

## Those To Serve

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Gary Bridgman

Closing: Bobby Smithee

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Case

Closing: Johnny Knabe

Singing: Randy Harris

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Dwayne Millikin

## The Record:

### Attendance:

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

AM 38 PM NA

*[Average for the Year]*

AM [53] PM [35]

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

NA *[Average for the Year]* [33]

### Contribution:

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

Actual \$ 1,558.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

*[Year-to-Date]* \$ 4,579.00

*[Average]* \$ 2,289.50.00

*[+/- Budget]* \$ (942.00)

*[YTD +/- Budget]* \$ (421.00)

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## Thoughts from Bill:

*A Hope That Does Not Disappoint*

*or Put Us to Shame (2)*

*Romans 5:1-8*

Have you ever had a hope for something, and it never materialized? How did you feel? Perhaps you were ashamed that you placed your hope in something or someone that couldn't deliver. The hope that Paul talked about in our text was a hope that "does not put us to shame" [ESV]. It is this hope that we want to study in this article.

Let us consider the various aspects of the hope mentioned in our text by asking what this "hope" is. The hope mentioned in verses two and five of Romans 5 is a hope that is based **in the Lord**. The Psalmist in Psalms 31:24, 39:7, and 131:3 declares that their hope was in the Lord.

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## Plan of Salvation

*Hear*

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

*Believe*

Hebrews 11:6

*Repent*

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

*Confession*

Matthew 10:32, 33

*Baptism*

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

## Sermons for January 21, 2024

**A.M.—A Hope That Does Not**

**Disappoint or Put Us to Shame (2)**

**P.M.—Obeying the Right Law—**

**A Study of Colossians 2:11-23**

**Scripture: Romans 5:1-8**

## Schedule of Services

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:00**

**Sunday PM Worship: 5:00**

**Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

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Paul in 1 Thessalonians 1:3 taught the same thing. A hope placed in the Lord will not disappoint or put to shame. Another aspect of "hope" is a hope that is based in and on **the word of the Lord**. The Psalmist in Psalms 119:18, 43, 74, 147, and 130:4 affirms that their hope is in the word of God. Paul writes in Colossians 1:5 that the hope laid up in heaven was communicated to us through the "word of the truth of the gospel." Paul in verse five of our text links hope with **the love of God**. Love is closely connected to a Christian's hope as seen in 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 5:8, and 2 Thessalonians 2:16. The final aspect or characteristic of the "hope" mentioned in our text is that hope is **upheld by faith**. Paul connects hope and faith in Romans 15:13 and Galatians 5:5. 1 Peter 1:21 says, ". . . who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."

Our text also points out that "hope" does not make ashamed or disappoint. But in what will we not be ashamed or disappointed? We will not be disappointed or ashamed of **our Master** (2 Tim. 1:12). Hope is possible because we will not be ashamed **of the gospel of Christ** (Rom. 1:16) or the scriptures if we give our all to the Lord (Mk. 8:38). Hope will not put us to shame or disappoint us when it comes to the **Lord's people and the message they preach** (2 Tim. 1:8-10). Finally, a Christian's hope will not disappoint when it comes to their **confidence in the Lord and their salvation** (Hebrews 6:17-20; 1 John 5:13).

My friends, where or in whom is your hope placed? Let the words of the song "The Sure Foundation" remind you of where your hope needs to be: "Some build their hopes on the ever drifting sand, Some on their fame, or their treasure, or their land; Mine's on a Rock that forever will stand, Jesus, the "Rock of Ages."

**Romans 5:5—Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

## *News and Notes*

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Butch Minyard** was moved to St. Vincent's in Little Rock on Wednesday where he had surgery on Thursday to remove infection from his back. The surgery went well. **Sherry Rounds** had laser surgery on her right eye on Wednesday. The surgery went well. Continue to remember **Jerry Bowen** in your prayers. **Gary Mize**, Glen and Eunice Mize's son, will have bypass surgery on February 9 in Little Rock. **Bill Coles** is taking treatments. Please pray that his treatments are working. **Mark May** is having problems with his stomach but is doing better. Continue to remember **Diana Hudson** and **Lavon Rogers** in your prayers.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Haden Davis (soldier deployed to Israel), Ed Hager, Melvin Hudson, Paula Millikin, and Butch Minyard

**Visitation Meeting:** Because we did not have the Visitation Meeting last Sunday, it will be today after the evening service.

**Children's Home Shopping List: Coffee**

**Monthly Singing:** This month's singing will be on Saturday, January 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Bobby and Shelia Smithee.

## **A New Hope**

The word "now" comes from the Latin phrase *novus homo*, which means "a new man" or "man newly ennobled." There is a powerful lesson in that. Each moment is a change we have to start over. To become a new person, to become a better person. "Now" is an important concept in the Bible. *Now* is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). *Now* is the time to encourage (Hebrews 3:13). *Now* is the time to do what is right (James 4:15-17). *Now* is the time to repent (Acts 17:30). A new you starts with an action, but it must be done now! Tomorrow isn't here. Yesterday is already gone. Now is the time. There is no time like the present because we exist nowhere other than now. Do you want a new start? Do it now!

Barry Haynes via Bulletin Digest