

## Pastor's Ponderings

By Brad Taylor

School is out and many are planning on taking off a few days from work and enjoying some time away. God's Son took special times to rest from labor: "He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while'" (Mark 6:31). It is interesting that He said that right after these brothers buried the chopped-off head of John the Baptist. They risked their lives to go get that head, or the body at least. And Jesus says, "You risked your lives. This has been a high-stress time for you. So come away and rest a while." I think 2020 has been a high-stress time, and I hope you plan to get away for some needed rest this summer. Paul Simpson will be preaching the first two Sundays in June as Mindy and I withdraw to the mountains to do some primitive camping and get some needed time away together.

Many of us have questions when it comes to understanding Bible prophecy. Prophecy can often be mysterious, which can be confusing for some, but it is necessary to understand the events that are to come. Because of this, we are starting a series of eight messages titled "Signs." These messages will highlight key prophecies from the Bible that are relevant to us today. Be enlightened on what the Bible says is to come in the Last Days, and learn how you can use that knowledge to make a difference in your life and the lives of others now. This month we will look into "The Prophetic Times" on June 20 and

"The Great Deceiver Who Seeks to Destroy" on June 27. Future messages will include "The Rapture of the Church," "The 144,000 Rescued," "The Two Witnesses Testify," "The Victor Who Returns," "The Decision That Can Save Your Life Today," and "The Stand You Can Take Today."

I am so excited about our newly designed website. It has a fresh new look and easy navigation to help you get the information you need quickly and efficiently. Many thanks to the Angela Owen for volunteering to launch such a beautiful new church website. There's still a lot of information to be added, and we hope to keep the site fresh and up to date.

Summer brings a lot of activities with it. Vacation Bible School will be each Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm. The theme is Destination Dig, unearthing the truth about Jesus. Students will become junior archaeologist and study pieces of the past to learn about who Jesus is and why Jesus came to earth. Falls Creek is June 14-19 for 6th-12th grade students. This summer students going to Falls Creek will explore the character and nature of God by looking into His GLORY. We will explore who God is and how we should respond to Him as a result. Our daily teaching points center on God as: DEEP: God is unsearchable. We could never explore the extent of the richness of his character. SUFFICIENT: God needs nothing from man. Because He is complete, we can rely

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# What a Friend We Have In Jesus



Submitted by Mindy Taylor

Musical ability is within the hearts of every believer.

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19). There's an incredible beauty and connection between the spirit of believers with the Lord and each other in music. Songs of worship and praise can well up in the soul in times of joy and sorrow.

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

In 1844, a young Irishman, Joseph Scriven, had completed his

college education and returned home to marry his sweetheart. As he was traveling to meet her on the day before the planned wedding, he came upon a horrible scene — his beautiful fiancée tragically lying under the water in a creek bed after falling off her horse.

Later, Scriven moved to Canada and eventually fell in love again, only to experience devastation once more when she became ill and died just weeks before their marriage. For the second time, this humble Christian felt the loss of the woman he loved.

The following year, he wrote a poem to his mother in Ireland that described the deep friendship with Jesus he had cultivated in prayer through the hardships of his life.

The poem was published anonymously at first under the title, “Pray Without Ceasing.” Ten years later, he finally acknowledged this well-loved text had been written by him and his friend, Jesus. In 1868, attorney Charles Converse set the text to a tune and renamed it “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”

## Oak Grove News Notes

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in the nursery during church service 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We need two volunteers each Sunday. Kathy Plunkett is doing the scheduling for each month. Please call her or text at 816- 838 - 3981 and she will place your name on a list of nursery volunteers.

### Thank You

Bill and Denise Brownlow would like to thank the church family for reaching out to them during Bill’s surgery and hospital stay. All the prayers, calls, cards, texts, visits and flowers were greatly appreciated.

### Game Day

Game Day has started

back! It is the first Friday of the month, beginning at 11 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a finger food to share.

### VBS Slated

Vacation Bible School will be every Tuesday in June from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

### Falls Creek

OGBC Youth will attend

Falls Creek June 14-19. Cost is \$125.

### Bags of Ice Available

Bags of ice are now available to take home. Ask for yours at the Coffee Shop. Free-will donations will be accepted for the cost of the bags.

# Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan

The book-at-a-time Bible reading plan provides two readings for each day.

The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books, giving you three or four chapters a day. The Gospels are spread throughout the year.

The second reading takes you through a chapter or so of the

wisdom literature and Isaiah. Combined, these readings will take you through the entire Bible in one year.

To prevent the frustration of falling behind and to provide some reflection time, each month consists of only 25 readings. You'll have several days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

## June

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# June 2021

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Fri

Sat

		1 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:45pm	2	3	4 David Prince bday; Adult Game Day, 11am	5
6	7	8 Cindy Tittle bday; Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:45pm	9	10 Josh Taylor bday; Crafty Ladies 11am-2pm	11	12 Larry Bergen bday
13	14 Denice Jackson bday	15 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:45pm	16 John Tittle bday	17	18	19
<b>Teens go to Fall Creek, June 14-18</b>						
20 Pat White bday	21	22 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:45pm	23 Barbara Bond bday	24 Crafty Ladies 11am-2pm	25 Kayla Taylor bday	26 Makayla Edmonds bday
27 Donna Foster & Richard Munson bdays	28	29 Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:45pm	30			

## June Sermon Calendar

**June 6** — Paul Simpson will be bringing the message.

**June 13** — Paul Simpson

**June 20** (Father's Day) — The Prophetic Times

**June 27** — The Great Deceiver Who Seeks to Destroy

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on Him. DESERVING: God is worthy of all we have to give in living and in serving. ETERNAL: God is from forever past to forever future. We live faithfully because of our hope in the "was and is and is to come." Pray for the students going to Falls Creek and VBS. Also, pray for the leaders and cooks. Pray for students to make commitments for Christ.

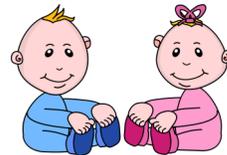
### Sunday School Nursery Schedule

**June 6** — Cindy Tittle & Michelle Hill

**June 13** — Cindy Johnson & Michelle Hill

**June 20** — Jeana Drew & Michelle Hill

**June 27** — Nancy Onyon & Michelle Hill



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