

Connections

Exchange Street Church of Christ, Inc.
Union City, Tennessee

HOPE AND PURPOSE AND HOME

Home is where the heart is. The environment of the heart is critical to generating Hope. Having spent time in South Africa and in a Third World environment, I am reminded that HOPE is a critical component for successful life. Without HOPE, there can be no functional Purpose. Purpose, whether honest or dishonest, intentional or unintentional, will ultimately be revealed by the results.

Work and function in general, but specifically within the church, without purpose can become a mindless, senseless, heartless drudgery. Add purpose and even what we would call “grunt-work” has an element of motivation and a sense of accomplishment attached to it. Noah, a novice shipbuilder, was spurred on by an empowering purpose. Abraham’s senseless wanderings had profound purpose to establish and spread the radical belief that there was ONE TRUE GOD. Moses embraced the thankless task of leading the Hebrew nation out of Egyptian bondage. Joshua’s HOPE and goal was to lead them to successful occupation of the land given to them by GOD. All had healthy “home” environments from which the sense of purpose was encouraged.

For us today, in a world decaying because of sin and corruption, it is critical that we know what our purpose is. Equally, if not more so, it is important our leadership knows what their purpose is in GOD’S Kingdom. Prayerfully, as we consider the amazing opportunities before us, let us seek GOD for spiritual purpose that would glorify HIM and expand the boundaries of HIS Kingdom. You cannot imagine Noah spending all that time doing what he did if he did not have HOPE of fulfilling his purpose.

Consider the following passages:

“Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.” 2 Corinthians 4:16

The disciple Paul’s words: *“And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.” Acts 20:22*

No one can hope to unify the efforts of either a few or a multitude without an unwavering sense of purpose. The comfort and security of a stable home provides a solid platform to cultivate HOPE.

Blessings, Jeff

**Homecoming
2018**
Celebrating 170 years
**EXCHANGE STREET
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Sunday, April 15

9:00 AM > BIBLE STUDY
& PRAYER TIME

9:30 AM > MEET &
GREET

10:00 AM > WORSHIP
CELEBRATION

Sermon by

Minister Jeff Kenee

11:30 AM > LUNCHEON
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

1:15 PM > DEVOTIONAL

Led by new Associate
Minister Jay Sellers

2:00 PM > DISMISS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEWING CLUB, 10am, #10	4/12
HOMECOMING	4/15
CONCLUDE NT READING	4/15
LADIES BIBLE STUDY, 10a Etheridge House	4/17
PRIVATE EVENT, All Day, Aud, FH, G, NK; Set up 4/18, 7p	4/19
KIDS NIGHT OUT, 6-8:30p, G, NK, CW	4/20
PROVIDERS & KEEPERS, 5p	4/22
BRIDAL BRUNCH honoring Ashley Thetford, 9-11a, FH	4/28
FISH FRY, Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Ctr., 5-7p	4/28
WORSHIP & POTLUCK at Troy, 6p	4/29
PRIVATE EVENT, G,NK, 1-5p	5/5
PROVIDERS & KEEPERS, 5p WORSHIP, Aud, 5p APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAY BASH, Gym, 6p	5/6

KidsForChrist

KFC Wednesday night theme is "It's SLIME Time!" We are focusing on science experiments that teach God's Word. Come prepared to get hands dirty and minds blown as we continue to explore on Wednesday nights.

KID'S NIGHT OUT > "Bounce Into Spring!" has been moved to **Friday, April 20** (instead of the 27th), 6-8:30pm, Meet in the Gym.

21 MEN ENJOYED THE BREAKFAST LAST SUNDAY MORNING. OUR DEACONS ARE PLANNING AN EVENT FOR THE LADIES IN THE FUTURE.

PROVIDERS & KEEPERS CLASSES

(Boys & Girls, Grades 3-12)

MEETING TOGETHER THESE FINAL TWO SESSIONS

Sunday, April 22, 5pm

Ida Kenée, Sue Mitchell = *Sewing & Mending*

Sunday, May 6, 5pm

Gayle Ellegood = *Home Safety & First Aid*



NEW PATHWAYS
for children

APRIL PANTRY ITEM: Honey Nut Cheerios

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you so much for investing in the lives of the children at New Pathways for Children. Your donation of \$2,063.00 allows us to provide food, clothing, shelter, extracurricular activities, counseling, and, most importantly, spiritual guidance to the children we serve. We currently have 15 children - 8 boys and 7 girls - ages 3 to 11, and we are working intake on two other little girls that we anticipate will be coming to us in a few weeks. We could not provide care for these children without your support. We appreciate your partnership that helps bring hope to children in crisis.

Ricky Burse, Executive Director

The New Year is Well Underway! Now, it is time for the Annual —

Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Center

Fish Fry and Open House

being held:

Saturday,
April 28,
2018

5:00 - 7:00 pm
(rain or shine)

To Celebrate Spring's arrival, you are invited to come Join us at:

4304 Kendall Road, Hornbeak, TN

Our Board & friends will be here cooking for you!

731-538-2118

No tickets sold

Donations will be
gladly accepted!

Please visit us on the web @:
www.reelfoot.faithsite.com

*I was glad when
they said to me,
"Let us go into
the house of the
Lord."*

~ Psalms 122:1