



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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The Greatest Life

From the Shepherd's Pen

Remember this song? *There is sunshine in my soul today and hope and peace and love, for blessings which He gives me now, for joys laid up above* (663). I believe that the Christian life is the greatest life. In fact, Paul says that a Christian will produce joy (Gal. 5:22) as he/she lives life according to God's will instead of the flesh.

How about this song? *I've got, joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, where, down in my heart to stay.* The way we present ourselves to others, whether we are grumpy and negative, or joyful and content, really does share a message with those we meet. The faithful Christian can go about their day knowing that Heaven awaits (I John 5:13); and can experience the peace and hope that eternity with God brings.

This is certainly the attitude we see expressed by the Hebrews writer as he teaches us about the faithful heroes of the past. Consider Hebrews 11:10, 16. Abraham and the others mentioned, lived life's ups and downs knowing a better, heavenly country was waiting, and they desired such a place. They also knew that a place was being prepared in eternity just for them. Isn't this message of hope similar to what Jesus taught in John 14? *Let not your hearts be troubled; I go to prepare a place for you; I will come again and receive you to Myself, and where I am you may be also.*

When I was a kid growing up, my mom would remind me to smile by telling me if I wasn't careful I would step on my lower lip. What about today? Do we realize we are important and loved by the God of Heaven? Do we realize, there is a better place waiting for the faithful servant of God? Think on these things each day. Be thankful to God for these and so many

more blessings. And remember to turn that frown upside down!

- **Jason Wright**

People like to let you know who they are. Many of those people use vanity plates to tell you about themselves. They proudly tell you their name or something about them by what they have on their plates. Other people will wear T-shirts to tell you something about themselves. I am sure there are other ways, too.

As Christians, we too should wear our name proudly, the name of Christ. How is it that you can tell people who you are? Wear the badge of Christianity as you go out into the darkness of the world today.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35 ESV

Count it an honor to wear the name of Christ. Let people see your badge of love. Act out your love as you deal with people today.

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