

The Lighthouse



H.O.P.E.S.

One of the great needs of the church today is for our members to be more evangelistic. We have more people living in our world today and yet fewer people becoming Christians and being involved in the life of the church. There are people all around us, we have neighbors, co-workers, family, and friends who are not Christians. Most of us talk with these people every day, yet when was the last time we had a spiritual conversation with them? Talking about God, Christ, the church, and the Bible can be challenging even awkward, especially if we are not in the habit of talking about our faith. So how can we take our daily conversations with our friends from everyday concerns to a spiritual discussion? The following is a helpful acronym that may be able to help us. When you are talking with someone think of the word H.O.P.E.S.

H – Home. Talk to your friends about their family, their children, grandchildren, and the places they have lived; share this information about yourself with them as well. Show them that you are genuinely concerned and interested in their family and their home.

O – Occupation. Talk to your friends about their job, what they do for a living, how their day at work went. If they have served in the military or went to college, ask them about their experience. Share your work and life experiences with them too.

P – Preferences. Talk to your friends about their likes and dislikes, foods they like or dis-like to eat, restaurants they may like to go to or want to avoid. Ask them about the type of car they like to drive, or their favorite holiday. Share your likes and dislikes with them also.

E – Entertainment. Talk to your friends about their hobbies, places they like to go on va-cation, ask them to share their vacation memories, and talk about what they like to do when they have a day off. Share your common interests and things that you like to do for entertainment as well.

S – Story. Talk to your friends about their religious beliefs, talk about where they grew up going to church, or if they ever went to church. Ask them if they ever have become a Christian, ask them how they became a Christian or why they are not a Christian. Have them share their faith and religious story with you. And then as you listen to their story, ask them if you can share how you became a Christian, and why you believe what you believe. Point them to the scriptures and use this opportunity to set up a Bible study with them and invite them to come to worship services with you.

The next time you are talking to a friend, remember H.O.P.E.S. and may we each realize the urgency in bringing our lost friends to Christ.

“And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever” (Dan. 12:3).

--Mark T. Tonkery, Camden Avenue church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV

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To submit an announcements or reserve the
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For our members and guests that may have
hearing impairments, we ask that everyone
use the microphones when speaking in a
public manner.



Monthly/Weekly Assignments			
Month	Lord's Table	Date	7/25/2021 8/1/2021
		Presiding Shepherd	Elliote Lawing Lance Lemasters
		Announcements	Bert Putnal Lance Lemasters
		Preside	Bert Putnal Jim Craddock
		Servers - Table	Chris Lankford Ben Scruggs
			Darrell Clark Mike Mobley
		Servers - Sides	Aaron Deason Melvin Bennett
			Chris Byrd Mike McFalls
		Ushers	Joe Huddleston Brad Fortson
AV Room Sound Board Computer	Ray Anderson Brian Luckett		
	Melvin Bennett Robert Higbee		
Food for Families	Tiea Lemasters Casey Lancaster		
Weekly	Date	7/25/2021 8/1/2021	
	Hospital Baskets	N/A N/A	
	Baptismal Clothes	Geraldine Clowney Mike Mobley	
	Building Monitors	Joe Huddleston Brad Fortson	
		Joe Eagle Jeff Deason	
Sunday Morning	Date	7/25/2021 8/1/2021	
	Lead Singing	Mark Bargeloh Joe Eagle	
	Opening Prayer	Pete Lovell Larry Gregory	
	Scripture Reading	Joe Eagle Bert Putnal	
	Closing Prayer	Ray Andrews Jeff Hall	
	Greeters	Darrell Johnson Tom Whitaker	
		Lil Burton Brad Fortson	
	Prepare Communion	N/A N/A	
	Secure Building	Chris Lankford Jeff Deason	
	Levi Carroll Jeff Hall		
Nursery Attendants	Megan Luckett Laurie Ann Clark		
Sunday Evening	Lead Singing	ALL (Darrell Clark-Inv/Com) Darrell Clark	
	Opening Prayer	Chris Byrd Tom Whitaker	
	Closing Prayer	Chris Lankford Chris Riebold	
	Shut Down Building	Ben Scruggs Robert Higbee Joe Eagle Joe Huddleston	
Wednesday Evening	Date	7/28/2021 8/4/2021	
	Lead Singing	Olian Holladay Joe Eagle	
	Opening Prayer	Brian Luckett Joe Huddleston	
	Closing Prayer	Darrell Carroll Jeff Hall	
	Shut Down Building	Kirk Sams Jeff Deason Joe Huddleston Darrell Carroll	

For Our Guests

- We will not ask you to stand and then focus our attention on you
- We do not expect you to give money when we take a collection from our church members, however any gifts will be graciously received.
- We partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). You have the option of participating, or not, in the communion when it is served. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29
- For those who have small children, the following options are available.
 - Your child may stay in the auditorium with you
 - We have a staffed nursery for children 0 - 2 years old during Sunday morning Worship
- Please stay around following services and let us get to know you. Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.

“Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will in Christ Jesus.” - 1 Thes. 5:16-18

Prayer List

- Serving in the Military: **David Jones (Dan Payne’s nephew), James Schriever (friend of Cooper’s), Victor Falorian (friend of Amy Riebold), Gabe Nichter (friend of Bob and Eileen), Timothy O’Bryant (Amy Riebold’s cousin), Brian Mullins (Northview Church of Christ), Ricky Ardrey, Teresa Clowney’s son-in-law.**
- Shut-ins: **S.M. Cline, Dan Cleveland, Marie Gunter, Sandra Wallace and Fran Wehe (Brookdale).**
- **David Carter** had a successful procedure to replace a unit in his back to help with pain New Bern, NC.
- **Diana Cooper** has requested prayers as a spot was identified in a recent mammogram. It was decided to watch the area for 6 months before pursuing additional testing. Thanks in advance for your prayers.
- **Katie Cox**, a friend of the Byrd’s continues to heal at home with therapy. Still on oxygen and too weak to walk.
- **Ina Ruth Deason** is in consult with her physician to consider a procedure that will help with her heart rate.
- **Olian Holladay** seems to be feeling better but is still exhibiting signs of concussion. He will be on concussion protocol until the symptoms disappear. That means he confined to a darkened room with a stimulation free environment. He still has pain in the neck from the break but many of you live with chronic pain as well. The thoughts and prayers are appreciated as well as the cards and food.
- **Carolyn Huddleston** is still experiencing quite a lot of surgical pain. Prayers appreciated for recovery and healing.
- **Bob Lankford** is consulting with his physician to determine the next step in regulating his blood pressure and Heart rate.
- **Karen Lovell’s** doctor has released her to continue to heal. He said she may experience swelling for up to a year. Prayers appreciated.
- **Lillie, Pete Lovell’s sister**, is about the same as she experiences good and bad days. The nursing home is taking good care of her but just can’t get her to eat solid food. Thanks so much for your continued prayers.
- **Elaine Lawing** is continuing to heal from her recent infection and is very weak.
- **Wayne Lewis** continues to weaken more day by day as he deals with the effects of his ALS.
- **Jasper McFarland, John and Connie’s brother-in-law**, is healing from the virus but still battling weakness from the stroke.
- **Marvin Meadows, Dean’s dad** will be receiving his prosthetic leg this week. Prayers appreciated.
- **Jay Miller, Bobbie Seabolt’s brother**, was able to go home from the hospital and continues to heal.
- **Bob Mount, Denise Scruggs’ dad**, is very weak and still in need of our prayers. His address is Room #102 The Laurels of Blanchester, 839 Cherry St, Blanchester, OH 45107.
- **Ron Turbyfill, neighbor of Bob and Eileen Lemasters**, has been moved to Hospice in Salisbury. He is either sleeping or in a coma all the time. Prayers for the family.
- **Sandra Wallace** is at Novant Hospital in Charlotte still awaiting her heart rate to regulate so they can proceed with the heart valve replacement.

News & Upcoming Events

- **Red Cross Blood Drive** was once again very successful. Thanks to all who supported in presence or who assisted with food or supervision. 29 Successful units were obtained!!!
- **Please let us know if you or anyone you know has any spiritual, emotional, or physical needs.**
- **Jimmy and Charlene Barnette have moved to South Carolina with Jimmy’s work. Their new address is 4009 Gustafason Drive, Unit 301, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.**

- **Kirk will be online this week. “Sondrop” will be continuing a Study of the Gospel of John**, “We have seen His Glory!” Will be moving to the 7:30 A.M. timeslot beginning on Wednesday, July 21. Great thanks to Bret Simoneaux for all the great studies through the pandemic and beyond.
- **Tonight’s service is our singing night, come ready to praise our Father in song!**
- **Remember we are back on a regular schedule with every service.**
- **The Lunch Crew** will meet this week for lunch at Charros at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 27.
- **Wednesday night study will be on Week 23 from My Life in Him, “Be Humble toward One Another!”**
- **Bible Theology Class** will be online this Thursday, July 29. There will be an additional class available on Tuesday nights. See the website for details.
- We are ordering shirts with the church logo on them again. There is a signup list in the foyer. The cost is \$25 per Shirt. There is also a lady’s shirt as well. Please look at the sheets to consider size and color.
- **Park Fellowship** is scheduled for Saturday, September 4 at Vietnam Veterans Park from 3-7:30 P.M. at The Hickory Shelter. Make your plans now to attend!!!
- **Carolina Bible Camp** will continue its 2021 encampment today Sunday, July 28! The 7th week is directed by Andy King and prayers for a great week.
- **The 4- and 5-year-old class is doing a Bible drive and collecting new and gently used bibles, children’s bible and story books to give away at the KCOC Fall Festival on October 30th. A drop off box will be available soon in the foyer. Spreading the WORD one Bible at a time.**

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Peace and Grace

2 Thessalonians 3:16-18