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Tell My People

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Refining Our Faith...

Luke 22:31-33: And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

– Jesus was prophesying of a life changing faith failure that would shake Peter’s faith to the core. We know from scripture that this event occurred in the courtyard of the high priest where Peter denied the Lord on three separate occasions. It was as if Satan had his hands around Peter’s neck shaking him from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet. (It takes “vigorous shaking” to separate the chaff from the wheat.) At the end of the sifting process, Peter realized that there was not much substance to his faith. Adding insult to injury, the rooster began crowing right on cue adding an exclamation point to the warning issued by our Lord.

– When Satan sifts believers his goal is to damage our faith to the point we are no longer useful to God. His desire is to separate and remove us from the church, cripple our faith, silence our confession, and steal our courage. If Satan is successful, we become disappointed, demoralized, and defeated. All of us have left our fair share of footprints through the valley of failure. The good news is we don’t have to stay there. After Peter’s denial experience he wrote the following words to encourage us as we make our way through the many challenges of life. **1 Peter 1:7** “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”

– We all have our favorites scriptures, but perhaps one of the most important sections of scripture in the Bible can be found in the Book of John Chapter 21. A chapter written to remind us that failure doesn’t have to be fatal. A chapter that reminds us just how much God loves us in spite of our failures. A chapter that reveals to us that restoration, redemption, and rescue are available to those who seek it. As Peter and the other disciples were out fishing one night they hear a voice calling out to them from the seashore. John the beloved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Peter heard that he immediately threw himself into the sea and began swimming toward Him. As Peter stood facing Jesus, he was forced to confront his failure. Over the course of three simple questions about love and commitment, Jesus restored Peter’s courage and confidence. Pastor Jack Hyles once said, "Success is on the same road as failure; success is just a little further down the road."

Love and prayers....

Pastor Randy J. Sheens

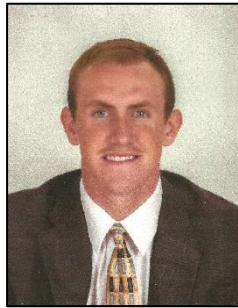




Congratulations to our 2018 Graduates—several in our church family have children and grandchildren who are graduating from school this year:



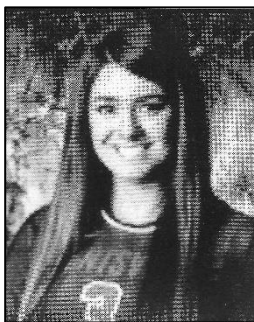
Grace Makena Belcher is the daughter of Dale Belcher and Heather Belcher, granddaughter of Cynthia and Ray Horsman, great-granddaughter of Barbara Lanthorne and the late David Lanthorne. Grace, who is the valedictorian of her class, graduated from Scott High School on June 2, 2018. She has two sisters, Brooke and Macy. During her high school years, she played on her school's softball and volleyball teams, was selected as the 1st Team All State Catcher, and was a member of the 2016 AA Softball State championship team at Chapmanville Regional High School. Grace plans to attend West Virginia University to become a labor and delivery nurse.



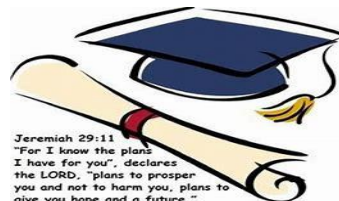
Matthew Allen Brown is the son of Jim & Susan Brown, grandson of Jewell Kazez and the late Arnold Kazez. Matthew has one brother, David Scott Brown. He is graduating from Logan High School where his favorite subject is chemistry. He is a member of the National Technology Honor Society, the Christian Athletic Fellowship Club, Prayer Club, Beta Club, and has served as a class officer three years. Matthew has received an Honor Roll Award and a Community Service Award, and was elected "Mr. Wildcat." He played football two years, and was a member of the Logan High baseball team for four years. This fall, Matthew plans to attend Alice Lloyd Christian College on a baseball scholarship.



