing God, you will please your teachers and other students, ensuring a good school year.

Good Example

You know when you go to school that you will be surrounded by those who will set bad examples. That is why it is so important that you take a good example with you. In **Matthew 5:14** Jesus says we are to be the light of the world. You need stand out in a good way, like a light in the darkness. Jesus says, “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven*” (:16). Help others glorify God by taking a good example with you back to school and everywhere you go.

God

Take God with you to school. Let Him be a part of everything you do there. Do not trade Him for some scientific “theory” you may be taught. Do not engage in activities you know He would not approve. Do not forsake Him to make room for your school work and activities. Put Him first above everything else (**Matthew 6:33**). Whether you willingly

News and Notes

A rough draft for an updated 2008 directory is on the credenza in the back. Please make any needed changes in it. If you mistakenly took the other rough draft, then please return it.

- Mary Burnett remains at home on Hospice care.
- Metty Fain remains in Highland Manor Nursing Home; Room B2; 215 Highland Circle Dr; Portland, TN 37148.
- Cotton Read is still having trouble sleeping at night.
- Nancy Read is doing some better.
- Ame White is having a lot of pain in her knee.

Absent: None known.

New Reports: Arrigo Corazza (Italy), Gary Hunt (NYC), Chad Lynn (WV).

take God with you to school or not, He will be there (**Psalm 139:1-8**). Act like you know He is there and brought Him with you.

If you take respect, a good example, and God with you to school, you are ensuring yourself a rewarding year. But these items need to go everywhere with everyone. Those of us not in school need to take these items to the office, store, ball park, and anywhere else we may go. If you start now by taking them with you school, they are sure to go with you everywhere else in life.



“But You, O GOD, the Lord, deal kindly with me for Your name’s sake; because Your lovingkindness is good, deliver me.” – Psalm 109:21

TODAY

10 AM Sermon – Troy N: What God Provides

6 PM Reading – Matthew 7:1-5

6 PM Sermon – John M: Judge Not?

After PM Service – Up front for work assignments.

WEDNESDAY

Reading – Philippians 1:27-30

MEAL COORDINATOR:

Terri Johnson....672-8513

NEEDS TO SERVE:

Sign up sheet in back hallway for hosting singings and preparing the Lord's Supper.

ELDERS

Walter Boyd452-6762

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Ray Moore..... 822-1283

Troy Nicholson.. 338-4657

PREACHER

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Sunday:

~ Bible class 9 AM

~ Worship..... 10 AM

~ Worship.....6 PM

Wednesday:

~ Bible study7 PM

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Sunday AM

Announce ... Walter B.

Singing Ken H.

1st Prayer... Earl L.

Talk John M.

Table Robert J.

2nd Prayer.. David B.

Sunday PM

Singing David B.

1st Prayer... Earl L.

Table Ken H.

Reading Troy N.

2nd Prayer.. Robert J.

Wednesday

Reading Ian C.

Singing Preston M.

1st Prayer... Robert J.

Talk Ken H.

2nd Prayer.. Earl L.

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