



### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Sept 5th** Morning Class @ 9:30 AM  
Worship @ 10:30 AM  
Prayer & Song Service 5:30 PM  
Men Returning from the Retreat
- 6th** Labor Day  
Eric Bliss's birthday
- 7th** Ladies Prayer Lunch @ noon
- 8th** Wednesday Evening Class @ 6:30 PM  
Polly Baldwin's birthday
- 9th** Janet Nguyen's birthday
- 11th** Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 AM  
Patriots Day  
Sandy Hopkins & Debbie T Nelson's birthday

### NEW GREAT GRANDMA!

Jan Hayes is a new great grandma! Hensley Hayes Duran was born August 10th @ 12:55 PM and she weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 20" long. Her mother is Jan's granddaughter Kristen Duran, and Jan's late daughter Shelly's daughter. Congratulations to all!

"Life with God is not immunity from difficulties,  
but peace within difficulties."

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Be sure you put your feet in the right place,  
then stand firm. ~ Abraham Lincoln

### SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without  
wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ~ Hebrews 10:23

### PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

- Shannon Cottam's** friend **Christy** and her family have COVID19. Please keep them in your prayers. **Shannon** also asked for prayers for the schools & staff as they navigate the protocols dealing with the virus.
- David House** is suffering with leg pain and wasn't able to make class on Wednesday night. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ann Thompson** asked for prayers for **Kevin**. He is suffering with back pain and had a shot this past week to help. Please keep him in your prayers for relief of pain.
- Lynn Nothstein's** daughter in law **Kelsey's** grandpa has been ill for some time. The doctors have given him very little time. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Peyton, Jerry & Sandy Hopkins** great granddaughter is doing much better. Please continue to keep her and the extended family in your prayers as she starts the long road to recovery. She was able to come home Friday. Prayers answered!
- Dave Gastellum** is traveling to see his new grandson. Please keep him in your prayers for safe passage.
- Loretta** is feeling some better from her bout with vertigo. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Diane Hemeon's** brother **Dennis** is doing well after his stroke. Please continue to keep him & the family in your prayers.
- Please remember **Alora Cottam** as she waits on results from her appointment with a neurologist. Pray this will give her a resolution to her needs.
- Please keep **Ethel Johnson's** nephew **Billy** & his wife **Heather** & their son **Riley**, in your prayers as Riley continues his recovery.
- Jan Hayes's** daughter **Shauna**, had another Chemo treatment this past week. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Please continue to keep **Dorothy Cunningham & Bill** in your prayers as they patiently wait for the next step in this process. Dorothy continues to heal in preparation for the actual transplant.
- Please keep **Judith Scharnagel** in your prayers as she is gone to with Nan for a couple months.
- Karen Anderson** asked for prayers for friends evacuated due to the hurricane. Please keep them & all those affected by the storms in the south.
- Please keep all those affected by **hurricane Ida** in your prayers as they dig out of the effects of the storm.
- Please keep **all those trapped in Kabul** and surrounding areas that weren't able to get out in your prayers.

### ENCOURAGING WORDS

#### United in Christ

The first-century congregation in the city of Corinth was dealing with a divisive spirit that had permeated the membership. A report had reached the apostle Paul that each member of the congregation was claiming allegiance to various ones—"I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or I am of Christ" (**1 Cor. 1:12**). The inspired pen of Paul denounced such contentions with one statement—"Is Christ divided?" (**1:13**). The obvious answer is, "Absolutely not!" Therefore, if Christ is not divided, then how many "divisions" did (or would) heaven approve? None! Zero!

Look around us. The religious division and religious confusion that exists today is so widespread and so dominant that it would seem to some to be inevitable, acceptable, and even preferable. Read God's will again—"that there be no divisions among you." Therefore, it is not acceptable to God for there to be even one division of His followers into two different groups teaching two different things, let alone hundreds of different groups teaching hundreds of different things. The resulting and present-day division of believers has caused many others to reject Christ and refuse any form of Christianity, based upon what they witness among those who claim to be followers of Christ but cannot agree on the simplest of matters. See **John 17:20-21**.

If there was ever a time in our modern era when the world needed Christ, it is now! But it cannot happen to its fullest while man divides believers into varying groups by their varying doctrines. So let's abandon all manmade doctrines and manmade churches, and let's "all speak the same thing" by speaking only "the oracles of God" (**1 Pet.4:11**) Salvation is only through Christ (**Acts 4:12**) and His word (**Jas. 1:21**). Let us believe it, love it, teach it, and obey it!

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