Melanie Burgess is graduating Cum Laude from Logan High School, Class of 2018. She is the daughter of Brandon and Melissa Kemp, and granddaughter of George & Mary Kemp of Logan. Melanie has one sister, Melinda Burgess. While attending school, Melanie enjoyed learning new things and meeting new people. Her favorite subject is History. Following graduation, her plans are to attend SWVCTC Cosmetology School and open up her own shop.



Presley McKenna Chirico is graduating from Paintsville High School in Paintsville, KY. She is the daughter of Joe and Ashley Chirico. Presley has two sisters, Sydney Brooke and Isabella Grace, and one brother, Brayden, all of Paintsville. Presley is the granddaughter of Frank and Alice Chirico of Chapmanville, WV, Tresa Lambert of Holden, WV, and Earl and Vickie Lambert of Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of Bob and Patricia Turner, the late Anthony, Sr. and Marie Adams, and the late Joe and Fannie Chirico. She plans to attend Centre College in Danville, KY.



Jeremiah 29:11
 "For I know the plans
 I have for you", declares
 the LORD, "plans to prosper
 you and not to harm you, plans to
 give you hope and a future."

2018 Graduates Continued:

Kenna Suzanne Jeffrey is the daughter of Kenny and Shawna Jeffrey of Mitchell Heights and Sandy Merritt of Neibert. Her siblings are Luke Jeffrey, Kayla Toler, and Alex Toler. Kenna attended Logan High School and graduated May 25th, 2018. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and was recognized for completing over 100 community service hours while in high school. Kenna served as the Student Body President both her Junior and Senior years. She was an active member of the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, and the Prayer Club. Kenna also participated in high school athletics as a three-year varsity cheerleader finishing as State Runner Up her senior year. Additionally, she was a three-year varsity tennis player finishing Conference Runner Up her senior year. Kenna has enjoyed her high school years and

loves how a small community comes together to support a team or each other. English has been her favorite subject. Kenna plans to attend Potomac State College of WVU in Keyser, WV, where she has received a school scholarship. Kenna plans to study Public Relations while at WVU. She will also be participating and competing on the school's equestrian team to fulfill her lifelong love of horses.



Thomas Jay "Tjay" Mullins, the son of Jay & Carrie Mullins and grandson of Donsil & Betty Mullins, is a member of the 2018 Graduating Class of Logan Senior High School. He has one brother, Connor Mullins. In school, Tjay's favorite class was History and he has always enjoyed the sports programs. While in High School, Tjay played basketball and baseball, and he had the honor of being selected to be on the All State teams in both sports. He plans to continue his education this fall at Garrett Community or Alice Lloyd Christian College.



Drew Vess, the son of Nancy J. Vess and the late Mr. Vess, and cousin of Dixie Long and Jo Ann White, graduated from Marshall University School of Medicine, Class of 2018.

Drew also graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and a minor in biology from Marshall in 2014. He served on several community service projects while obtaining both his undergraduate and doctoral degrees. He will continue his residency training in the field of anesthesiology at Ohio State University Medical Center.

A Prayer for Our Graduates

Our Father, we ask Your blessings on Grace, Matthew, Melanie, Presley, Kenna, Tjay and Drew. May they always know You are there beside them, carrying them, and helping them navigate their lives. We ask that You would protect them as they finish this phase of their lives and head toward the adult world. As they move forward and continue to grow, we ask that You guide their choices, and protect them. Give them a heart full of love, a head full of hope, and wisdom to guide them. Thank you, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Special Prayer Requests

