# THE VOICE OF YORK

#### A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**JUNE 1, 2021** 

WORD FROM OUR PASTOR HIGHLIGHT'S OF MAY THOUGHT'S FROM CHERYL FELLOWSHIP W/ROCK HILL



NARROWAY'S PRODUCTION UPCOMING EVENT'S BIRTHDAY'S GETTING TO KNOW PASTOR CASEY

WOMEN'S DAY

#### MEETING WITH ELDER LOUIS PRAYER WARRIOR

AMERICA AND GOD MESSAGE FROM KRISTIN



### **A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR**

A Heart of Flesh Devotional by William Blackaby

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

From our hearts comes our response to God. Apart from the cleansing work of the Holy Spirit, our hearts are extremely deceitful (Prov. 17:9). David prayed that God would cleanse him from the ravages of his sin and purify his heart (Ps 51:10). God's greatest desire is that His people love Him with all their hearts (Deut 6:5). Jesus said we are blessed if our heart are pure (Matt. 5:8).

Sin hardens the heart (Matt. 13:4, 19). The more sin we allow to pass over our hearts and through our lives, the more resistant we become to a word from God. The sin of unforgiveness stiffens our hearts. We cannot continue to resist the prompting of the Holy Spirit without becoming hardened against Him. Exposing ourselves to evil and ungodly influences desensitizes us to God and His word. Over time, our hearts become like stone, unreceptive to a fresh word from God. We become anesthetized to sin.

Has your heart grown hard toward God? Do you feel as though nothing could soften it? God has a solution. He will separate you from the influences that are destroying you. He will cleanse you from all filthiness and remove everything that has taken His place in your affections (Ezek. 36:25). He will remove your heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh, tender toward Him and His Word. If your love for God is not what it should be, ask Him to renew your heart and restore your devotion to Him.



From Our Pastor:

When I reflect on the words written in this devotional, I have to ask myself "Do I truly have a heart of flesh? Do I see this world through the eyes of Jesus or through the eyes of a person not yet detached from the things of this world?" I am apt to remember that the heart is deceitful and therefore I am anxious to judge my motives carefully, knowing that it is He who both knows and sees the secret and hidden things of a man's heart.

May we all find time to compare ourselves to the standard of Jesus and during our time of constant reflection find ourselves seriously lacking and in desperate need of a Saviour. May we find our own righteousness to be as filthy rags and thus be led to buy gold that has been tried in the fire that we may be rich, and our raiment's white, that we might be clothed and not found in the nakedness of our shame (Rev. 3:18). As the days pass and the times grow darker, may we find Him to be ever more sweet, comforting, and able to meet all of our needs!

**Sweet Blessings**,

## **HIGHLIGHT'S OF MAY**

#### **SHARING THE GOOD NEW'S**

WE ARE FORTUNATE AT THE YORK CHURCH AS FAR AS SPREADING AND TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.

THIS MONTH WE HAVE HAD PASTOR TOM, STEVEN RAMSEY, CJ RAMSEY, BROTHER MARVIN, BROTHER JIM, BROTHER DALE, SISTER KRISTIN, AND AMY RAMSEY GUIDING US.



#### **MEMBER'S RETURNING**



## MASKED & UN-MASKED MISS THOSE SMILES





#### **FELLOWSHIP PICNIC WITH YORK AND ROCK HILL**





WE HAD A WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - PICNIC AT THE

YORK CHURCH AFTER SERVICES. HAY STACKS FOR EVERYONE !!

#### **MERGER MEETING WITH CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ELDER LOUIS**



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO OUR THOUGHT'S AND CONDERNS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH AND THE MERGER WITH ROCK HILL. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW IMPORTANT WE FEEL IT IS FOR PASTOR TOM TO GUIDE US AS HE IS A BIG PART OF THE REASON WE ARE GROWING AS A FAMILY AND A CHURCH.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LAURA FOR THE T-SHIRT'S MARVIN LOVES HIS AS DO WE ALL~



**THOUGHTS FROM CHERYL** 



I have been reading the scripture below every morning before my morning Bible study. The scipture brings to mind these times we are living in, this passage is so fitting that soon all we may have of the Bible is what we have read and stored in our hearts and minds!

"BEHOLD, THE DAYS ARE COMING" SAYS THE LORD GOD, THAT I WILL SEND A FAMINE ON THE LAND, NOT A FAMINE OF BREAD, NOR A THIRST FOR WATER, BUT OF HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD, THEY SHALL WANDER FROM SEA TO SEA, AND FROM NORTH TO EAST, THEY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO SEEKING THE WORD OF THE LORD, BUT SHALL NOT FIND IT ! AMOS 8:11,12

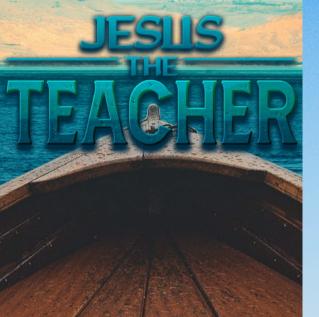
WHAT A SCARY THOUGHT THAT IS. THE ONLY WORD OF GOD THAT WE WILL HAVE IS WHAT WE HAVE STUDIED AND STORED IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS. LET US SEEK HIM DILIGENTLY NOT ONLY TO GUIDE US, BUT AS A COMFORT IN DAYS TO COME.











