

I Didn't Realize What I Had

Health is not something you think about until you don't have it. I've learned a lot from the faith of Howard and of Rick, two of our Elders who have battled serious ongoing health problems. My occasional cold, like the one I've had this week is nothing in comparison. I've been blessed to be able to continue to work. Instead of enjoying the day, I endure it, and then collapse into a chair at day's end, knowing my illness is only temporary.

As a child, I flipped on a light switch and expected light. At dinner, I expected a meal. Everything was taken for granted, unless the power was off or mom was sick and couldn't cook. I didn't realize that every day mom was cooking and dad was paying the bills. It's like that with our health.

Most people for most of life take it for granted. It is given by God himself who *"gives all men life and breath and everything else"* (Acts 17:25). The healings that Jesus did were a restoration of the life he had already given us each day. One person at a time, he healed droves of people, yet that wasn't his main purpose. Christ's compassion that led him to heal also led him to tell us how we could have eternal life in him. Is it compassionate to care only for a person's body and not their soul? Jesus did both.

Today people are healthier than any time in history, but our souls are not. People are confused, divided within, unsure of who they are, angry but not knowing why. Jesus is a healer on every level. He did not come to give us physical health, to keep repairing our old life, but to give us a new one. His followers don't avoid death but transcend it. Temporary life is replaced with eternal life. Our earthly body will be replaced with a new imperishable body (1 Cor. 15). *"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all"* (2 Cor. 4:17).

Christ never ignored physical suffering. He alleviated it. But he wants you to know there is something much, much more precious than your health, and that is your eternal soul. No doctor can help there. Only our "great physician" Jesus.

Mark

NEXT SUNDAY, July 10th is "Dressed-to-Serve" Sunday: A time to clean-up, fix-up, and straighten-up around the church. Come to Worship DRESSED in your **work-clothes**. Please, no fancy outfits! We will serve PIZZA for lunch. We want to get the building ready for VBS!

Pick up Your NEW Church Directory Today in the lobby. You can also review and update your profile!

The "After Worship" LIFE Group Will Not Meet Today but will resume next week.

"Sandwich Supper" with VBS Team 5:30, July 17
Please sign-up to bring Sandwiches/Chips/Desserts

Wednesday 7PM: we will be taking VBS Fliers around to our community.

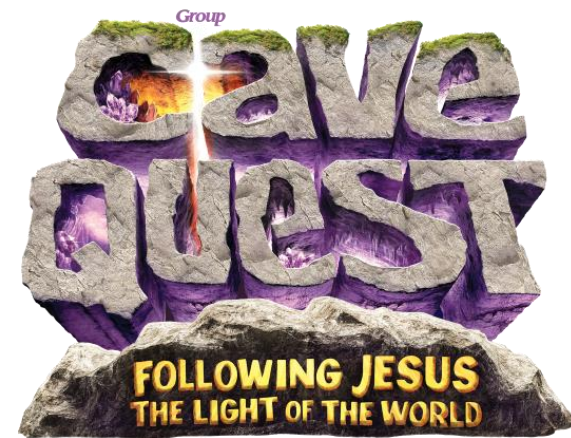
VBS –in 2 weeks–July 17-20

There are classes for

ALL AGES!

You can help by:

1. Praying
2. Inviting friends
3. Volunteering
4. Participating



The VBS Team From Sylvan Hills Church of Christ

Will be arriving on July 16th with **25 people**. Sign up to help with **Meals** and **Housing** for the Team.

Haircuts for Missions: will be on July 9th.

Youth Group:

- 1) **Meet Wednesday night, 7pm** to take VBS flyers into our community.
- 2) **July 10th, Sunday, meet at church at 9am** to take a trip to Ocean City (Worship at Northfield Church of Christ, then lunch/beach/boardwalk). We may need an extra parent or two to help drive/supervise. ***Please let Laura or Ed know ASAP if you are coming.***

Children’s Church Meeting: July 24th

Today’s Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Gerry Hogan

Welcome & Scripture: Scott Schoener (Psalm18:1-6 &16-19)

Opening Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Lord’s Supper: Dave Cook, Henry Duncan, Lee Graves, Tommy

Scripture Before Message: Jess Nitla (Rev. 22:18-21)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Nursery: Fay & Elaine Next Week: Nina & Jaela

Pink Cleaning Team: July 6-9 **Donna & Howard** coordinate

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher

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ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876

Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276

Bret Goen (856) 996-5267

Chet Churchill (609) 560-7179

Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969

Worship Total..... 118

Bible Class 78

Wednesday pm 41

Contribution \$5,674

Budget Goal.....\$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 30

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



Christ Heals