WELCOME TO

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT KENNEDY HEIGHTS

Even in the storm...

There is something to be thankful for

VISION STATEMENT

We will mature & grow as disciples by building a loving, nurturing and unified family environment, valuing diversity and inspiring transformation through trusting in God, sharing our faith and serving the community with the expectation of God's Harvest.



WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!





- Habakkuk 1:1 He receives a vision / prophecy / oracle from God and it's not good news
- Habakkuk 1:5-7 God says He is going to rise up and use the Babylonians as His instrument of punishment for the people's sins
- * A whole lot of the Hell we go through in this life is self-inflicted / created by our own hands
- Habakkuk 3:16-19 Habakkuk says when the impending suffering and doom arises for the nation he will rejoice in the Lord and be joyful



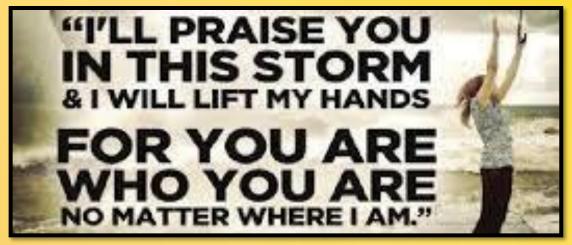
- Acts 5 Paul and Silas praise God after being beaten and in the middle of persecution
- Acts 5:27-29 We will obey God rather than man even if we must go through the fire / Hell
- Acts 5:30-39 The Sanhedrin wants to kill them but they are persuaded not to
- Acts 5:40-42 They are flogged and leave rejoicing with thankful hearts that they were worthy of such treatment for the name of the Lord
- * Flogged Is to be severely beaten across your chest and back

- 1 Thes 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"
- Jonah 2:9-10 (NKJV) Jonah praying while in the belly of the fish – WITH THANKSGIVING
- Look at his optimism while in the belly of the fish about what he will do after the Hell he is going through is over
- He doesn't have assurance that he will survive but speaks with faith of the future...we don't know about tomorrow but we know who holds tomorrow in His hand

Job 1:20-22 — After receiving news that he had basically lost everything including his children Job worships (the devil even had a plan for his wife)

The Hebrew word for bless or praise in V21 is Barak meaning to; adore, bless and thank

V22 - In all this he did not sin and blame God for the Hell he was going through



- Daniel 6 Daniel gives thanks to God while his very life is at risk
- <u>Daniel 6:6-11</u> Daniel prays and gives thanks as he asks for God's help...which came first? <u>THANKS!</u>
- <u>V16-22</u> Daniel still wins in the Hell storm of the lion's den God brought him through the storm
- Matt 14:13-21 Jesus gave thanks even though He didn't have enough
- God sees & knows the storms in your life
- God can make a way out of no way and bless you in the middle of a Hell storm

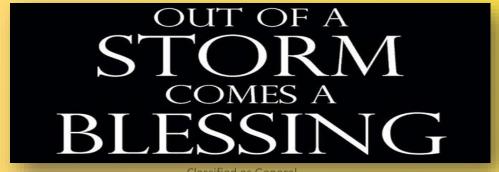
Phil 4:4-7 — Rejoice always...even when going through Hell

Present your petitions with thanksgiving



<u>James 1:2-4</u> — Consider it pure joy when you go through Hell because something is at work in your

life



GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

HEAR – Romans 10:17 & 1 Cor 15:1-4

BELIEVE – Hebrews 11:6

REPENT – Luke 13:3

CONFESS – Romans 10:9-10

BE BAPTIZED – Acts 2:38 & 1 Peter 3:21

LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTIL DEATH

Matt 25:21 & Rev 2:10