

The Ultimate Graduation!

As school ends, graduation speeches across this country will include the line, "Graduation is not an end, but a beginning." Since a good definition of wisdom is to begin with the end in mind, let's look at the end.

Jesus told us, *"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other"* (Matthew 24:30-31).

Can you imagine how our perception of reality will suddenly snap into focus when Christ returns? We will realize that life was a test of what we did with our freedom. Our earthly reality was a small speck in light of eternity.

On Christ's return most people will say, "Oh, No!" But those who truly believe will graduate to eternal glory and say, "Oh, Yes!" In the meantime we are living faithfully for him. Christ assures us it will be worth everything we deal with in this life. He assures us, *"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"* (Luke 21:28).

For a new graduate, a new Christian, or if you are just making a new start, keeping "the end" in mind will keep you on a glorious but grueling path. The easy road is the way of the world, and the world loves its own. The narrow road that leads to life isn't so easy, but when you keep the end in mind you will stay right on track. Never mind that you are called a fool for being a devoted Christian. Bear any disgrace gladly for the sake of following the Lord. Don't be ashamed to belong to him. When he comes he will most certainly not be ashamed of you.

Lift up your heads! We are all going to be at that ultimate graduation!

Mark

Upcoming Preparations for VBS

June 16 – Outdoor sign goes up this week
June 25, Noon- Prepare Crafts –see Laura
July 5, Wed 7 PM – VBS fliers door-to-door
July 9, Noon- "Clean-up Day" after Worship
July 12, Wed 7 PM – VBS fliers door-to-door
July 15, Sat, 9 AM- "Decoration Day"
July 16, 6:30 PM- Show up early first night
July 16, 7 PM- VBS Starts!



Summer Time Giving During the summer our ministry and outreach continue, BUT... our Sunday Contribution lags. Our bills still need to be paid, our missionaries still need support. We have encouraged our church to set up automatic payments and most of our leadership gives in this way. Remember the Lord and his blessings to you this summer by continuing your giving from a cheerful heart.

Youth Group: Sunday, June 18th, 5:00 PM, meet at 17 Lambert Ave., Gloucester City for Hannah's graduation party.

Children's Church: after today will be on summer break.

Compassion Experience is coming up **June 24th**, at 11 AM at a local church at 520 S. Kings Highway in Cherry Hill. This interactive event shows the life of those who are poor, as you walk through replicas of some "Compassion" children's homes and environments. We will be taking a group that Saturday, so sign up in the lobby for this family friendly event. Please see Becky Finn with any questions.

Our Prayer List: Sandie Fabi's dad, Larry- health. Chris Schoener's mom, Pat- health concerns. Ella Liebe, Jess Nitla and Bill

Amos are all home from the hospital. Anne Pollack has moved to Virtua Berlin Rehab room 123A.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Carl Smith

Welcome & Scripture: Josh Henderson (Psalm 46:1-7)

Opening Prayer: Tony Ceraso Sr.

Lord's Supper: Tim Jones, Lee Graves, Jay Morris, John Corbett

Scripture Before Message Logan McEntire (1 Cor 1:10-13)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Greeters: Rich Fabi, Jack Swinehart, Sandie Fabi, Nawana Ceraso

Nursery: Norma & Jaela Next Week: April & Elizabeth

Pink Cleaning Team June 14-17 **Howard & Donna** Coordinate

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher

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Worship Total 116

Bible Class 69

Wed. PM 38

Contribution.....\$4,964

Budget Goal\$4,260

15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 23

Our 2017 Graduates



Nelson Nunez &



Father & Daughter

BOTH graduating!

Jonathan Powers

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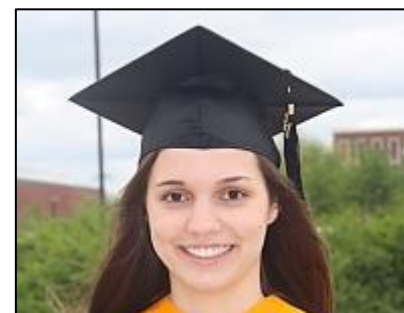
“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



Allison Cook



Hannah Ceraso



Amanda Goen Justin Henderson

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