Pastor Randy & Sharon Skeens, Debbie and Paul Evans, Paula Duffield, Fred, Sr. & Kathy Bradley, Donsil & Betty Mullins, Martha Mason, John Hanshaw, Phyllis Hanshaw Bogges, Wilma Adams, the family of Lillian Grake, the family of Jack Creger, Roger Gertz, Zelphia Williams, Chuck Compton, Edna Napier, Jimmy Hirosky, Darrel Moore, Bud Walls, Alice Baisden, Jamie Browning, David Adams, Jesse & Pearl Browning, Craig Kammer, John Collins, Ray Horsman, Jack Baisden, Sr., Harriet Gosier, Jamie Roeher, Kevin Dillon, Sheridan Hager, Elijah Lacy, Roger McGrew, Amy Caldwell, John & Lillie Mays, Mike Johnson, Bill Kazee, Joy White, Freddie Bradley, Jr., Joyce Wells, Larry Jewell, Silas Herriott, David Hanks, Lisa Pritchard, Maxine Hines, Della Kemp, Nancy Steele Smith, Adam Slack, Neal Scaggs, Robert O'Bryan, Glen & Fern Kincaid, Ronnie Robinette, Tim Thomas, Roger Farmer, Opal McGinnis, Ashley Calandros, John Baisden, Linda McGrew, Angie Slack, Jason McClung, Pat Hutchinson, Peggy Vickers, Brian Steele, Judy Steele Baisden, Patty Nelson, William Vance, Donna Williams, Libby Noe, Andrea Shepherd, Darrell Loggins, Ellen Wellman, Steve Grey, Patty Turner, Mark England, Fred & Margie White, Autumn Kolovich, Josh Akers, John Propst, Sr., Patty & Bill Mowery, Doris Vbranch, Glen Lanthorne, James Ferrell, Laura Vaughan, Dana Furrow, Irene Furrow, Mary Ramey, Beulah & Wallace Williamson, Jimmy Dale & Glenna Wellman, Mark Farmer, Thomas Bradley, Willis Marcum, Emmett Frazier, Carrie Mullins, Faye Wiley, Gavin Napier, Tommy Robinette, Betty Young, Carol & Jim Moore, Terri Rodighiero, Anna Ellis, Isabella Propst, Pam Queen, Julia Crum, Cecil & Imogene Davis, Edith Notchie, Barbara Brewster Cook, Louie & Teresa Hensley, Mavis Collins, Pete Wiley, Betty Lambert, Mary Padgett, Robbie Padgett, Jim & Donna Trogdon, Artsel Browning, Lucille Adkins, Sharron Adams, Jean Bannister, Belva Burke, Betty Whitman, Marlene Justice, Linda Markham, Bob & Viola Meade, Christi Meade, Lois Wooten, Jerry Samson, Sharon Samson, Ann Curry, Zeffie Brogan, Mabel Watts, the family of Nola Walsh, Pauline Bokken, Amy Kennedy, Brenda Hensley, Carolyn Counts, Kathy O'Bryan, Skylar Miller, Judy Hicks, David Hale, Jason Bradley, Janet Doss, Myrtle David, Allen David, Lana Brammer, Ernie Bevins, Gloria Farmer, Donna Perry, Larry Brown, Bobbie Propst, Jason Adkins, Aaron Davis, Joey Queen, Joann Fortner, Shannon Green, Joe & Ruth Bowery, Makayla Williams, Joann Williamson, Vessie & Retha Marcum, David & Darelene Welch, Glen & Teresa Hager, Mildred Brammer, Madge Brammer, Billie Edmundson, Paula Adkins, David Godby, Bentlee Holbrook, Kathy Guy, Jennifer Adkins, Brad Marcum, Geraldean Adkins, Ernestine Sutherland, Sydney T. Brown, Carrie Hale, Bennie & Kay Browning, Joe, Sr. & LaVerne Hall, Johnny Counts, Juanita Coster, Tommy Adkins, Janice Cremeans, Sally Webb, Linda Evans, Bill Skeens, Brenda Roberts, Russell Adkins, Susan Justice, Virgie Ollie, Bill & Betty Bayless, Ben & Mildred Maynard, Donna Trevillis, Frank Farmer, Leah Jones, Eileen Hanks, Rev. Bobby Adams, Hobert & Judy Raikes, Ronald & Patty Raikes, Jacob Bibler, Hannah Bibler, Kenny & Polly Evans, Jim & Susan Brown and sons David & Matthew Brown, Jewell Kazee, Otto Marcum, Iris Kammer, Helen Kazee, Braydon Chirico, Clyde & Laverne Dickenson, Herbert Adkins, Benny Adkins, Rexford Curry, Julie Propst, Kayla Adams, Greg Elkins, Doug Fields, Barbara Baer, Brianna Adams, Cassion Collins, Lovetta Napier, Jay & Tammy Frye, Gage David, Paula Mikus, Kaye Runyon, Lawrence Homer Vaughan, Billy Bryant, Victor Noe, Lois Thompson, Lewis Sheppard, Everett Vance, Mike Ollie, Sr., Vincent Evans, Linda Williamson, Kaylae Scott, Layla Adkins, Janet Fortner, Debbie Blackburn, Jeff Gibson, Sally Wall, Tommy Wellman, Joann Kristen, Barbara Farley, Gabriella Propst, Donna Hughes, Chris Huffnus, Joe Mowery, Dylan Goodman, Kim Propst, Wendy Welch, Tom & Sandra Watson, Barney & Terri Goins and family, Emily Baisden, James Abshire, Scottie Jeffrey, Bub Bryant, Delores Daughtery, Mitzi Wolf, Patty Butcher, Susan C. Justice, Kenny Jeffrey, Brenda Adams, Melody Adkins, Tammie Thompson, Lynn Couch, Lois Farmer, Ida Hatton, Matt Morgan, Jack & Beth Kinder and sons Alex and Johnathan Kinder, Tilda Tomblin, Ursula Brown, George Hill, Tate Cox, Rudy & Doris Noe, Mildred Conn, Connie Hepler, Levie Abraham, Belva Burke, our unsaved loved ones, our church family, patients in the hospitals, residents in the nursing homes, our country and leaders, servicemen and women, our youth and youth leaders, and our college students away at school.

