

REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS:
Business meeting October 11
Workday Prep for Fall Meeting, October 17

October Birthdays

5 Flor Diaz
9 Esmeralda McCollum
16 Elizabeth Carrillo
27 Paulo Prado
28 Allan Brown

October Anniversaries

8 Elizabeth Carrillo and Al Diaz

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.”
Ephesians 4:25

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.”
Proverb 3:5

- *“Fight the good fight”*
- *“Keep the faith”*
- *“Finish the course”*

The Cruelty of an Uncertain Hope

By John Smith

While my mother was battling cancer, I learned some important lessons about hope. I learned that hope could be cruel. I learned that hope could hurt. I learned that sometimes it is easier to not have hope. More times than I care to remember, Mother received an encouraging report from a doctor and hope soared. As a family, we would allow ourselves to hope that the invasive visitor had been evicted and her life would continue. But, in a matter of a few weeks another doctor, another test, another group of symptoms would squash our hope. The emotional valley that followed each of these episodes soon became more than I could bear, and I ceased being hopeful. It was too painful to hitch my heart to an uncertain hope.

Perhaps you’ve been there. A cherished dream, a long-anticipated reward, a much-desired recovery – gone, squashed, crushed, trampled. Perhaps you’ve been on the bruised end of a shattered hope. Perhaps you’ve given up hope because it just hurt too much to face disappointment again.

The Hebrew writer tells us of a hope that is sure and steadfast: *“In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil”* (Heb. 6:17-19 NAS95).

The hope found in Jesus and made possible by a gracious God is a dependable and certain anchor for our souls. This hope rests upon the indestructible foundation of two unchangeable things: God desires to fulfill His promise to the heirs, and He sealed that promise with an oath. Since God cannot lie, we can find strong encouragement and a secure anchor within Him.

Grief with Hope

By Kevin Gillins

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

“We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For we say this to you by a word from the Lord: We who are still alive at the Lord’s coming will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel’s voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

This passage is rich with truth and hope about Jesus’ return and has enough visual and aural cues to keep our imaginations going for a lifetime. What will it be like?!? If we’re still alive, will we know it’s really happening?!? Yes, of course, we will! No one will miss it.

How often do you think about this end-all event? Does Jesus’ return give you hope? Listed below are snippets of hymns we sing together about this very event. If you’re new to Christ and perhaps unfamiliar with these texts, let’s begin learning these hymns together! For those of us who know them deep in our hearts, I hope one of them gets so stuck in your brain that it both bugs and encourages you all week. As we work till Jesus comes, let’s keep one eye on what we’re doing, and the other eye on the sky.

- When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
- When clothed in His brightness transported, I rise to meet Him in clouds of the sky; His perfect salvation, His wonderful love, I’ll shout with the millions on high.
- And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.
- Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; Buried, He carried my sins far away; Rising, He justified freely forever; One day He’s coming—O glorious day!
- When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!