

# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

September 29, 2024

## Welcome!



*"The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know Your Name put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You."*

Join us at 6pm for another lesson from Jeff Baker

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## Prayer List

**Mamie Hamilton** is recovering at home from a fall

**James Gupton** is on a long road to recovery from his tractor accident.

**Hunter Crouch** is in need of another kidney transplant

**John Hayes** is doing ok at home

**Darinda Paul's** cancer treatment is going well

**Brian West** had surgery recently

**Linda Demonbreun** is struggling with back pain

Continue to pray for: **Leigh Smith**, the **Tristin Franklin** family, **Robert Williams**, the **Billy Moore** family, **Ronnie Mayo**, **Rebecca Brown**, **Donnie Garrett**, **Keith Walker** and family, **Forshia Pennington**, **Carol Saling**, **Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine**, and **Bill Gillock**

*We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we continue our study from Galatians*

## Serving Today

**Song Leader:**  
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

**Scripture Reading:**  
Sam Baker

**Prayer:**  
Jearmie Gupton

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

**Scripture Reading:**  
Mike Reed  
*Matthew 13:24-30*

**Wait On Table:**  
Johnny Walker

**Serve:**  
Jerry Butterworth  
Doug Demonbreun

**Prayer:**  
Eddie Walker

## Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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## Do You Have an Anchor?

Recently, Olivia and I have been planning for a family vacation next summer to Italy, Greece, and Turkey. The middle part of this trip will be a cruise on *Voyager of the Seas* (“*Voyager*”), which will be our second time to travel on this ship. The first time was on a Caribbean cruise for our fifth anniversary (we just celebrated our 27th) when *Voyager* was not only a new ship but was also the largest cruise ship in the world (incidentally, it is now ranked 62nd).



At the time, *Voyager* was not only known for its size, but also for its many technological advancements. I remember we attended a short briefing where one of the officers discussed a few of the technical highlights of the ship. One of these was that even though there were anchors available, the boat was designed to never need them outside of a port. He said the computer system could fire thrusters to keep the ship perfectly positioned without using the anchors. All the officers had to do was tell the system to maintain position, and the thrusters would do the rest. This was demonstrated at one of our stops, which did not have a port. The ship remained stationary in the bay, all while the massive anchors at the front of the boat remained retracted.

Unlike *Voyager*, we do not come equipped with this type of system. As long as our hope, our faith, and our purpose are focused on this life alone, we are going to be tossed about by our own failures and the uncertain nature of the world around us. Consider these words of Paul and Jesus...

**Romans 7:18 (ESV)** - *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.*

**Matthew 6:19 (ESV)** - *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures **on earth**, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal...*

We MUST have an anchor that is beyond ourselves and beyond this life. In **Hebrews 6:13-20**, the writer is talking about the certainty of the promise made to Abraham. In giving this promise, God swore an oath by Himself. While an oath was not necessary for the creator of the universe, He did this to show the heirs of the promise (**Gal 3:7, 29**) that we can “hold fast to the hope set before us...” Regarding this hope (i.e. confident expectation), the writer continues:

**Hebrews 6:19–20a (ESV)** - *We have this as a sure and steadfast **anchor of the soul**, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf...*

Unlike the high priest on the Day of Atonement, we will follow after our high priest into eternal glory. This is our hope and our anchor! However, the only way to have this anchor for our soul is to place our hope, faith, and purpose in the one who fulfilled the promise made to Abraham!