Thank you for your prayers – James 5:16
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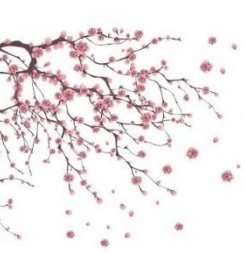
**May's Quiz for Bible Scholars:** David's first wife's name was Michal, and her well-known father was King Saul. (1 Samuel, Chapter 18)

**June/July's Hard Question for Bible Scholars:** What Old Testament person's name means "laughter"? \_\_\_\_\_

Check your answer in the next month's Newsletter.

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**June Anniversaries**

June 5 – Joe & Laura Mowery  
June 6 – David & Tammy Long  
June 12 – Larry & Keely Ramey  
June 13 – Millard & Dorothy Ellis  
June 14 – David & Cindy Hicks  
June 15 – Patrick & Stephanie Duty  
June 16 – John & Lana Collins  
June 17 – Bennie & Kay Browning  
June 18 – Cliff & Cathy Duncan  
June 20 – Kenny & Karen Jeffrey  
June 18 – Jack & Beth Kinder  
June 20 – Cliff & Cathy Duncan  
June 21 - Kenny & Karen Jeffrey

**June 22 – Wallace & Beulah Williamson (72 Years).**

*Farron & Melissa Doss, Charles & Jay Anna Ellis*

June 23 – Darwin & Tammy Blankenship  
June 24 – Pastor Randy & Sharon Skeens  
June 26 – Clyde & Laverne Dickenson, Ricky & Helen Workman  
June 27 – Frank & Alice Chirico, Jim & Shari Bumgarner

**July Anniversaries**

July 4 - Donsil & Betty Mullins  
July 13 -Larry & Kathy O'Bryan  
July 16 – Jimmy & Glenna Wellman  
July 18 – Bill & Betty Bayless  
July 19 – Rodney & Melody Adkins  
July 20 – Jamie & Candis Ellis  
July 25 – Tony & Deena Toth  
July 26 - Jonathan & Rebekah Huff  
July 28 – Jared & Ashlee Topping  
July 30 – Joe & Ashley Chirico



