



Life's Necessity

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. -Romans 8:24-25

It is said, "Man can live for forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but only for one second without hope." Powerful words. Painful truth.

Yet, we all have been there at one time or another. Some reading this are there now. You see what is happening around the world and around you, and wonder...how? How is this a part of God's plan? How is this going to get better? Will it get better before it gets worse? What will happen to me? And on, and on it goes. You fall deeper into the darkness and despair surrounded by the nothing-ness of nothing. You can't sleep. You can't eat. You can't turn off your TV. Everything is spiraling and you are suffocating, not seeing an ending in sight.

In fact all you can see is hurt, death and fear. The unknown screams out his silence and yet nothing is heard over it. You play all the scenarios through your head like a world renown mathematician without finding a good solution. You feel you are choking on this "new reality" and you are just so tired. Tired of being tired. You don't want this for your friends, your family or for you.

My two words for you, in love, are STOP and FOCUS.

STOP. You know in your head that this isn't the world God intended. That changed in Genesis 3. But even though the world and everything in it changed, GOD DID NOT CHANGE!! He is the same yesterday, today and forever. It broke His heart to (appear to) say goodbye at the garden gate. It crushed Him to the point of death (think Jesus) but that's not where it ends. God has made a future for us. Maybe we only vaguely see it as trying to look through a veil. But our lack of sight has no effect on its reality and certainty. Jesus said, "In this life you may have trouble, but fear not, for I have overcome the world." So stop. Because of Jesus, WE HAVE HOPE!!

FOCUS. Now tune your eyes, heart and mind. Not on your troubles. Stop giving them more power than they truly have. This isn't eternity as it will be. This isn't what life, REAL LIFE, is. This is "the land of the dying". BUT JESUS CONQUERED DEATH!! He has overcome the world. And He tells us we will too. You will not be destroyed, eternally destroyed, by what is going on. Jesus has put this death to death. So stop focusing on what is seen and look just over the horizon. Look beyond the veil to where all creation is yearning and yearn yourself.

Because this is just a "vapor" in comparison to the eternal riches waiting for us through Jesus Christ, we can "wait patiently." We can walk in faith and confidence with the One who overcame all so that we can overcome all in Him. Take courage. Nothing will face you today (or tomorrow) that Jesus hasn't already conquered. **STOP & FOCUS.**

From My Heart,

Billy

STUDENT IMPACT

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APRIL 2020

If you play a sport, sing, play in band, are king of your chess club, or if you are involved in anything, GET ME YOUR SCHEDULE!! I would love to see you compete or perform.



Despair and anxiety have always been an intrinsic part of life on Earth. In times of darkness, Christians have sought the encouraging words of scripture to provide strength, wisdom, and guidance about the love and truth of God. We are reminded of this when we seek counsel and encouragement from the Bible. Despite the misfortunes we may experience, there is always an opportunity to choose love and rise above resentment and fear. The Bible was created to remind us of such truth and to encourage us to believe in the goodness of life and God. Never forget the truth that exists in scripture, even when you feel down and overwhelmed remind yourself of the truth.

Here is one of my favorite reminders: **2 Corinthians 12:9-10** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
Caleb Page

Every Wednesday Check our youtube page for an awesome teaching time

NCC Student Impact Youth Ministry



TIK TOK
DEVOTIONAL
THOUGHTS
check the app everyday!



Instagram
Live Q&A
every Sunday
Night

Text caleb your questions before Sunday

What are we teaching?

WED NIGHTS: Wednesdays nights check out a new teaching video every wednesday on our youtube channel NCC Student Impact Youth Ministry

SUN NIGHTS: Instagram Live Q&A every sunday night starting at 6pm

Sponsor meeting is on Zoom
April 26th!



April Newsletter

Our mission is to help children come to **KNOW** Jesus Christ, **GROW** to be like Him, and **GO** serve Him.

Children's Church & Wednesday Night lessons will come to you via email or by mail... If you are not receiving emails from me, please email me at blessedmeb@yahoo.com

News & Upcoming Events

Go about your day living the Fruits of the Spirit...

Love And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5 (NLT)

Gentleness Pursue a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11b (NLT)

Peace May the Lord show favor toward you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:26 (NLT)

Patience Meanwhile, the saints stand passionately patient, keeping God's commands, staying faithful to Jesus. Revelation 14:12 (The Message)

Faithfulness Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:23b (NASB)

Self-Control A person without self-control is like a house with its doors and windows knocked out. Proverbs 25:28 (The Message)

Joy My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7 (NIV)

Goodness Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6 (KJV)

Kindness But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a (NIV)

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KFC Volunteer Schedule

Sunday School

3yo - 2nd grade >
3rd - 5th grade >
Group: hands on Bible

Kids' Church

*Loving God, Loving our Neighbors"
by Deep Blue Kids - Cokesbury
Week > 3yo-2nd grade/3rd-5th grade
1st Sunday > Cheri, Emily/Jimmy
2nd Sunday > Amanda, Open/Caleb
3rd Sunday > Amanda, Luke Nix/Jimmy
4th Sunday > Courtney, Open/Open

Wednesday Night

3yo - 5th grade age group together -
All meet in the KFC Room to worship &
Pray together...Lesson > Creation

Sunday School (9:30am)

3 yo - 2nd grade meet in Room 102
3rd - 5th grade meet in Room 101

Wednesday (7:00pm)

3yo - 5th grade meet in KFC Room

Kid's Church (10:45am)

3yo ~ 5th grade meet in KFC Room
3rd ~ 5th grade will split after Offering

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39

CAMP SOONER

Summer camp will be here in no time. Mark your calendars! See me with any questions you may have.
Middler Week (2nd/3rd grade) > May 28th - 30th ... \$85
Day Camp (Pk-1st grade) > June 13th ... \$35
Junior Week (4th/5th grade) > June 14th -18th ... \$140
NCC Members will receive a 1/3 discount on camp fees.



Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year
18 mos. through 5 yr. old/PreK
Visit our church website, www.nccok.com
for more information and to print enrollment forms.



Courtney Loveless
Children's Ministry Director

APRIL CALENDAR

The calendar is included with this newsletter so that you may put it up on your refrigerator or bulletin board or wherever you usually put it and use it to write in activities as we are able to bring them back on our schedule.



Newcastle CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Newsletter April 2020

SERMONS FOR APRIL

LIVE-STREAMED AT 10:30 AM ON FACEBOOK, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS WHEN WE'RE ABLE TO STREAM ON YOUTUBE (IT'S IN THE WORKS!) SERMON SERIES IS BASED ON PROVERBS 18:20 FROM THE MESSAGE BIBLE, "WORDS SATISFY THE MIND AS MUCH AS FRUIT DOES THE STOMACH; GOOD TALK IS AS GRATIFYING AS A GOOD HARVEST."

Communion

You are encouraged to have a communion time together with your family using juice and crackers or bread. What you use is not important. What is important is remembering Christ's sacrifice on the cross with the communion symbols of bread and juice.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

If anyone needs anything, please call one of the staff or leadership or email the church. We're still here for you, and we'll see it through, **together**, with our Lord's help.

Prayer Time

Call or email the church with your prayer requests and updates. These will be added to the list and emailed out a couple times a week. As always, we'll send out urgent prayer needs as we find out about them.

24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

April 10th-11th -8am—8am

Sign up, by calling or emailing the office, for an hour to pray for the many needs in our lives. There will be an on-line guide from Billy with a printable prayer list broken down into 12 5-minute segments with topical suggestions to pray over specific needs. More information about this will be forthcoming.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

A limited run of 2020 directories are available for anyone who does not have a directory. An updated directory list has been emailed out to the membership to update your current directories. We are looking at options to do a new membership directory in the near future.

Offering

Please mail in your offering or stop by the church office to drop it off. Giving is an important part of Christian service; our bills continue in spite of the challenges we're all facing. Thank you!

Sermons will also be available on our website.

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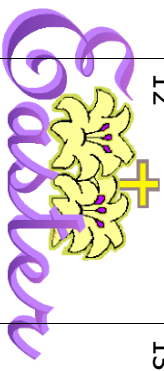


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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



He is not here.

He has

Risen!

Luke 24:6

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Church Office:

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	Comunion Thought	Ed Harris	Gary Pitzer	Garland Hawkins	Landon Waugh
Prayer Time	Caleb Page	David Rodgers	Mike Aston	Rick DeWeese	Server Leaders			
Name	Bob Humphries	Mike Littlejohn	Ed Harris	Ron Vancey	Server Leaders			
Phone	392-4621	387-5708	485-4459	387-4329	Server Leaders			
Name	Leon Riley	Chris Clyma	Landon Waugh	John Hensley	Prayers & Servers			
Phone	387-2743	924-0412	261-0073	672-7142	Prayers & Servers			
Comunion Prayer	John Hensley	Neil Newcomb	Alan Allison	Roy Harper	Prayers & Servers			
Offering Prayer	Cody Clyma	Jim Storey	John Hensley	Alan Weymouth	Prayers & Servers			
Servers	Brady Clyma	A.J. Motes	Cody Clyma	Jim Storey	Prayers & Servers			
	Alan Allison	Roy Harper	Brady Clyma		Prayers & Servers			
	Chris Clyma	Evan Loveless	Chris Clyma	Evan Loveless	Prayers & Servers			
	Michael Halcomb	Landon Waugh	David Wint	Justin Chetelat	Prayers & Servers			
	David Wint	Justin Chetelat	Danny Thompson	Michael Halcomb	Prayers & Servers			
	Neil Newcomb	Alan Weymouth	Roy Harper	A.J. Motes	Prayers & Servers			

Monthly Workers & Servers April 2020

(The April Workers & Servers schedule is given here in case we are able to get back to group worship again before the end of April.)



**Newcastle
 CHRISTIAN
 CHURCH**

2200 North Main Street Newcastle, OK 73065

Sunday
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Youth Group 6:00 pm

Wednesday
 Dinner at 5:30
 Bible Study @ 7pm

Important Dates in April

5th—Palm Sunday
 10th—Good Friday
 12th—Easter Sunday

Looks like nothing to show here, but...Easter... the celebration of our Lord's sacrifice so that we could have victory over the death of sin...and **that.is.everything!** There will be a live-streamed Easter service for us to participate in together in our homes as we look forward to being reunited in family worship, hopefully very soon!

