

APRIL 2024
**BELL ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH
JOURNAL**

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MONTHLY EVENTS

- 4-13 No Women's Breathe
- -4-27 Union Gospel Mission- Dinner at the Rosenau home at 5:30 pm. Leave/carpool at 6:30 pm Service at UGM from 7:30-8:30 pm



WHERE HOPE IS FOUND
BY PASTOR RYAN

ARGUABLY THE MOST FAMOUS VERSE IN THE THIRTEENTH CHAPTER OF 1 CORINTHIANS IS THE THIRTEENTH VERSE. "SO NOW FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE ABIDE, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE." HERE THEOLOGIAN'S RECOGNIZED THREE "THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES," QUALITIES WHICH ARE SUPERNATURALLY BESTOWED. THE FOUR "CARDINAL VIRTUES" FIRST PROPOSED BY THE ANCIENT PHILOSOPHER ARISTOTLE WERE JUSTICE, COURAGE, TEMPERANCE, AND PRUDENCE. A PERSON COULD ATTAIN THESE BY DOING PARTICULAR ACTIONS. MOST PEOPLE WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS WORLD—EVEN CHRISTIANS—HAVE THESE TRAITS

BUT BEING BRAVE, JUST, WISE, AND SELF-CONTROLLED ALONE WILL NOT BRING YOU INTO GOD'S KINGDOM. THESE QUALITIES CAN BE PRESENT IN A PERSON WHO IS UNFORGIVING, UNGRACIOUS, AND EVEN HARSH. WHAT ARISTOTLE TAUGHT WILL HELP YOU IN THIS LIFE BUT CANNOT GET YOU BEYOND IT. ONLY THROUGH GOD'S GRACE CAN YOU BE A PERSON OF LOVE, FAITH, AND HOPE.

OF THESE THREE VIRTUES, HOPE IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO OUR CURRENT CULTURAL CLIMATE. OUR YOUNG NATION HAS GENERALLY BEEN MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE, THOUGH NOT ALWAYS FOR REASONS OF FAITH AND LOVE. HOWEVER, A STARTLING PESSIMISTIC SHIFT, PARTICULARLY AMONG PEOPLE UNDER 25, HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SCHOLARLY AND POPULAR DEBATE. IS IT SMART PHONES? COVID LOCKDOWNS? IRRELIGIOSITY? YES.

THE LATTER CATEGORY IS OF OBVIOUS INTEREST TO ANY PASTOR. THE PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS BELONGING TO GENERATION Z WHO ARE NOT ATTENDING CHURCH AND/OR ARE RELIGIOUS "NONES" IS HIGHER THAN MILLENNIALS, BUSTERS, BOOMERS, AND THE SILENT GENERATION. THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID, BUT PERHAPS TWO THINGS WILL SUFFICE. FIRST, HOPE—A DISPOSITION OF CONFIDENCE TOWARDS THE FUTURE—CANNOT BE SUSTAINED WITHOUT FAITH AND LOVE. SO YES, IF PEOPLE ARE NOT CHRISTIANS, TRIALS OF ANY KIND WILL SQUELCH HOPE—EVENTUALLY. SECOND, THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST IN HISTORY SHOWS US THAT DEATH AND DESPAIR WILL NOT HAVE THE LAST WORD. EASTER REVEALS THE VICTORY OF GOD, A MESSAGE WE MUST BOLDLY PROCLAIM AND WAIT EXPECTANTLY FOR OUR GOD TO TRANSFORM A GENERATION.

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KIDS CAMP 2024
“YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME I CHOSE YOU.” JOHN 15:16

Grades 4-6: July 8-10 Early Bird Registration
 Grades 1-3: July 11-13 4/1 - 5/20

Early Bird Camper Price: \$210 Camper Price \$235
 Early Bird Counselor price: \$110 Counselor Price \$135

Register at campalta.org/kidscamp/

KID'S CAMP 2024
REGISTER HERE



NEED PRAYER?
TEXT OR CALL
530-460-4916

MUSICAL EXPEDITION THROUGH TIME

JUNE 17TH - JUNE 20TH

**9:30 AM - 12:30PM WITH A CELEBRATORY
 PERFORMANCE ON JUNE 23RD**

**EXPLORE PAST COMPOSERS AND THEIR MUSIC
 BY SINGING, DANCING, AND HEARING THEIR
 STORIES! FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED**

**1ST - 6TH GRADE
 LUNCH PROVIDED**

KID'S MUSIC EXPEDITION 2024

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YOUTH CAMP-PETRA SPRINGS JUNE 27-30

**ALL KIDS 6TH-12TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO
 JOIN US. WE WILL JOIN WITH WOODLAND CHURCH -LIVING HOPE
 WE WILL BE SPENDING LOTS OF OUR TIME EXPLORING GOD'S
 BEAUTY IN NATURE THROUGH HIKING, SWIMMING, GAMES, ETC.
 WE WILL ALSO BE FOCUSING ON GOD'S WORD, DIVING INTO BIBLE
 STUDIES, HAVING CONVERSATIONS, AND WORSHIPPING TOGETHER.**

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SEE PASTOR DAVE FOR MORE DETAILS

YOUTH CAMP 2024

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



**EVERY TUESDAY MORNING, THE MEN
 GATHER AT OUR CHURCH IN THE
 CAFE FOR AN EARLY MORNING
 DISCUSSION/STUDY OF THE SERMON
 FROM THE PREVIOUS SUNDAY. 6-7 AM
 JOIN US FOR SOME COFFEE AND A
 GREAT DISCUSSION! THIS WILL BE
 LED BY OUR PASTORS AND WILL
 INCLUDE A TIME OF PRAYER FOR
 EACH OTHER. COME READY TO APPLY
 WHAT WE ARE BEING TAUGHT EACH
 SUNDAY TO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.**

**WEDNESDAY DINNER AND BIBLE
 STUDY WILL START UP AGAIN
 APRIL 3RD AND CONTINUE FOR
 THE NEXT 10 WEEKS. JOIN US AT
 5:30 EACH WEDNESDAYS AS WE
 EAT TOGETHER, WORSHIP
 TOGETHER, AND STUDY
 TOGETHER!**

**6:30-7:30 IS OUR ALL AGES BIBLE
 STUDY TIME.**