

GENERAL



Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 14th

We are excited to recognize the Senior Class of 2020 in our morning worship service as well as our College Graduates. Starting today, we'd like to ask you to stop by our Graduate Tables in the vestibule and contribute to each graduate's special recognition. These displays will be out for a few weeks. You'll find two different tables with instructions on what to do for the graduates. One table contains a Bible, and we would ask you to take a "sticky note" and write a favorite Bible verse and a note about that verse and place it in the Bible. On the other table is a poster board with each student's picture. Please write an encouraging message, prayer, quote, or thought on the board for each senior. Thank you for your love and support of our students!

We express our **Christian sympathy** to the families of Betty Dowell and Margaret Payne.

CHILDREN

*** RESCHEDULED ***

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – "ROCKY RAILWAY"

July 13-17th @ 9:00am-noon for children 4 yrs–5th grade
We don't know what our VBS format will be like this year, but we definitely intend to have it, if possible.
More information will follow when we know more.



FAMILY LIFE



Check out **Family Life Yellow Creek Baptist Church**, the new closed group on Facebook for our church family to enjoy during this unique time! You can post pictures, videos, family fun ideas, and/or any kinds of encouraging articles/humor, etc. in a positive way. We will also be posting some trivia, activities, family fact sheets and more. Since this is a closed group, only those accepted into the group can post or see what is posted. Find us on Facebook and click to join! Contact Bro. Tom with any questions.

GIVING

ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

During these days of isolation, please remember that the church still needs your offerings and contributions to meet financial obligations, support missions efforts, and help those in our community. In addition to giving through the mail, you can use the online portal on our church's website yellowcreekbaptist.com. With this service you are able to make donations anytime and anywhere, and you can use your bank account, debit or credit card securely. Also your bank may offer a free bill pay service, and you can direct payments to the church anytime.



MISSIONS & MINISTRY

June's "Food Focus" is
Canned Peaches & Applesauce / Apple Juice
Please leave all donations at the church office.



ONLINE DISCIPLESHIP



We provide 3 different online discipleship options on Facebook each week: Devotional Videos every other day, a 20-minute Adult Sunday School Lesson on Sunday mornings, and a 20-minute Midweek Update on Wednesday evenings. You're invited to join us for any or all of these!

YOUNG AT HEART

All our **Young at Heart** are encouraged to visit the Young at Heart table in the Connector Hallway and pick up a copy of Creekbank News: Facts and Fun This sheet contains stories, puzzles, quotations, and more. Get your copy today!

WORSHIP

DVD copies of our **livestreamed worship services** are now available upon request from our church office. They are free for those who cannot access Facebook. You may come by the office during business hours to pick up your DVD, or someone will gladly deliver it to your home.



Our "re-gathering" process at Yellow Creek has begun! This doesn't mean everything is back to normal, but it means we are taking steps in that direction. Each Sunday, we will livestream our worship service on Facebook just as we have been, but our sanctuary will be open for those who wish to come for the worship service. In accordance with state guidelines, we will observe several restrictions:

- * Don't come if you're sick or if you won't be comfortable with others
- * Masks are strongly recommended
- * All physical contact is discouraged
- * Family groups should sit together
- * Seating will be on alternating pews with spacing between families
- * No Sunday School, choir, nursery, or childcare
- * We can only occupy 33% of our sanctuary
- * Overflow spaces are available in the choir room and student room
- * Limited restroom availability (avoid using the restroom, if possible)
- * Offering buckets will be available at the rear of the sanctuary
- * Please do not linger inside the building after the service concludes

There is no pressure for you to attend. We realize that different people view our situation differently, and we want to be gracious to everyone. We are striving for a balance of courage and caution. We look forward to worshipping with you soon, whether via social media or in-person. Call our church office if you have any questions.

FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Greetings to you on the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As we worship, we invite you to join us in celebrating our risen Lord.

The apostle Paul wrote, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8). Jesus stressed the positive effect we can have on others when He said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). If sin dims our light, some we might have influenced for Christ may drift on in spiritual darkness.

On a dark and stormy night on Lake Erie, a boat rocked and plunged near the Cleveland Harbor. "Are we on course?" asked the captain, seeing only a single beacon on the lighthouse. "Quite sure, sir" replied the officer at the helm. "Where are the lower lights?" "Gone out sir." Can we make the harbor?" "We must, or perish" came the reply!" With a steady hand and a stalwart heart, the officer headed the ship toward land. In the darkness he missed the channel and the vessel was dashed to pieces on the rocks. Many lives were lost.

This incident moved Philip P. Bliss to write his familiar hymn, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." Jesus, the Light of the World, has returned to heaven leaving us the responsibility to shine as the "lower lights" that can guide sinners to the harbor of His redeeming grace. If our light goes out we will lose the influence to persuade others to trust Jesus. Let us shine our lights in a dark world reflecting the transforming light of Jesus, the Christ.

In His love, Bro. James

SERMON OUTLINE

"The Judgment Seat of Christ" 2 Corinthians 5:1-11

We have been examining the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. As we have seen, the rapture is the next great event on God's calendar of events. Last week we examined heaven as the eternal home of the saved. We saw heaven as a place of life, liberty, love, likeness, light and the presence of the Lord. Something very important happens for believers in the air after the rapture and before we all appear in heaven—the judgment seat of Christ. The judgment seat of Christ will be the time we will be evaluated and rewarded accordingly.

The Bible uses the word "judgment" in two senses—condemnation and the dispensing of rewards. The first is in reference to unbelievers. Romans 8:1 and John 5:24 state there is no condemnation for those "in Christ." The second is in reference to believers—for we all must appear before Christ's judgment seat.

The Greek word *bema* means a place of inspection, examination, or evaluation for the purpose of dispensing rewards. The *bema* was an elevated platform where victorious athletes went to receive their crowns. Corinth possessed such a platform to dispense both athletic rewards and legal justice (Acts 18:12-16).

- I. The Blessedness of this Judgment (Revelation 20:6)
 1. Only for believers
 2. True believers are guaranteed heaven (Psalm 103:10-12)
 3. Believers already possess eternal life (John 5:24)
 4. The price is paid in full (1 Peter 2:24)
 5. Jesus Christ is the sin offering (2 Corinthians 5:21)
 6. The foundation for salvation is certain (1 Corinthians 3:10-15)
- II. The Burden of this Judgment
 1. The Father shall wipe away all tears (Revelation 21:4)
 - a. The ones not there?
 - b. What could have been?
 2. Everyone does not receive the same reward
 - a. Based on faithfulness (1 Corinthians 4:2)
 - b. Will we hear "Well done"?
 3. Some will suffer loss of rewards (Revelation 3:11)
 4. Some will receive a full reward (2 John 8)



May 31, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE

Organ Prelude	Susan Wedding
Welcome and Morning Prayer	Bro. Chris
Songs of Worship	"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" "There Is a Redeemer" "O the Blood" "Victory in Jesus"
Special Music	"Redemption Draweth Nigh" Connie Clark
Message from God's Word	Bro. James "The Judgment Seat of Christ" 2 Corinthians 5:1-11
Song of Response	"Just As I Am"
Closing Comments	Bro. James

CONTACT INFORMATION

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