

## Contributions

Week 05/24-5/30

\$ 3,614

We are working on a way to do that online (who would have ever thought), but in the meantime, those who give by check could simply mail it to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117 In the beginning, this emergency looked short term and we just thought that any and all could give it all after the emergency. Now that it looks much longer, it becomes important that we each continue to contribute weekly or monthly as we have, if we are able, because bills still have to be paid and evangelists need to continue to be supported. We will let you know when we have any better solution to the problem.



The Alabama Department of Public Health Hotline 1-888-293-8888 opened today, March 14. It allows anyone seeking information on how and where to be tested if you think you have symptoms.

Do call the elders also if you think you might have a health problem.



**Connie & Richard Howe**

*Anniversary 06/03/2020*

**June 4**

**Elders/Deacons Zoom Meeting**

**Thursday evening at 7p.m.**

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## When Hope Makes Us Strong

“For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us” (2 Corinthians 1:8-10).



IN TODAY’S TEXT, PAUL SPOKE OF A “HOPELESS” SITUATION IN WHICH HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED DURING HIS PREACHING IN THE ROMAN PROVINCE OF ASIA. Burdened “beyond measure,” he said that he and his companions “despaired even of life.” Whatever it was, Paul could see no way of getting out of it alive. From a human standpoint, not even the most optimistic assessment of the situation would have suggested any way of escape.

Far from being a bad thing, this kind of hopelessness is actually good. If hope means only that we’re optimistic about a humanly preferable outcome to a problem, then our hope is not grounded in God. What the world calls optimism is often no more than trust in human means and ends. But when all hope is stripped from us and we have nothing but the “sentence of death” written upon us, that is when we learn to trust God. Looking back on a situation in which there had been no hope, Paul learned one more time that “we should not trust in ourselves but in God.” Continued on page 3



**Carrie Puckett's mother**

5/29/2020 - Brothers and sisters, my mom, Patricia Lange, has been experiencing some abdominal pain. After seeing her physician and having a CT scan, she has been referred to another doctor for further tests to determine the cause of her pain. I ask that you please pray for my mom that the cause might not be serious and

that she can be healed. Thank you so very much! [ Carrie Puckett]

**Johnnie Mae White requests prayers** 5/29/2020 - Prayers are requested by Johnnie Mae White. She is currently being treated at the Montgomery Cancer Center for anemia which is thought to be caused by her chronic kidney disease. Please pray for successful treatment of her anemia.

**Eric Turner status** 5/28/2020 - Visited with Eric this morning. He looks good but so weak...cannot sit up in bed. I think mostly because he's not eating much; hopefully nutrition by IV will help with strength. Arranged for transport to hospital around 3pm today; they will admit him. EMS will move him because he hurts too much and back is too weak for us to move him safely. Sees doctor in the morning from hospital who will call Lynn with information if Eric is not able to do so. Right now it looks like lesions throughout liver, in lower spine, and one 3/4 inch nodule on top of kidney. [David Turner] Please keep Eric in your prayers.

**Joyce Huff passes** 5/27/2020 - Joyce Huff passed away early this morning after a long physical condition that kept her bedridden in the home of her son, Bob. Funeral service for Joyce will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 1, at Prattville

Memorial Gardens. She will be buried Tuesday with her husband in the Alabama National Cemetery at Montevallo, AL..



Topic: Joyce Huff Funeral using Zoom Meeting  
Time: This meeting is Monday, June 1, 11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting [YOU CAN JOIN MEETING BY

CLICKING NEXT LINE]

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9396234275?pwd=WDJaSURVO1NDbnpYWEsrd3Nzc3RKUT09>

Meeting ID: 939 623 4275 <-- SAME MEETING NUMBER AS WE USE FOR OUR SERVICE

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Do you have a problem? In order to have any peace of mind, would you have to know how things are going to turn out? If so, you are still at a relatively immature stage of spiritual growth.

In the real world, most of our deeds have to be done in the absence of any foreknowledge of their outcome. Genuine hope does not mean confidence that things will work out according to our wishes; it means confidence that God's purposes will be accomplished even though we have no idea what is going to happen.

If we only have hope when we can foresee the outcome, then we do no more than the weak and worldlyminded. If we never hope except when things are hopeful, Jesus would probably say, "What do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?" (Matthew 5:47). But the God of real hope is the God in whom we trust . . . *whether He chooses to deliver us or not.*

"As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is a mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength. Like all the Christian virtues, it is as unreasonable as it is indispensable" (G. K. Chesterton).

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

**Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. - Opening welcome remarks:

Ron Kochik

One song: Matthew Bruce

Opening Prayer – Will King / Matthew Conley

Matthew Conley - lesson

One song = Matthew Bruce

Announcements: Ron Kochik

Closing Prayer: Richard Howe / David Turner