APRIL 24 - JULY 31 LIVE THEATRE AND DINNER just outside of Charlotte I-77 EXIT 90 CAROWINDS BLVD

Here is a Christian experience right in our own backyard

A BOAT. A SACK LUNCH. A HUNGRY CROWD. AND THE GREATEST STORYTELLER OF ALL TIME!





If you want to experience an awesome time with Jesus and get a feel of biblical truth, you need to see this.



#### **OUR FREEDOM WAS WON AT THE CROSS OF CALVERY**

#### GOD HAS GREATLY BLESSED THIS NATION. WE STARTED OUT KNOWING THAT GOD SUPPLIED OUR NEED'S, AS LONG AS WE KEPT OUR EYE'S AND HEART ON HIM, HE WAS WITH US. BUT THIS COUNTRY HAS FORGOTTON GOD, PUSHED HIM ASIDE FOR MATERIAL THING'S, WEALTH, FEELING'S, ETC. PEOPLE HAVE STARTED THINKING AND BELIEVING THAT THEY ARE GETTING THING'S DONE IN THEIR OWN POWER AND STRENGTH FOOLISH PEOPLE

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL KEEP US FULL, KEEP US STRONG, KEEP US UNITED, KEEP US REFRESHED, KEEP US HONEST, KEEP US FAITHFUL, KEEP US BLESSED.

PUT GOD BACK IN AMERICA, BACK IN OUR SCHOOL'S, BACK IN OUR GOVERNMENT, BACK IN OUR HEART'S

## UP-COMING EVENT'S

KINGS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK SERVICE JUNE 5, 2021

FATHER'S DAY JUNE 20, 2021

## BIRTHDAY'S

GLENNA MILLIKEN JUNE 7 CHERYL CATIC JUNE 25

#### **MESSAGE FROM KRISTIN**

The month of June we celebrate our fathers, our grandfathers, stepdads or other fatherly figures in our lives.

When we think of our earthly fathers, we should have something to remember of a reflection of our Heavenly Father that they showed to us at one time or another, and I hope and pray that all of you do have this positive example.

In studying about our Savior's character and ministry, I always wondered why in Isaiah 9:6, Christ is mentioned as 'the everlasting father,' since He and His Father are described as separate individuals in scripture. One reason is that this term expresses Jesus's divinity. And included with His divinity, Christ says in John 10:30, I and My Father and I are One and also in John 14:9, "he who has seen Me, has seen the Father."

Jesus is one with His Father and He cares for us as His Father does. His ministry and His life reflected the everlasting love of His Father for His children. When He asked the rhetorical question, "who are my mother and my brothers?" He says in the next verse, Matt 12:50, For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother.

We as His followers, let us demonstrate more of this same selfless love and care for one another as Jesus did. We can be sisters, and brothers, and mothers and fathers to those around us who do not have one or need a Christlike example of one. And, as God has promised us in 2 Corinthians 6:18, I will be a Father to you and you shall be My sons and daughters!



OUR FATHER'S ARE A NURTURING BLESSING TO US, TEACHING US, GUIDING US, LOVING US, A CONSTANT STEADFAST ROCK JUST AS OUR SAVIOR IS

Love, Kristin

#### WOMAN'S DAY AT YORK MINISTRIES OF THE WOMEN OF THE YORK CHURCH



KATHY- MINISTRY OF HOMEMADE CARDS / MUSIC LAURA- WOMAN'S MINISTRY / DECORATER / SPEAKER / MUSIC



SHIRLEY- CARD MINISTRY / PICKING OUT JUST THE RIGHT ONE



KRISTIN- MINISTRY OF HEAD DEACONESS / BEHIND THE SCENES OF BAPTISIMS, CHURCH CLEANING, ANYTHING THAT NEEDS DONE, KRISTIN IS THERE



PAM- MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION



AMY- MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN / SPEAKER



LIZ- HEALTH AND MUSIC MINISTRY \*ALONG WITH KEEPING PASTER TOM STRAIGHT\*



LIZ AND TIANNA- MUSIC MINISTRY / THEY SOOO BLESSED US THIS DAY

OF COURSE ALL OF THESE MINISTRIES ARE JUST A PART OF WHAT THESE LADIES ACCOMPLISH, THERE IS SOOO MUCH MORE TO EACH OF THEM

#### THE MEN OF THE YORK CHURCH HONORED THE WOMEN AND THEIR MINISTRIES BY SERVING THEM WITH SPECIAL TREATS THIS IS THE BEST CHURCH FAMILY EVER















THIS WAS A PLEASENT TURN OF EVENTS, MEN SERVING WOMEN



## YORK PRAYER WARRIOR



**BY DALE COOK** 



Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Heb 11:1) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (Heb 11:3)

Our prayer life is the most important weapon we have at our disposal to combat evil in this world we live in. We may not have committed the original sin that caused the mess we are in but we are guilty by association. We are born in sin and have to learn to trust in God through prayer and much supplication.

