

December 8th, 2019

HOPE

HAVING BEEN JUSTIFIED
BY HIS GRACE,
WE MIGHT BECOME HEIRS
HAVING THE **HOPE**
OF ETERNAL LIFE

TITUS 3:7

Building Hope through Jesus' Name

TROY CHURCH of CHRIST

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Calendar of Events: - before attending please ALWAYS check against troychurch.net/calendar

DECEMBER

10th – Bible Break Ladies Study -9:30AM @ the Church Building

11th – Family Time – 6:00PM @ the Church Building

11th – Peak of the Week – 7:00PM @ the Church Building

15th – Men's Breakfast – 8:30AM @ the Church Building

18th – POTLUCK – 6:00PM @ the Church Building

18th – Family Movie Night @ the Church Building

- New items added to the calendar will appear in red font when first added

Minister's Corner

Thank you for being here this morning. I pray it is a good morning, and as the spirit of Christmas overtakes you, there is a perpetual joy in your heart. During this time of the year I find myself often humming carols and my spirit does feel renewed and joyful without much trying.

Today we light the second candle of Advent, which for us represents HOPE. Naturally, the theme of our service today is HOPE. It is said, and I believe it, that life loses all its value when it loses hope. No matter how hard the conditions you must endure, as long as there is hope you will keep fighting. Perhaps that is why in **Hebrews 11:1** we are told that *"11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* because, in reality, it is faith that keeps us alive. Faith makes our HOPE real and as we talked about FAITH as our first Advent Candle last Sunday, now we give thanks to our Father and God for our HOPE through our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Messiah.

May your week ahead be crowned with FAITH & HOPE and may the joy of Christmas continue to light and warm your path ahead. AMEN!

This Wednesday – December 11th – Family Time & Chosen Movie

This Wednesday from 6PM come and join us for dinner. A few of us bring our own dinner and eat it together with each other as a Family Dinner of sorts, talking about life, faith and whatever topic springs up. Bring your own take out dinner and share this time with us.

From 7PM we will continue to watch the Christian TV series Chosen which tries to fill in some of the blanks in the Bible with creativity and yet tries to stay true to the Biblical meaning.

Birthdays this week: Ron Palmer (14th)

Special Contribution for Staff/Missionaries - Today

For many years, we have had a special offering at this time of year to thank those that serve all year. This year, the contribution will be taken up on Sunday, Dec. 8, **Today**.

Please plan for this special offering.

Potluck – December Birthdays & Anniversaries & Family Movie Night

In December we will have the Family Movie night on the same evening as the Potluck and December Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrations. We will first meet for the Potluck at 6PM on the 18th and then we will watch a movie.

The movie for December will be a Christmas themed movie called The Christmas Candle.

Church Questionnaire

I continue to pray that you sincerely dedicate yourself to the process of filling out the questionnaire I handed out two Sundays ago as we strive to serve God with purpose. Papers are due back January 5th, 2020. Please, consider your immediate answers and then ask yourselves WHY? and HOW? again. As you do this you will go from the general to the more specific, and as you peel every layer, get to the core of things. Those are the answers I am after. Thank you.

Small Groups

If you would like to be a Small Group leader after considering this ministry prayerfully, let me know by **December 15th** if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

Assembly Leaders for December

Greeters: Keith

Welcome: Gary

Communion: Manu, Jon, Pat, Keith

Children's Ministry - Wiggle Room recommended ages: 5 and under

TODAY – Shana

December 15th – Linda

Please help us by filling this card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to know more about:

I would like prayers for:

Ebrahim Firouzi, John Cao,

Bakhrom Kholmatov

(imprisoned for their faith)

I would like prayers for an unspoken request –

I need help:

- food clothing
- shelter medication
- counseling
- other

Comments:

Dear Guest,

Welcome to the Church, the group of believers in Christ that gathers at this location.

Whatever the reason that brought you through our doors we are very happy you chose to be with us today. We are not perfect as individuals, but we are perfected in our love for each other and the love for God.

Although our affiliation is with the acapella Churches of Christ as an organization, our services include some instrumental music as well as the participation of women in prayer and different elements of our assembly time.

We observe the Lord's Supper every Sunday as the focal point of our gathering and also take a collection to support the church's work.

As a guest you are not expected to take part in any of these practices and we hope they will not create you any discomfort. We would love to talk to you about any of our practices. – *Please see the other side of this flap. Fill out and place in the Offering Plate. Thank you!*

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Welcome & Prayer

Come, Thou Almighty King

There is No Other Name

My Only Hope is You

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Bible Message

Communion

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Light of the World

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Suggestions box in the lobby. Please help us by providing feedback.