

PRAISE TO GOD OUR FATHER, THE LIVING HOPE

1 Peter 1:3-12, 13

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

HOW DOES ONE BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

One does not “join” the church. **The Lord adds** to the church those who are being saved (Acts 2:47). To be saved, one must do the will of God (Matt. 7:21-23). The will of God as expressed by the New Testament, for the sinner outside the body of Christ must:

HEAR THE GOSPEL
Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST
John 8:24 Hebrews 11:6

REPENT OF THEIR SINS
Acts 17:30 & 26:20

CONFESS FAITH IN CHRIST
Matt. 10:32 Rom. 10:10

**BE BAPTIZED FOR THE
REMISSION OF SINS**
Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38 Acts 22:16

BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH
Rev. 2:10

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday
11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

SPANISH SERVICES

Sunday Worship 2:00 P.M.
Spanish Bible Study
Sunday 1:00 P.M.
Thursday 7:00 P.M.

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

You are our honored guests. We hope your visit with us today will be rewarding and spiritually uplifting. In order that we may serve you better, please fill out a yellow visitor's card located on the back of each pew and drop in the collection plate.

NEWS and PRAYER REQUESTS

DUANE TOLBERTSON had a couple weeks of really good days, but that changed a couple of days ago when he started having issues with his Blood sugar, B/P and oxygen. His normal use of oxygen is as needed; he has needed it 24/7 for 3 days, along with lethargy. He didn't feel up to getting out of bed on Saturday. Please continue to pray for strength and comfort for him.

KATHY SMITH is still waiting for Insurance approval for back surgery. In the meantime, she is suffering a great deal as the vertebra in her spine continue to twist as they deteriorate. Please keep her in prayer.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

JOHN SULLIVAN to have better health on a daily basis.

KEN & RUTH ALTOM to have improved health. Give them a call: 760-420-6279

MARILYN BURR to continue having wholeness and well-being.

MICHAEL MORENO to be rid of the medical issues he's had for a long time.

LENA TOLBERTSON to get needed rest, attention to her issues & peace of mind.

ESTHER MARTINEZ to have pain subside & have a full recovery on her Esophagus

BONNIE & TERRY NEWMAN to both overcome their long lasting health issues

ADA GAGEN, 3 years old, to overcome the myriad of health issues she's enduring

KATHY, Jan T. daughter, pain to subside & to completely heal from a broken arm.

SELENA, Mariela's granddaughter, to have her seizures kept to a minimum.

ARIANA CAMPOS to regain strength as she moves on from scary bout with cancer

TOMMY T. and family as they mourn the loss of his sister **LOUISE**.

PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION TO GROW & CARRY OUT GOD'S WORK!

****Send prayer requests, news & updates to: melcobulletin@yahoo.com**

You can also text or call Fred S. 760-855-8880

Joe Gormany can be reached on his cell phone at (928) 530-2158

COMING EVENTS

JOE GORMANY will deliver the morning sermon: *"Praise To God Our Father, The Living Hope"*.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: Be back tonight @ 6:00 pm as we worship our Lord in song.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: This week's study: Amos 4:9-13, page 732 in The One Year Chronological Bible. The Wednesday Night Class members would like to encourage all of our Brothers & Sisters to come & be a part of the class.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will resume on Saturday, January 12, 2019 @ 10:00 am in the church building. **ANN SMITH** will be the teacher, using the class' book on page 74, *"Useless Giving"*. Bring ideas for 2019 Ladies Day theme.

24th ANNUAL MEN'S DAY @ CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST in Oceanside
The event will be on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019 * 7:30 am to 1:00 pm.**

BRADLEY RHODES was officially introduced as our newest Deacon. Bradley is certainly qualified and will be a great asset to our church in this position.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: A huge *Thank You* to all members who were able to attend and participate in this annual meeting. Officers of our congregation were chosen as follow:

LEROY SMITH...President
GUILLERMO MELENDEZ...Secretary
BRADLEY RHODES...CFO

A few points brought up where YOU CAN HELP:

1. Teachers are needed.
2. Efforts to bring new people to congregation is imperative. All ideas welcome. Ideas plus action is even more welcome.
3. Building Maintenance: Roof, facial boards, church painting inside and out are just a few items that need to be replaced or updated. *This is where our very own parishioners come in. Our congregation can do a lot of this ourselves. If you don't have experience in a certain project, now worries. Extra hands & laborers are always needed. A perfect way to continue saving money for our church.*

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

9 Steven & Theresa O'Berry

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Lena Tolbertson 20 Emilia Beccera

12 Duane Tolbertson 25 Dee Starr

14 Debbie Thompson Whelan