

“Living in Light of Eternity” (Part 4)
Luke 12:4-48 (Luke 12:35-48)

What is faithfulness? It is when there is consistency between what you *say* and what you *do*, between what you *believe* and how you *behave*, between what you *promise* and what you *perform*.”

- We are to be ready for Christ’s return:
 - “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, **what sort of people** ought you to be **in lives of holiness and godliness**.” (2 Peter 3:11); “Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, **be diligent** to be found by Him **without spot or blemish**, and **at peace**.” (2 Peter 3:14)
 - “And now, little children, **abide in Him**, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming.” (1 John 2:28)
 - “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and **faithful servant**. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’” (Matthew 25:21)
- **Four** descriptions of preparation:
 - **“Stay dressed for action”**: This was the position of one who was ready to run, work, or fight. To gird their loins or to remove obstacles from effectiveness.
 - **“Keep your lamps burning”**: Biblically, light represents knowledge. We are to do life in light of the Word of God. We are not in darkness, we are in the light.
 - **“Servants waiting on their master”**: Servants would be waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast. It could take up to seven days.

“Being faithful is a celebration of God’s faithfulness to us, and being a servant is a celebration of Christ’s servanthood to us.”

*“But whoever would be great among you **must be your servant**, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served **but to serve**, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”* (Mark 10:43b-45); *“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have **washed your feet**, you also ought to **wash one another’s feet**.”* (John 13:14)

- **“Had known at what hour the thief was coming”**: We need to be ready for the return of Christ by salvation and sanctification.
- The faithful servant. (Luke 12:31-34,41-44)
 - He was faithful with his earthly things with eternity in mind. *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.”* (Romans 8:16-17)
- The unfaithful servant. (Luke 12:18-21,45-48)
 - He did not live as if the Word of God was true. *“For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”* (Luke 9:25)

Account Balance: \$75,163.36 June Balance: \$71,816.62	Weekly Budget: \$3,471 Monthly Budget: \$15,043
Total Giving: July 6	\$10,905.00
Total Giving: July 13	\$2,750.00
Total Giving: July 20	\$2,130.00
Total Giving: July 27	\$1,157.00
Total Giving for July:	\$16,942.00

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of August we are collecting monetary donations for Shannon and Vikki Bobb. The Bobbs currently live and serve in Cambodia, meeting the practical and spiritual needs of those that they serve. For more information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the August Newsletter and the board at the back of the sanctuary.

★**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** We are having a Children's Ministry Meeting **TODAY**, immediately following the worship service. If you currently serve in the Children's Ministry, please plan on staying for this important meeting!

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, August 10th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, August 16th, at 7am, at Big Apple Café — Log Pond location. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Pastor Zach (740)618-0739.

★**CEDAR POINT:** Christina Strawn is organizing a group trip to Cedar Point on Saturday, August 23rd. Group Admission tickets are \$50 each. Please contact Christina Strawn if you would like to go or if you have any questions (740)755-6512.

★**LEGACY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** We will begin our new study on the Book of Romans in our Sunday School Class beginning Sunday, **August 31st**, from **9:00-10:00am**, in the Fellowship Hall, each Sunday before Church. Breakfast and Coffee are supplied. For all of the information about this new class, please see the August Newsletter. Please let Elder Richard know if you're interested in this study, so he can make a Syllabus for you.

★**END OF SUMMER PARTY:** We will be having an "End of Summer Party" on Sunday, August 31st, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. There will be swimming, but we also ask that you bring yard games and/or board games to play as well. We would love for EVERYONE to join us for this wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** Summer break is almost over! The Legacy Practicum will be starting back up on Monday, September 8th. This new 6-week, 16 lecture-hour course will be "The Kingdom of God" taught by Dr. John C. Whitcomb. Please see the August Newsletter for all of the details on this course. If you are interested in participating, please see Elder Richard!