

Family Information

Food Pantry

The food Pantry is in need of the following: jelly, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, hot cereal.

Sympathy - We want to express our sympathy to Lloyd Snyder at the death of his father, Lloyd Snyder, Sr. The funeral was Saturday . We also want to express our sympathy to Steve Sims at the death of his wife, Barbara.

Thank you - We would like to thank the brothers and sisters at Northland for the many prayers for my mother, Hicle Estep, during her recent illness and for the cards and the lovely flowers sent to honor her at her funeral. Although we know that death is just a transition to a better life we still miss her. Thank you for your concern. Roy & Waneta

Ladies Only - Please join us for a soup and salad Sunday luncheon on Sunday, February 27 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the home of Sandy Arnold. Bring your favorite soup or salad to share. RSVP to Sandy at 740-548-0222.

Welcome Home - There will be a welcome home celebration for Kevin Taylor in the annex on Friday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. Kevin is returning home from Kosovo and is excited to see some familiar faces. There will be pizza and cake as it will be a great night of fellowship and a great night of showing thanks to Kevin for his service. Everyone is invited! If you have any questions, please direct them to Theresa Taylor or Steve and Rachel Fuller.

Stepping Stones - Ladies, you are invited to attend the next Stepping Stones meeting Monday, February 21 at 7 p.m. in Spring Road's Fellowship Room. You don't have to be a member to visit and have some fun with us! We will be having "Luau Night". We look forward to seeing you!

Teachers Needed—We are in desperate need of teachers for the new quarter. Please see Mike or Leisha Evans if you are willing to help our children.

New Pictorial Directories—The Pictorial Directories will be available after services in the foyer for those who had their pictures taken by Olan Mills.

Communion Servers For February

Evan Arnold	Dustin Bates
Kasey Dunkin	Robby Freeman
Bobby Graham Jr.	Christopher Smith
Justin Yates	Morgan Yates

For The Month Of February

Announcements: Brian Arnold

Visitors Table: Barnhardt

Greeter: Lawrence

Foyer Duty: Art Silva, Tim Mauter

Northland Life Groups

Location	Contact Ph.	Leader	Meets
Thorne Home	(614) 818-5454	Ray Thorne	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm
Butler Home	(614) 890-7721	Tom Barnhardt	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm.
Coate Home	(614) 885-1988	Perry Coate	Every other Monday at 7:30 pm.
Church Building	(614) 475-0161	Roy Estep	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Weds 10:30 am.
Smith Home	(614) 898-7987	Billie Thorne	Every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
Chivington Home	(614) 823-5596	Kevin Chivington	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm.
McDaniel Home	(614) 785-1321	Jason McDaniel	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 7 pm.
Various Homes	(614) 523-2258	Troy Blair	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm.
Allen Home	(614) 764-8542	Wilbur Allen	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6:00 pm

Elders:

Wilbur Allen
Tom Barnhardt
Frank Chappell
Roy Estep
Ray Thorne

Evangelists:

Ron Adams
Tom Barnhardt

Youth

Minister:

Troy Blair

Deacons:

Brian Arnold
John Bradley
Lynn Champney
Kevin Chivington
Darrell Estep
Jack Evans
Mike Evans
Lou Lawrence
John Lindsay
Jack Mauersberg
Beryl McMasters
Mark Morris

Contributions

Last Week	\$5574
Average	\$6500

Russia	\$377
Average	\$281

Youth	\$280
Average	\$229

Attendance

Sunday Class	161
Sunday Worship	278
Weds	112
Life Groups	-

February

18-21 Winterfest In Gatlinburg
20 50's Plus "Eat Out Sunday"
21 President's Day
25-26 30 Hours Of Famine

March

2 50's Plus Meeting
4 NYM Café
4-5 High School Girls Retreat
6 Spring Classes Begin
L. G. Leaders 4:30 pm
All Groups at Building at 5:30 pm
9 Spring Wednesday Night Classes Begin
10 Christian Women's Fellowship
16 50's Plus Meeting
20 50's Plus "Eat Out Sunday"
24 COCS Grandparent's Day

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

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Wellington Defeated

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. - Mark 16:6

It is said that on the evening of June 18, 1815 a man stood in the tower of England's Winchester Cathedral gazing anxiously out to sea. At last he found what he was looking for - a ship sending a signal by use of lights.

He strained to see the message. All of England held its breath with him, wanting to know the outcome of the war between their military leader, the Duke of Wellington, and the French dictator Napoleon Bonaparte. Bonaparte, who had once ruled all of Europe, except England, remained a threat and now the decisive Battle of Waterloo had been fought.

As he stood in the tower of Winchester Cathedral, our man waited to relay the news that would determine England's future. The signal came just as a heavy fog was rolling in. As the heavy fog rolled in, only part of the message got through. The signal read:

"Wellington defeated"

The man signaled to other stations and the news spread across the countryside, bringing great gloom and sadness. But then a great reversal happened. The fog lifted, and the message was sent again, this time in full:

"Wellington defeated the enemy".

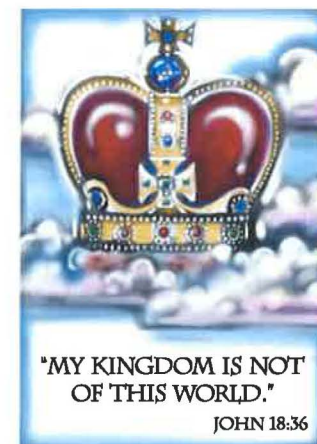
Joy? Happiness? Delirium! Wellington had won! The nation went wild with the good news.

On the day Jesus died on the cross, it seemed the message to the world was "Christ defeated". But three days later we discover that the message had not been received in full. The resurrection reverses what we initially thought and declares to all that:

"Christ defeated the enemy!"

