

NEWS



About Our
Charlestown
Road Family

When you pray, please remember...

- The Cunningham, Soliday, Terry, and Wagner families
- **John Crase**: beginning radiation treatment tomorrow
- **Betty Chastain**: recovering at home from recent hospitalization
- **Paula Graf**: recovering in Frazier Rehab from a recent fall
- **Raymond Evaline**: recently diagnosed with prostate cancer
- **Teresa Evaline**: having increasing trouble with her kidneys
- **Cheryl Kindoll**: scheduled for cataract surgery on Tuesday
- **Gene Churchman**: recovering at home from heart surgery
- **Ellie Schafer**: dealing with a recurrence of brain cancer; a plan for treatment is in the works with Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- **Dylan & Emily Culver**: in the adoption process
- **Pregnancies**: Molly Davis (**August**); Ally Barger (**September**)

THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH DIFFICULTIES:

David Ables
Nancy Blacketer
Debbie Bratcher
Betty Chastain
Doris Chittick
Billie Dewhirst

Teresa Evaline
Martha Fleming
Paula Graf
Paul Hoke
Yvonne Jones
Lisa Martin
Bob McElwain
Shirley Roberts
Freedia Zurschmeide



An encouraging note from Arkansas last week: "I've been watching your Bible classes online, then repeating them with an online friend in Lima, Peru who doesn't speak English but wants to do that sort of deep study. Thanks for sharing with those of us far, far away." **How encouraging!** Your

contributions, support, and prayers make this sort of impact possible. May God continue to be glorified and many helped by our ongoing work together!



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The **Heaven Bound** podcast
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

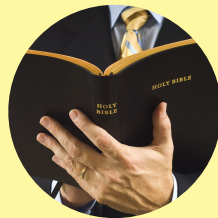


Sundays:

9:30 AM - Worship
10:45 AM - Bible classes
5:00 PM - Worship

Wednesdays:

7:00 PM - Bible classes



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A Simple Exercise for This Week

Jason Hardin

Our daily Bible reading schedule brings us to **Psalm 124** today. It's certainly worth reading, but could I encourage an additional step? What if we used **Psalm 124:1** as a prompt to count our blessings this week? Maybe today has started off as a "down" day for you. Maybe you and your family are struggling to be as thankful and gracious as you ought to be. Maybe you just feel distracted and unfocused in your walk with God. Whomever you, we're glad you're here. Could you use a simple exercise to bring your blessings into focus?

"If it had not been the LORD who was on our side..." That's how **Psalm 124** begins. Israel was being encouraged from the outset of the psalm to "now say—if it had not been the LORD who was on our side," then to imagine the consequences and outcome. One thing is certain from reading the psalm: had the LORD not been on their side, the outcome wouldn't have been pretty or pleasant.

So here's my encouragement for you: at some point today, grab a piece of paper or turn to a new page in your journal or start a fresh note in your phone and write or type at the top:

If it had not been the LORD who was on my/our side...
...then make David's 3,000-year-old call for reflection personal. Just start thinking and making a list. "What if God hadn't been there? What if he didn't see or hear or know? What if he hadn't cared? What if I had been all on my own? What would be different? What would be missing? But how *has* he helped me? How has he been there for us? In what ways has he made all the difference?" What a list you could have by the end of this week! How primed your heart will be for worship next Sunday! "**Blessed be the LORD... Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth**" (124:6, 8). We are his and he is ours. Let's give him all we have to give today.

To our guests...



We're glad you're here today. Here's what you can expect in our **Sunday morning assembly**:

- Welcome
- Song
- Prayer
- Song
- Lord's Supper song
- Lord's Supper
- Song
- Sermon
- Invitation song
- Closing song
- Closing prayer
- Announcements

We're thankful you're here. You matter to us because you matter to God. If we can be of any help, please ask.



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In the beginning, there was singing (Job 38:4-7), and God saw fit to fill his revelation to mankind with songs of all sorts. How do they help us?

Singing Has Helped God’s People Through the Ages

- ❖ Exodus 15:1-18 - the song of _____
 - ▶ “The LORD is my strength and my song” (15:2)
 - ▶ “In the greatness of your majesty you _____ your adversaries” (15:7)
 - ▶ “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?” (15:11)
 - ▶ “You have _____... you have redeemed... you have guided” (15:13)
- ❖ 2 Samuel 22:1-51 (Psa 18) - David’s song of deliverance
 - ▶ “The LORD is my _____ and my fortress and my deliverer” (22:2)
 - ▶ “He rescued me, because he delighted in me” (22:20)
 - ▶ “This God—his way is _____; the word of the LORD proves true” (22:31)
 - ▶ “The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock” (22:47)
- ❖ Psalm 120-124 - songs of _____
 - ▶ “In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me” (120:1)
 - ▶ “From where does my _____ come? My help comes from the LORD” (121:1-2)
 - ▶ “I was glad when they said... ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’” (122:1)
 - ▶ “To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are _____ in the heavens!” (123:1)
 - ▶ “If it had not been the LORD who was on our side...” (124:1)

Singing Helps Us Finish What Was Started By:

- ❖ Uniting:
 - ▶ Body and _____ (Psa 71:23; 84:2)
 - ▶ Us to each _____ (Eph 5:17-19a)
 - ▶ Us to _____ (Psa 148)
 - ▶ Us to _____ (Eph 5:19b-20)
- ❖ Giving us _____ from _____ (Rev 5:6-14; 15:3-4; 19:6-9)

Bible classes for ALL AGES begin 7 minutes after our morning assembly has ended and we’d love to have you join us. ADULTS have four options:

Life Lessons From

JOSHUA

Auditorium

A Walk Through the Bible

Room B5

THE PARABLES OF Jesus

Room B2

The Attributes of GOD

Room C1

Lessons from Job’s God

This Evening 5:00 PM

SMALL groups

Tuesday:

- The **Morning Deeper Bible Study** will meet at 10:30 AM
- The **Evening Deeper Bible Study** will meet at 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 30 (6:30 PM):

- The **Young Men’s Group** will meet at the Hardins’ house

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 2 Kings 24 & John 9

TUESDAY - 2 Kings 25 & John 10

WEDNESDAY - Psalm 125

THURSDAY - 1 Chronicles 1 & John 11

FRIDAY - 1 Chronicles 2 & John 12

SATURDAY - Proverbs 13

SUNDAY - Psalm 126