

Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry

October 24, 2021

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:9-11

A Real Treasure by Duane Patton

What thoughts comes to your mind when thinking of the word “treasure?” For me, I sometimes think of a deserted island and a Pirate’s map with an “X” marking the spot where a hinged chest filled with precious metals and gemstones is buried deep underground. Maybe something else comes to your mind, but certainly your thoughts gravitate toward something of great value and personal worth. Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to hidden treasure when He taught, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (**Matthew 13:44**, NKJV). Whatever the man found in the field was worth far more than the field itself, and the cost of the field would guarantee his access to it!

Biblically, the Kingdom of Heaven is spoken of in two senses, each one being worth more than any earthly treasure. On the one hand, the Kingdom of Heaven is the rule and reign of Jesus Christ in the hearts and lives of men and women everywhere (**Matt. 16:18f; Lk. 13:28f; Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9**). Still, the Kingdom of Heaven is that place of eternal joy and rest which the Savior promised to all those whose faith is in Christ when He returns (**1 Cor. 15:22-24**; cf., **Eph. 1:21; Col. 1:5; Matt.19:21**). All material things will eventually pass out of existence (**2 Peter 3:10-12**; viz., **Luke 21:33**). As much as it may disappoint us to think about a permanent loss of things we value in this life only, we need not be overly saddened. Our Lord, whose own body had been destroyed, arose from the grave with a new body giving us hope beyond the grave (**Acts 24:15; Phil. 3:10f**). So, instead of spending too much time digging for earthly wealth only to lose it in the end, hunt for real treasure. Let’s put even more interest in things that will never pass away (**1 Pet. 1:3-5; 2 Pet. 1:10, 11**).

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21, NKJV)

Seeking first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness...

Services:

Sunday
9:00 AM Bible Class
10:00 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

6:00 PM
Prayer & Bible Study

Local Works of Faith:

Sunnybrook Children’s Home
Gulf Coast Bible Camp
Local Food Pantry
Annual Youth Events
Back-Pack Buddies
The Gospel of Christ TV (Fox 25)
(Every Sunday at 6:30 AM)

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Prayer Requests and Announcements

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

Recent Prayer Requests:

Roy Corbin (Teresa Kenney's dad): Scheduled for surgery on October 29th.

Mary Culbreth: Has been diagnosed as having cancer. No details as of yet.

Gayle Sexson: Had melanoma surgically removed. Awaiting test results. More surgery to follow.

Rick Bedwell: Awaiting results from recent CT scan. To have bone scan Tuesday.

Janet Hambsh (Grandmother of Maci's friend): Passed away recently. Our prayers are requested.

Mary McDaniel (Brennen's Grandmother): Recovering from surgery. Showing improvement.

Brannan Perry: So far, heart tests have returned "normal." Very thankful for our prayers.

Cindy Stevenson: Dealing with multiple medical concerns. She needs our prayers at this time.

Others: _____

Continue to remember these:

Earl and Linda Kenney **Jerry and Virginia Mobley** **Wayne and Lanette Girod**

Tonya Organ **Lou Dick** **Mike Kenney** **Cathleen Nicholson**

Have requests or other announcements? Send email to vcocministry@vancleavemchurch.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Photos: To update our photo board, brother Wade Phillips will be taking pictures. See him for details.

Annual Fall Hayride: Sunday 31 October! Finger foods to follow!

WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Who cares? No one ever cared for you like Jesus!

"...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7; NKJV)

Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021

Week 41

MONDAY **Matt. 12:1-21; Mk. 3; Lk. 6**

What are some relationships that we should be careful to build on the rock?

TUESDAY **Matt. 5-7**

Which teaching from the "sermon on the mount" do you need to work on, personally?

WEDNESDAY **Matt. 8:1-13; Lk. 7**

Reflect on God's forgiveness. Have you striven to forgive others the way God forgives?

THURSDAY **Matt. 11**

What do you think Jesus meant by promising to give His disciples rest?

FRIDAY **Matt. 12:22-50; Lk. 11**

Notice that Jesus implies the story of Jonah as being a historical fact. Do you believe it to be so?

SATURDAY **Matt. 13; Lk. 8**

Which parable is your favorite so far? Why?

SUNDAY **Matt. 8:14-34; Mk. 4-5**

What recorded miracle means the most to you? Why?

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105