

EASTER CELEBRATION

As we wake to see the
morning
With such bright and
vivid hues
A new season has been
dawning
All things dead have
been renewed

On this glorious Easter
morning
As to our hope in Christ
we cling

May our voices rise with
wondrous joy
Joy for our Savior,
Priest and King

The bonds of death have
now been broken
There is no darkness in
the tomb
Christ came forth to
meet the morning
Bringing light to fill the
gloom

We need not fear,
though we are dying

There is hope for you
and me
For we serve a risen
Savior
Whose dear face, we'll
someday see

Yes, we serve a risen
Savior
Oh, what joy this
knowledge brings
Someday soon, we'll get
to greet him
Jesus Christ, our
Redeemer King
Naomi Jones

CHRIST -THE HOPE OF GLORY Colossians 1

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church; ²⁵whereof I was made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which was given me for your benefit, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶even the mystery which hath been hid for ages and generations: but now hath it been manifested to his saints, ²⁷**to whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: ²⁸whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ; ²⁹whereunto I labor also, striving according to his working, which works in me mightily**

Christ-the Hope of Glory, who as Paul says, we proclaim to every person. This is our mission, He is our eternal hope. That hope belongs to everyone in all nations, for God so loved the entire world that He sent His Son. We look around the world today and see so much despair. Truly the nations are in need of Hope. It is a hope for love demonstrated to them today by Christians, and the hope of eternal glory with Jesus Christ. Hope is that great word that sustains us day to day, and it is the Word of Christ that we are charged to deliver to a world in need of some Hope. Paul says it is a labor, a striving, with God's power working in us.

Our Sugar Grove Mission program is one of our great priorities. We follow the lead of the apostles when we help the message Go into all the World and Make Disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe what I have commanded you. Let us remember to pray, and support that mission.



Francis Nash, minister

THE GREETER

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HABITS- GOOD AND BAD

Referring to the formation of habits, psychologists say over 95% is made up of cultivated, automatic actions. Every small stroke of virtue or vice leaves its mark. Building character requires thousands of good thoughts, and noble deeds. Job 17 says the righteous shall go stronger and stronger. Paul in Galatians 5:9 writes "A little leaven builds the whole lump." To please the Lord Christians need to become stronger and stronger in the faith and concentrate on developing holy habits.

On the contrary, those who each time they indulge in something they know is wrong, we weaken our power to resist evil. Sinful habits, like a little leaven starts at insignificant beginnings but they gradually grow into the whole "lump."

In Rip Van Winkle's writing, he excuses fresh failures by saying, "I won't count this time." It's like dieters saying, "this candy doesn't count, no calories!" But we know our brains still register our thoughts and actions.

Whether we like it or not, our character is a composite of what we have been thinking and doing over a period of years. This is why we need to teach our children God's ways very early and often. All of us must be aware of all sinful words, deeds and thoughts that will eventually produce wrong and wicked habits. Instead, let us sow the good seeds in our lives of healthy thoughts, deeds and actions to make our life fragrant to God and beautiful for others. Be the example the world needs. We are living in a dangerous and evil world. Righteous habits, church work are being overtaken by a generation that has built their life with secular ideas, "feel good" actions, and ignorant of those righteous habits that makes up a moral culture.

Let's us face it also, that our attitude toward church attendance is a habit we build. We must have thoughts, actions to help church work on more than just Sunday. Church membership in the U S for the first time, dropped below half to 47%. After our bout with pandemic, let's work on getting

BACK TO CHURCH!



2022 Baby Dedication—
Emmalyn Gayle Barker....
Alaina Brooke Loyer

Sugar Grove lost its oldest member,
Audria Carmichael went home to the Lord but not
before we had a celebration of her 100th birthday

We are back to
eating in Comm
Ctr. -Senior Lunch
last Wed of each
month.