As Christians, we can live a life of joy and happiness because we have received the good news, the complete message, the entire story that Jesus Christ was indeed raised from the dead and has for all time defeated the enemy!

- Verse A Week Club



CAMOUFLAGED CHRISTIANS

When we think of the word “camouflage” most people think without hesitation of a soldier who has disguised himself for the purpose of not being discovered. God’s Word plainly teaches us that Christians are indeed in the army of the Lord. God’s true church is fighting the battle of godliness and holiness, and lifting up the banner of the Lord to a world that is perishing and rushing headlong into eternity.

Unlike our earthly armed forces, God’s army is never to be dressed in camouflage. We are to be on constant alert and prepared to stand for God regardless. We are never to disguise our identity or be ashamed that we are indeed enlisted in the most powerful of all forces known to mankind.

However, there seems to be reluctance today among some of God’s army to identify themselves as true believers of the gospel. To keep from being considered “radical,” too many Christians are willing to blend in with those who make no claims of believing in any form of Christianity – every day but Sunday. They hear and share filthy jokes; hey may promote or endorse dishonesty; they are greedy for self and gain at any price; they are untruthful; they pretend blindness to all forms of employee/employer abuse. Even engaging in illicit relationships is not beyond them. They are in perfect camouflage – indistinguishable from the world.

Yet often these same individuals will be extremely active in their church activities. It is as though on Sunday the “*whole armor of God*” is worn with pride; but in the workplace there is often not the slightest hint of ever having enlisted in God’s army.

While no one desire to be mistreated or passed-over for job promotions, if standing up as a child of God is what causes us to be persecuted, then that is exactly what God expects of us. Are we going to be ashamed at the appearing of Christ? Or are we going to be ashamed when it is time for us to vacate this temporary dwelling place we call earth? Remember that it was Jesus who said if we’re ashamed of Him; then He will be ashamed of us.

We must remember that church membership does not guarantee that we are enlisted in God’s army. Anyone can claim to be enlisted; but it’s not those that talk only, but those that “walk the talk” and wear the garments of Christ’s salvation with honor openly who are numbered among God’s soldiers. This means earnestly seeking to live holy lives and never being willing to camouflage our position in Christ.

Never forget that God saves us, God blesses us, God guides us, God promotes us, God keeps us – and when our earthly battles have ceased, God will receive us into that eternal Kingdom where all who have worn God’s garments of salvation with honor will receive their “just reward.”

“*Well done thou good and faithful servant*” are not words that “camouflaged Christians” can expect to hear. Our position in Christ is to be as open and displayed as Christ and His cross, where sin’s debt was paid in full.

Clifton Tomes (Bowling Green, Ky),
In Pulpit Helps

Youth Announcements

We will be returning from Winterfest on 2/20/05 to Spring Road between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

No FOG on 2/20 to allow everyone to catch up on homework and rest.

No High School hang out 2/20 also due to Winterfest.

FOG 2/27 is at the home of John, Lora, and Adrienne Bradley.

High School girls please RSVP to Lisa for the retreat ASAP so plans may continue.

MOUNT ZION & MOUNT ESAU
THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

Week Eight
The Kingdom Will Be the Lord's (Obadiah 1:19-21)

The prophecy of Obadiah concludes with the promise that "the kingdom will be the Lord's" (1:19-21). This is an encouraging re-assurance to his own people, and also a warning to those who would oppose God or his people. Everything belongs to God, even though, in his patience, he allows humans to do as they please for a time with the things God has given them. We must never doubt for a moment that it all came from God, it all belongs to God, and someday it will all return to God. The nations of the world, the wealth of the world, the peoples of the world, even the church itself, are all God's, and no human should presume to be in control of anything.

In verses 19-20, the prophet uses geographical imagery to describe Israel recovering and possessing its own lost territory, and not only that. It also depicts God's people taking territory from neighboring lands, such as Edom and Philistia, who had been hostile to Israel. Then, in the last verse, Obadiah contrasts Mount Zion and "Mount Esau", saying that God's people will live on Mount Zion and will rule both mountains. (Although the NIV translates this as "the mountains of Esau", the Hebrew is singular. There is no literal "Mount Esau"; this is just a figurative expression to make a contrast with "Mount Zion".)

This imagery thus promises much more than simply the restoration of the ancient physical nation of Israel. For, even today, those of spiritual Israel are the true heirs of everything God has created, both the things of Mount Zion and the things of Mount Esau. Just as Daniel promised that God's kingdom shall shatter all worldly kingdoms (Daniel 2:44), and as Paul assured the Corinthians that "all things are yours, whether . . . the world or life or death or the present or the future" (1 Corinthians 3:21-22), so also Obadiah assures us, as Jesus does too, that the meek, patient, and humble servants of God shall indeed inherit the earth.

These promises should re-assure us about the path in life we have chosen. There is a kingdom waiting for us, and it is a kingdom worth more than all the treasures of the earth put together. In following Christ, we have made not only the right choice, but also the wise choice. Yet this assurance should also challenge us. The kingdom of heaven is our ultimate reward, and "if only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men" (1 Corinthians 15:19). Even Christians can easily fall into worldly ways of thinking, and can look to Christianity as a source of entertainment and earthly benefit, rather than eternal security and spiritual development. For all of these reasons, Obadiah's reminder that "the kingdom will be the Lord's" ought to be written on our hearts.

- Mark Garner

Be Continually In Prayer

Jean Houpe - Pray that I will yield to the Spirit's leading and become more attentive to God's calling on my life.

Sally Dunkin - Continue to pray for my brother, John, who has cancer. Also pray for my granddaughter, Joanna, who has pneumonia.

Mike & Jack Evans & Family - Please pray for our aunt, Patty Tecil. She has a tumor in her throat which is cancerous.