

MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2019



FCC...A GREAT CHURCH OF GREAT PEOPLE SERVING A GREAT GOD DOING GREAT THINGS!



ADVENT SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 - PROGRAMS, CANDLELIGHT SERVICES, CAROLING, TEEN PLAYS, GREAT GATHERINGS, CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR!

FAITH COMMUNITY

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If you get a chance to watch our Facebook Livestream of Sunday Services uploaded on my page (Rick Jones) I think you'll enjoy hearing Nicole Singing, Ron & Christ playing and singing, Canaan Craig's message, and an unexpected altar call!

THE UNEXPECTED ALTAR CALL

We began Sunday evening's service with a small post-holiday group. And then my tattooed friend, a young man mid-20s walked in and took a seat close to the front. As a young teen he rode our Sunday School bus. He attended some Great Commissions and a Youth Camp. I even had him give a short message on a youth Sunday nearly 15 years ago. It was a miracle he was there. I was so glad we were too! (So happy we have Sunday evening services).

After we prayed as a congregation I began the announcements when the young man spoke out. "Pastor Rick I need to be saved!" The congregation urged us to pray right then. The young man knelt at the altar and we called upon the Lord Jesus.

I preached on THE THRILL OF HOPE in Christ, and after the service he told us that he had been robbed the night before. This young man got into his car yesterday evening determined to revenge the theft. He took his gun and started driving. Somewhere along the way he came to an intersection.

"Pastor Rick," he continued, "I came to an intersection. I could turn right and go to the church. Or I could turn the other way and go for revenge. It was God that made me turn right." That was more than a right turn for his car. That was a right turn for his life. Who knows, it could very well be that because we had our church lights on last night, a life may have been spared and prison sentence averted.

**THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE! THAT'S WHY WE GIVE AND SACRIFICE TO PRESS ON IN THIS MISSION!
WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR ALL WHO HELP US.**

HAPPENING:

Tuesday, 7a

Wednesday, 7p

Friday, 7p

Meet-Up @ McDonalds on Page/Ashby

BIBLE STUDY

FCC TEENMEET Play Rehearsal

REMEMBER TO PRAY:

- For the salvation of the lost
- For new friends of Faith
- TAMMY LEWIS IS IN ICU AT MERCY with life threatening heart disease.
- THE ROBINSON FAMILY
- GARY OLIVER'S BROTHER SID OLIVER
- AL LOCKHART has been moved to ST PETERS
- GRANNY FARMER is back at ROSEWOOD
- MAXINE LEUELLEN Family
- PHIL COOPER Family
- NEIL GOODRICH IS AT DEPAUL.
- Ruth George
- BILL BARNES IS AT DEPAUL.
- Chris Black's Niece Danielle
- MARK JENNINGS Neighbor of Hurlbut's.



KEY LINKS:

NOVEMBER 17 – BULLETIN

<http://www.fccstlouis.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-NOV-17.pdf>

NOVEMBER 10 -BULLETIN

<http://www.fccstlouis.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-NOV-10-1.pdf>

IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT – TIL THE STORM PASSES BY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pA9q839ntZ4>

IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT – O TO BE LIKE THEE

<https://youtu.be/CNhryWOOBso>

IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT - WIN THE LOST AT ANY COST

<https://youtu.be/kf81WZiYCJk>



FROM THE PASTOR'S BLOG WWW.REACHINGFORTH.BLOGSPOT.COM

THE DAWN OF HOPE

THERE WAS FAR MORE than a baby born on Christmas Morn. Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist said of our Messiah, *"The Dayspring from on high has visited us!"* Literally "the *One* source of *All* light has come!" He is here *"to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."* (Luke 1:76ff)

The hope that dawned on that amazing day that Mary wrapped God's present to the world in swaddling clothes, was far greater than anyone had known before or since!

It was not a "hope" based on chance. That's a gamble. It was not a "hope" uncertain of fulfillment. That's a wish. It was not a narcissistic, self-centered "hope" (i.e. I hope I get rich. I hope I get what I want). That's a dream.

The hope that dawned on Christmas Morn was the "Hope of the Ages!" He was and is and will always be the great fulfillment of God's promise, and the greater fulfiller of God's people.

Our hope "Is built on nothing less that Jesus' blood and righteousness! We dare not trust the sweetest frame. We wholly lean on Jesus' name!"

Our hope is grounded on the Word of God! In a sense we "hope" it is true. The promises of God are rich. But the Christian's hope is far more than a gamble, a wish, or a dream. We are sure that the promises of God's Word will indeed be realized. It was Charles Spurgeon who preached to thousands in London--"Our hope consists of three things--belief, desire, and expectancy."

Our hope rests in one who not only faced death for us, but who conquered death for us, and then sent His Spirit to deliver us from death within us!

The world says, "Don't count your chickens before they hatch." But the Christian's Hope boldly confesses Christ is the Savior incarnate. He is our Messiah crucified. He is the Lord risen. He is Heaven's builder!

He is our Redeemer. We do not "hope" we are redeemed. The Christian knows that he or she has been, is, and will be redeemed from all iniquity!

He is our Sanctifier. We do not "hope" we are sanctified. The honest seeker will know and possess sanctifying grace. "This is the will of God even your sanctification." His Spirit bears witness with our spirits.

He is our deliverer! He not only delivers us from the guilt of sin, and from the power of sin, and from the pollution of sin, but also from this world of sin! The child of God does not simply "gamble, wish, or dream" of heaven, he knows heaven is within today and that heaven will be surrounding someday.

You may wonder at all the spiritual implications of hope. Maybe you were looking for something more practical. "I hope I have enough money to buy Christmas presents." "I hope I have enough gas to get to work." "I hope I get that new promotion." "I hope I find the right person to marry." "I hope I get to feeling better." And while all of these horizontal hopes--this worldly hopes--may be legitimate, it is the vertical hope that we must seek first!

In fact if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness all these things will be added unto us!
Experience the thrill of Hope...The possibilities...The power...and The Person who alone brings that unique thrill when God is within!