I'm far from being the one qualified to tell another about their prayer life, but I am qualified to humbly ask for each one of you to come together in prayer for one another. We are but a weak and broken vessel alone in prayer. We become strong together in prayer.

Our church has a fasting prayer Tuesday from 7 – 7:30 each week. I know some of us do not have a computer or any way to join us via Zoom but please take the time to stop what you may be doing and spend time on your knees pleading with God on your family's behalf. We have many church and personal family members who are afflicted with serious disease/sickness. We need all hands on deck asking God's favor.

## **PRAYER REQUEST'S:**

Jim & Trish Hudson family- Jim has heart complications. Trish lost her brother. Keep her and her family in prayers

John & Sandy Weaver- John A-fib problems have lessened. Pray for their sons Chris and Jonathan-moving to FL together.

Jean Johnson- weak heart/diabetes

Rodney Gill - leg infection /dialysis/he says he is doing some better, please keep praying.

Nellie Smith - pray she stays cancer free and her kidneys remain well.

Marvin Fulbright - Has an aneurysm keep in prayer

Jim Lance's Cousin Betsy's - husband Mike hospitalized for extremely high blood sugar. Keep in prayer that eyesight is not affected as well.

Tommie – pray his sister Teresa and other siblings will accept the Biblical truths they have learned

Kristen Pelle – Pray Bible studies with Bruno go well and traveling mercies for him/Kurtice and Kayla pray they return to church

Dale and Sue Lance – Both home from hosp. but Sue still having difficulties with complications, much prayer requested.

Anne Rollins – Dad with aggressive colon cancer/much prayer requested. No updates

Mary Rowland – fell & broke her nose and her neck/much prayer requested. No updates

Fellow Christian believers – in every nation who are persecuted and have to hide to worship and praise God. Have been driven out of their home land to live in refugee tent cities, some for ten years or more.

Sister Myanmar International church – many have family and friends who are persecuted and murdered for their faith over in their home land that was once Burma but now Myanmar Lockley Family – Successfully closed on their new home on time/thanks for answered prayer. /pray they return to visit us in church soon

Laura Cook – Liver and related gastro illness, request continued prayer/had CT scan and showed nothing new except she has developed varicose veins in the upper part of her stomach

Matt – Has struggles with alcohol and other debilitating drug additions. Pray he seeks a drug rehab facility for help.

Wanda & Mark Caldwell – Have covid-19 complications where it has damaged lungs and heart/please keep in earnest prayer

Carol – Continue to pray for Susan Ramsey's sister cancer treatments.

Susan Ramsey - Continue to keep in prayer for the African deployment her unit faces.

Terrence – Keep Terrence in your prayers that the devil doesn't impeach him from his baptism, and that he will be able to work out family issues with the help of the Lord so he can be back in fellowship with his brothers and sisters in Christ very soon.

Pam – much prayer requested.She been diagnosed with cancer.

Marylou - prayer for children and grandchildren seek the Lord.

Church leadership worldwide – pray for Holy Spirit to be with the leaders of our church starting with the General Conference all the way down to the local congregations of the local churches and preparing us all to carry the THREE ANGELS MESSAGE to the world to all who want to hear it and to those that don't.

Children of our church – pray for Gods leading in showing us how to raise them up and preparing them for a life work for the Lord. Ronnie Stephenson – pancreatic cancer please pray (Laura's cousin) Wayne Stephenson – leukemia please pray (Laura's cousin) Wendy Cook – leukemia please pray (Dale's ex daughter-in-law) Carson – Brain tumor please pray (Dale's daughter-in-law's sister's son) Eleanor Keith – stage 3 kidney failure please pray

Shirley Goss - Sprained ankle/Richard back to heal

Patty Pritchard - need healing for eye and spiritual healing

Roseanne Wray – health issues

Scott Lance - personal issues

Samantha – Jim/Kathy's granddaughter having surgery to test for cervical cancer on June 2, 2021

Jean Strickland's son – diabetes complications

<u>Pray for all Bibles studies that have been started that they will go until</u> <u>completion</u>

Please keep our church building project and everything that goes along with it in constant prayer before the Lord. We want this to be God's plan and not ours.

> IN CHRIST, DALE AND LAURA





THIS IS IN ADDITION TO BROTHER DALE'S LIST AS IT WAS MADE KNOWN AFTER HIS PRAYER LIST WAS SUBMITTED. SISTER LIZZ WOOD'S CAME TO CHURCH SABBATH BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH AND SHE WAS IN NEED OF PRAYER. SHE WILL BE GOING IN FOR KNEE SURGERY JUNE 8th, PLEASE KEEP HER IN CONSTANT PRAYER AND LIFTED UP!







WE LOVE YOU LIZZ