



# The Vision



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**August 1, 2021**

### *Manna for Meditation*

#### **TRUST AND OBEY**

*Blessed is thee man who makes the Lord his trust.*

Psalm 40:4 NIV

Some years ago someone gave my little boy a dollar. He brought it to me and said, "Daddy keep this for me." But a few minutes later he came back and said "Daddy, I'd better keep my own dollar." He tucked it in his pocket and went out to play. In a few minutes he came back with tears in his eyes, saying, "Daddy, I lost my dollar. Help me find it."

How often we commit our burdens to the Lord and then fail to trust Him by taking matters into our own hands. Then, when we have messed things up, we pray, "Oh, Lord, help me, I'm in trouble."

The choice is yours. Do you want to trust your life in God's "pocket" or keep in in your own? The Bible's promise is true: "Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust."

#### **HOPE FOR TODAY**

We can trust our heavenly Father with every aspect of our lives. He is able to bear every burden and protect what is precious. We will never regret entrusting our lives to His care.

*Hope for Each Day*

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*Your fellowship today is important to us.*

*Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.*



## Servants

In His Service

**August 8, 2021**

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

NURSERY-

Small Talk-Debbie Maples

Junior Church-

*(The previous week's attendance and financial status)*

ATTENDANCE

SS-49      Worship-58

FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

	Worship Service	Sunday School
July 4	\$2,053.34	\$66.20
July 11	\$1,895.00	\$29.00
July 18	\$2,132.66	\$48.60
July 25	\$2,128.00	\$26.00

\$20.00-OGHS, \$1.00-Ice

Operating Fund

\$8,378.80

Total Receipts (July)      \$9,383.35

Weekly Need      \$2,700.18

### **God's Eternal Blessings**

God's eternal blessings  
Flows down from above  
To equip us in His mission  
To spread His wondrous love  
So He can always use us  
And stretch us in our faith,  
So we may be a blessing  
To others by His grace

For everything we need,  
God will graciously provide  
Through His eternal blessings  
That's abundant in our lives.

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## GOD'S LOVE IS STRONGER

In 2020, Alyssa Mendoza received a surprising email from her father in the middle of the night. The message had instructions about what to do for her mother on her parents' twenty-fifth anniversary. Why was this shocking? Alyssa's father had passed away ten months earlier. She discovered that he'd written and scheduled the email while he was sick, knowing he might not be there. He'd also arranged and paid for flowers to be sent to his wife for upcoming years on her birthday, future anniversaries, and Valentine's Day.

This story could stand as an example of the kind of love that's described in detail in Song of Songs. "Love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave" (8:6). Comparing graves and death to love seems odd, but they're strong because they don't give up their captives. However, neither will true love give up the loved one. The book reaches its peak in verses 6-7, describing marital love as one so strong that "many waters cannot quench [it]" (v. 7).

Throughout the Bible, the love of a husband and wife is compared to God's love (Isaiah 54:5; Ephesians 5:25; Revelation 21:2). Jesus is the groom and the church is His bride. God showed His love for us by sending Christ to face death so we wouldn't have to die for our sins (John 3:16). Whether we're married or single, we can remember that God's love is stronger than anything we could imagine.  
By Julie Schwab

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There will be a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday November 6th. For booth rental and more information see Judy Thompson.



Thank you for your prayers and love during Terry's brief illness.

Your support lifted us up.

Thank you for the paper goods for the family meal at the Farm.

Love,  
Betty



### **PAYER REQUESTS:**

#### **Church Family:**

Terry Maxwell Family, Maggie Jordan, Scott Pettit, Kathy Morris, Jim Abshire, Wyatt Rynard, Betty Williamson, Brian Etchison, Mike Adams, Susan Polk, Tom Holman, Mary Jennison, Dixie Carter, Evelyn Denney, Bob & Catherine Etter, Larry & Peggy Martin and Bob & Dianna Jennings.

#### **Community: Pray for America,**

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and families facing crisis and those in need in our community.

**Military Personnel:** Skyler Rynard, Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

**Country** People Affected by the COVID-19, Situations in the country and abroad, the President & cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, firemen and the US economy.

**World:** Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

