

May 12, 2022

CONFIDENCE IN A PROMISE

Last year, in Lebanon, Tennessee, an unusual exchange took place in a cemetery. One body was exhumed and another put in its place. What was the reason for this? Well to make a long story short, it begins with Captain Glen Walker. Walker was one of more than 1,100 Marines killed in the Battle of Tarawa. Years after the battle, the remains of 532 Marines were recovered from Tarawa and they began to try and identify who each one was. They found Walker's two dog tags and thought the remains were his so the body was sent to Lebanon in 1947 and the family held a funeral. Fast forward to 2016 when the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency was given authority to dig up and investigate 94 sets of remains that were never identified among those 532 Marines. What they found was that Walker's actual remains were buried in Hawaii at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific under the title "Tarawa Unknown X-198". Once this was realized, the body was exhumed and on July 24, 2021, Captain Walker's bones were laid to rest in their proper place in Lebanon.

In Genesis 50, we read of a similar exchange taking place, however this was not because of any accident or misidentification. In **Genesis 50:24-26** we read, "And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt."

Joseph gave clear instructions on where he wanted his final resting place to be and it wasn't in Egypt. In **Hebrews 11:22**, we see some deeper insight to this as well. It reads, "By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones." What Joseph had said in Genesis 50 was a true mark of faith and confidence in God. Joseph was so firm in his belief that God would lead them to the promise land that he had them take an oath, basically establishing a will, that they would remove his remains and take them along when they left. He wanted to be buried in the land of his fathers. Albert Barnes in Barnes' Notes says this about the matter, "He could not have exacted this oath, nor could they have taken it, unless both he and they had a sure confidence that what God had spoken would be performed." There was something that Joseph was sure of, what God promises, He will do.

That confidence wasn't just with Joseph though. That same confidence was passed down almost 300 years to a baby boy by the name of Moses. **Hebrews 11:24-26** says, "By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be

called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward." Moses had the same faith and knowledge that God keeps His promises. It was this confidence that allowed Moses to leave behind the riches and ease of living in a palace and leading the Israelite nation out of Egypt, towards the promised land. In **Exodus 13:19**, we read "Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here." Then finally after 40 years in the wilderness and going through countless battles and traveling miles and miles, in **Joshua 24:32** we read, "As for the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried them at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money. It became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph." God had promised that they would return to the promised land and Joseph's faith in that promise is a testament to the faithfulness of God.

When it comes down to it, the resting place of the bones of Joseph, even those of Captain Walker, or even ourselves, is not very important. What really matters is the resting place that lasts for all eternity. Just as God kept his promise to bring Israel back to the promised land, an even greater promise has been given. God has promised a place of rest for all eternity. And that promise is revealed through Christ. **2 Corinthians 1:20-22** says, "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." There will be no mistaken identity either. Christ will take His church to be with the Father. **1 Thessalonians 4:17**, "Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord."

Andrew Spivey

YOUTH NEWS

Garrett Rowlett has accepted the Youth Minister position at Nashville Road. Garrett is a member here and has attended services since 2006. He has been attending Harding University in Searcy, AR for the last four years and will graduate in August after completing an additional online class. If you do not know Garrett, please make sure to meet him.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 1 Kings 12

Wednesday Read – 1 Kings 13

BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of **Ecclesiastes & Proverbs**

1. In Ecclesiastes what did the teacher test himself with?
2. What did the teacher say to do in our youth?
3. Summarize the theme of the book of Ecclesiastes.
4. Define the word proverb.
5. Tell at least four characteristics of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31.

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Senior Group meal & game night on April 28th. We had a great turn-out and a good time. Please be looking for our next Senior Group activity in June. Thank you so much for attending.
JoAnn Williamson

SHARING DAY

The newborn thru 5th grade classes will participate in a sharing day by visiting the shut-ins and delivering goodie bags. In order to fill the bags, they are requesting the help of the congregation to provide some items. Those items are **purse-size Kleenex, snack crackers, travel size toiletries, note pads, pens, candy & socks or non-slip house socks**. A box will be placed in the foyer for your donations. Please have all items donated by **May 18th**.

GRADUATION BULLETIN

Please submit pictures and information regarding your 2022 graduates. Please include their name, school they are graduating from and their plans for the future. Please have all information and pictures turned into the office by **June 1st**. You may email pictures and information to secnashroad@comcast.net.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

May 15, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Jerry Watson
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

WEDNESDAY

May 18, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....David Johnson

Visitor's Desk Volunteer....JoAnn Williamson

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Mae Oldham is home and recovering from carpal tunnel surgery. Carol Kidd continues recovering from a fractured kneecap. Bill Johnson has finished treatments and will be seeing his doctor soon. Bob & Wanda Gregory are both having health issues. Mike Tidwell, is doing much better. Rachel Goode, friend of Carl & Pam Newby has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Ronald Milliken, husband of Helen Milliken, continues cancer treatments. Steven Simmons, son of Charles and Fay Simmons, continues to recover from back surgery. Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato, continues recovering from hip replacement. Ty Tyler, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. Craig Sweeney, son of Doris Sweeney, continues cancer treatments. John Arnold, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Ricky Cantrell; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 305; Frances Catron; Jean Deaton; Wade & Wanda Kennedy parents of Diana Stephenson; Ricky Cross, friend of Betty Buttrey; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Lawrence Redding, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale; Janice Haskins, sister of Jim Cherry; Larry Conley, friend of Wanda Proctor; John Gregory, brother of Bob Gregory; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Betty Billingsley, sister of Wanda Proctor; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

SHUT-INS

Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; Joyce Savage, NHC Place Sumner, room 107; Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; Melba Hill; Penny Campbell, The Village of Bellevue, Room 204, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; Dorothy Sullivan, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK	
Bible Study.....	104
Morning Worship.....	170
Sunday Evening.....	79
Wednesday Evening.....	77
Contributions.....	\$8,303.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,086.00

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