NEW HOPE

NEWSLETTER

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The Joy of Anticipated Reward

"That the proof of your faith ... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:7).

Your future reward is directly related to your present service.

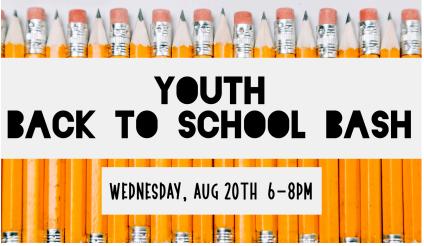
The joy you experience after your faith has been tested and proven genuine is largely due to your present blessings and assurance of salvation. But there's a future aspect as well: the joy of anticipating the reward you'll receive from Jesus when you see Him face to face and hear "Well done, good and faithful servant! . . . Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matt. 25:21, NIV). Peter described it as the "praise and glory and honor [you'll receive] at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:7).

"Praise" in that text speaks of verbal commendation. To receive "glory" is to be made like Christ. Jesus is the incarnation of God's glory (John 1:14) and "we know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is" (1 John 3:2). Paul spoke of those who "by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality" (Rom. 2:7). As a result they will receive what they seek (v. 10).

Peter probably used "honor" as a synonym for rewards, which God will grant to all who faithfully serve Him. I believe those rewards are various capacities for heavenly service and are directly related to the believer's service in this life. Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done" (Rev. 22:12, emphasis added). Paul said, "He who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor" (1 Cor. 3:8, emphasis added).

God alone is worthy of praise, glory, and honor, but He will give you all three because you'll be in the image of Jesus Christ—sinless and fully glorified (1 John 3:2). Until that time, "watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward" (2 John 8). Devotional from Drawing Near by John Macarthur.





EVENTS IN AUGUST

- 3 Anniversary Celebration 8:30AM/10:45AM with lunch following Evening Service dismissed
- 5 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
- 5 the Table fellowship 6PM
- 6 Youth Worker Meeting 6PM- there will be No Youth this night
- 8 Senior Adult Game Day 1-4PM in the fellowship hall
- 9 Youth Hangout Night at Brennan & Stephanie's Home 5-8PM
- 10 GMAs and Sunbeams 4PM
- 14 Trailblazers fellowship 6PM at Seth's in Quitman
- 19 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
- 20 Children's Back to School Bash 5-7PM at Mineola Civic Center
- 20 Youth Back to School Bash 6-8PM
- 22 Senior Adult Game Day 1-4PM in the fellowship hall
- 24 GMAs and Sunbeams 4PM
- 24 Leadership Meeting 5PM, Business Meeting 7PM
- 26 Nursing Home Birthday Party 2PM at Caraday of Mineola
- 31 Sing Along and Fish Fry Fellowship 6PM

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

BUILDING UTILIZATION- AUG 5 & 21 AT 6:30PM CHAIR: DAVID CURRY

TECHNOLOGY- WORK DAYS AS SCHEDULED CHAIR: STEVE TURNER

BUILDING & GROUNDS- AUG 10 AT 4:30PM CHAIR: SEAN RADNEY

> SAFETY- RESUME IN SEPTEMBER CHAIR: DAVID CURRY

> > MISSIONS- AUG 10 AT 5PM CHAIR: CODY FRANCISCO

DEACONS- AUG 17 AT 5PM CHAIR: RANDY OSBORNE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

MON 6PM- ACTS STUDY AT THE CURRY'S HOME WED 6PM- ADULTS & CHILDRENS*** WED 7PM- YOUTH

THURS 5PM- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ACTS

***STARTING AUGUST 27TH CHILDRENS WILL MOVE TO 7PM

To help in caring for the needs of the congregation, we have teams available.
Please feel free to reach out to our deacons,
Hospitality team, and Helping Hands:

Deacon: David Curry: 903-830-3371 Hospitality Team: Diannea Stephens: 616-617-3864 Marci Curry: 903-283-5482 Helping Hands: Andy Hedlund: 806-438-8581

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Rita Jarrard 1 Connie Stark 2 Becky Fendley 4 Daniel Utley 4 Megan Spencer **4 Gail Turner** 7 Sabrina Keel 10 David Sauer 11 Staci Stiles 14 James Sutton 14 Mary Lee Vigil 14 Harper Harris 15 Steve Turner 16 Jim Fendlev 16 Joy Markham 17 Jenny Sauer 17 Mason Goff 19 Kasey Schoof 21 Terri Valek 23 Wilma Lindsev 25 Sandy Wright 25 Christine Scott 25 Pam Taveau 26 Brennan Margos 26 Colton Sneed 28 Linda Owens 29 Amy Robertson 31 Janice Dulin

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mike & Jo Goodson
7 Dennis & Lynn Simmons
10 Phil & Diannea Stephens
14 Frankie & Megan Spencer
19 James & Kathie Horn
28 Mark & Donna Myers