

Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry

November 7, 2021

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:6

The Hurt That Heals by Duane Patton

No one that I know likes to be hurt. More than that, and if any of us do get hurt, what most of us desire is to get well as soon as possible. What if I told you that there is a kind of hurt that brings about healing? Would you think I've lost my mind, or that maybe I should at least be seeking some counseling for my deranged thought? You might be right unless I explained that Jesus' suffering death on the cross provided the healing everyone needs. Read again the sorrowful words of our Savior as prophesied by the Psalms writer:

"I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away... For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." (Psalms 69:3, 4, 9; KJV).

Jesus taught that this passage referred to His ministry and the hurt that He suffered at the hands of those who claimed to love God but, in fact, hated God by rejecting Jesus (cf. **John 15:24, 25**; KJV). God's heart suffered hurt the moment Adam and Eve broke the commandment of the Lord (**Genesis 3**). This hurt continued until Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world (**1 John 2:1-2**). It was then, at that very moment that the hurt brought on by sin was healed. The prophet Isaiah foresaw this event some 800 years beforehand when he wrote, "Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities" (**Isaiah 53:11**, ESV). Not only did Jesus' death satisfy God's hurting soul, but it also served to heal the wounds which sin has inflicted on our souls. Again, Isaiah wrote, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed" (**53:5**).

"Jesus...endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2)

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:

Mike Kenney has multiple blood clots and is to return to the hospital in two weeks. Please pray for Mike.

Jack Hayes has received a bad report on his medical circumstances. Please remember Jack in prayer.

The Nicholson family of Vancleave lost their home in a fire. Let's remember them in our prayers.

Randy Wade died recently from an industrial accident. His family needs our prayers.

Natalie May is at home on hospice. Our prayers have been requested for her comfort.

Harvey Goldensup has been sent home and is in need of our prayers.

Weldon McAdams is in therapy after a fall resulting in a broken hip.

Others: _____

Earl and Linda Kenney	Jerry and Virginia Mobley	Wayne and Lanette Girod		
Tonya Organ	Lou Dick	Roy Corbin	Joan Martin	The Kvale Family
Mary Culbreth	Gayle Sexson	Mark Damron	Mary McDaniel	Cindy Stevens

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1st Sunday Fellowship is today immediately after morning services. All are welcome to stay!

Photos: Please see Wade Phillips if you need to have your picture taken for our photo board.

WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Faith is good, hope is better, but love endures forever!

"Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8; NKJV)

Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021 Week 43

MONDAY **John 7-8**

Think about the difference in being "judgmental" and practicing good discernment.

TUESDAY **John 9:1-41; 10:1-21**

Why does Jesus refer to Himself as the "Door" and the "Good Shepherd"?

WEDNESDAY **Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42**

The good Samaritan is a great illustration of loving our neighbor. Who is your neighbor?

THURSDAY **Luke 12-13**

First world "problems" like those of the rich fool can be handled by us. But, how?

FRIDAY **Luke 14-15**

Why do you think Jesus told the parable of the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost son?

SATURDAY **Luke 16; 17:1-10**

How does the story of rich man and Lazarus help us to think more seriously about this life?

SUNDAY **John 11**

Why do you suppose Jesus wept?

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