**June Birthdays**

June 2 – Mark Lilly, Donna White, Lukas Maynard; June 3 – Mark Curry, Stephen Hicks; June 4 – Ava Jewell Wulf; June 5 – Ronica Hensley, David Gwen Long, Ian Laurie, Kayla Toler, Mabel Watts; June 6 – Joshua Castle, Jessica Vance, Donna Trogden; June 7 – Doris Vranich, Johnathan Hubert, Joyce Wells June 8 – Rex Curry, Thomas Jay Mullins, Chad Marcum; June 9 - Adex Martin; June 10 – Polly Evans, Karen Farmer, Dayton Laurie, Steve Nichols; June 11 - Hannah White, Wayne Runyon; June 12 – Judy Hicks, Alice Chirico, Kaye Runyon, Amanda Adkins, Douglas Bryant; June 13 – Rev. Donnie Bannister, William Wooten IV, Alex Kinder, Brycen Kuenzel; June 14 - Allen David; June 15 – Larry Smith, Trenton Cruz Burgess; June 17 – Cynthia Hensley; June 18 – Gloria Wagner; June 19 – Kay Browning, Rachel Tiller; June 20 – Palmer Jayne Duty; June 21 – Joe Hall, Sr., Brenna Baldwin, Jacob Mullins, Reidyn Cole Ellis; June 22 - Jared Topping; June 23 – Brett Gore; June 24 – Freda White, Patrick Brennan, Kara Goins; June 25 – Garth Hensley; June 26 – Sabrina B. Clark, Jerzii Maynard, Abby Kirk; June 27 – Kade Doss; June 29 – Macy Belcher; June 30 – John Tomblin, Zachary Cox, Sharon Skeens, Jesse Browning, Nicholas Price, Rose Marie Tomblin, Emmett Ryan Duty, Timothy Croix Marcum.

**July Birthdays**

July 1 - Joe Bowery Brandon Wells, Angela Wells,, Alice Browning; July 2 - Vessie Marcum, Drew Orr; July 3 - Betty Vaughn; July 4 - United States of America; July 5 - Shawn Propst, Kellie W. Willis, Farron Doss, Kayla Maynard; July 6 - Fred G. Bradley, Brianna White; July 7 - Carson Kirk; July 8 - Paul Evans, Sr., Brian Austin Workman, Jarod Biondi, John Hanshaw; July 9 - Nancy Moore; July 10 - David Hicks; July 11 - Larry Ramey, Greg Vance, Michaela Hendricks, Rodney Adkins; July 12 - Freddie Bradley, Jr., Cheryl Collier; July 13 - Wilma Adams, Stephanie Counts; July 14 - Robert O'Bryan; July 15 - Donna Adkins, Matthew Bowery; July 16 - Viola Meade, Isabella Propst, Hunter Bradley; July 17 - Lisa Dickenson, Larry Collins; July 18 - Natalie Blankenship; July 19 - Carolyn "Pinkie" Counts; July 21 - Brenda Meade, Pamela Dalton, Jewell Kazee; July 22 - Randall Tiller, Amber Skibo Gore, Jackson Brammer; July 23 - Savannah Richardson; July 24 - Kristi McNeely, Justin Miller, Ryan Miller, Robin Browning; July 25 - Valerie W, McCarthy, Dustin Adkins; July 26 - Clyde Dickenson, Lee Ann Wickline, Jared McCallister, Kaitlynn Jewell; July 27 - Glen Michael Brammer, Missy Lambert, Ronnie Browning, Anna Browning; July 28 - Kimberly Evans, Kellie Carper, Joe Bowery III; July 29 - Jeff Wooten, Chris Ellis, Tammy Long, Larry Deaner, Harold Hanshaw; July 30 - Grace Wellman, Brooklyn Welch, Steve Herbster; July 31 - Tammy Adkins.

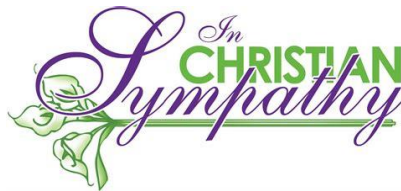




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Three long-time members of Central Baptist Church went to home to be with the Lord during the month of June. They are—

--Sister Lillian Grake of Holden, widow of Dominick Grake. Survivors include her daughter, Regina White and her husband Roger.

--Brother Jack Creger of Stollings. He is survived by his daughter, Janice Cremeans, and his grandson, Brandon Cremeans.

--Sister Nola Walsh of Toledo, OH, who was a member of our Church from 1958-72 when she moved out of state. She had to leave us, but she still loved Central Baptist Church! She is survived by her daughters, Jonalea (Michael)Thomas, and Susan Rae Dube; her son, Rickie (Sylvia) Walsh; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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Hope to see you in Church!