Welcome to the Holden Avenue Church of Christ. We are honored you have chosen to spend time with us and hope you find us a friendly Christian family, sincere in our desire to understand God’s will and show His love.

If you have any comments, questions, or prayer requests, please share those with us. We are here to minister to you and your family.

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“Following Jesus Every Day” (Luke 9:23)

RYAN’S RAMBLINGS

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

George Bailey once said this about the Old Rugged Cross:

It was the most tragic event in history…
Yet it was the most wonderful thing that ever happened.
Yet by it came the greatest joy.
The old rugged cross was Satan’s greatest victory…
Yet by the cross Satan suffered his most stunning defeat.
The cross was mankind’s greatest hour…
Yet it was the greatest of all lights.

On that day the sun, the S – U – N, refused to shine at midday…
But on that day the sun, the S – O – N, became the light of the world.

Galatians 6:14 - May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

1 Peter 2:24 - “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

1 Corinthians. 1:18 - For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
Answers

**PSALM ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT**

Above S I S K G G R O K E N T Y E S
Israel R O V E N R A L I S E E M I N G
Alone A P E I C V E S O R E A R E N D S
Judge T O Y L E N T G R A P O C E S
Angels S L O T S I V A T Y O S T E R
Kings F I N O T L A R T S W P J A W E D
Beasts H O G I R L A M P E P L E H U I E
Light A T G O W D V C E A R S T D N Y
Both S H R O V A P N I C E D O G S
Lord T U F A F I D O S B V U L I V E
Cattle S N U B A S I N N A E A L R T I
Moon U R G E D S P O O V G E E S T A
Created S C H E N D O E W H O A L O R
People N O S A L M A B E N D N E T P
Decree S T N I A S A V E D B R A S S Y
Praise Deeps Earth Snow Ever
Princes Stars Flying Stormy
Dragons Fowl Son Glory
Saints Vapours Heaven Waters

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

8/3 - Dickie Lucie (Belated)
8/6 - Sonny Crawford, David May, Jason Tubbs
8/7 - Goldie Arnold
8/10 - Clay Malone

**SCRIPTURE 4 TODAY**

Many, Lord, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?” Let the light of your face shine on us. Psalm 4:6, NIV

**PRAYER 4 TODAY**

Lord our God, with all our hearts we come before your throne. Our hearts shall always be in your presence, asking, longing, and believing that you will guide our affairs aright. Protect us, for you are our God and Father. Protect all who are in danger or who must go into danger. Make known our hearts of the dying. Draw our hearts together so that we may have community in you, our faith and hope set only on you. Protect us during the night, and help us to be at peace with all our concerns because they are in your hands. Every concern of every person is in your hands. We ourselves are in your hands, Lord God, our Father, and there we want to remain. Your hands can heal and restore everything. Praised be your name! Amen.

**PRAYER LIST**

**General Health Concerns:**
Muggs Goodman, Aubrey Phillips, Rusty & Gail Bellinger, Buddy Fisher, Phyllis Cowell, Donnie Vest, Mike Moss, Norma Carter, Cadence Miser, Mary McKee, Franchelle Harrell, Barbara Wilson, Michael Layrock, Deloris Honey, Brenda Sturdivant, Pauline Fletcher, Bobbie Ann Cheshier, Nathan Brownderville, Peyton Reynolds, Janas Gates, Steve Reid, Mary Miller, Michelle Steward, Shirley Swink, Kathy Tubbs, Hazel Bennett, Peg Davis, Sheila Calhoun, Nina Wooten, Susan Elliot, Etta Sweet, Corvin Burrow, Goldie Arnold, Lily Shannon.

**Those with Cancer:**
Marty Harvey, Billy Wilson, Lindsey Penn, Betty Roberts, Roy Hogan, Randy Hughes, David Huey, Rita Roach, Barbara Mead, Larry Jordan, Jennifer Bennett, Peg Davis, Sheila Calhoun, Nina Wooten, Susan Elliot, Etta Sweet, Corvin Burrow, Goldie Arnold, Lily Shannon.

**Those in the Nursing Home**
Alfred Couch, Bobbie Rusicnk, Martha Ray, Sharon Long.

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASS/WORSHIP**
Classes will start at 9:00 AM and end at 9:45 AM. Worship will begin at 10:00 AM.

**SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP**
5:30 PM in the small auditorium.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**
Wednesday night Bible study begins at 6:30 PM. There will be classes for all ages. Please come and study God’s Word and grow with us.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**
The ladies class will take the summer off and start class back in September.

**CHURCH EMAIL**
If you would like to receive the email, or if you are not getting your emails, please let the office know.

**PRAYER LIST**

We all need prayer! But, we are always updating the prayer list. Please take a moment to look through the list of names and let the office know who needs to stay and who needs to be taken off the list.

**MEN’S COFFEE**
We have coffee every Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the small auditorium. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and prayer. We would love to have you.

**HEARING DEVICES**
We have some hearing assistance devices in the sound room if you would like to wear one during services.

**RECENT PRAYER LIST**
- Bea Maddox recently passed away.
- Shirley Swink is in Encompass Rehab.
- Landen Barnhart is taking treatments at MD Anderson.
- Kathy Tubbs is in St. Vincent’s.

**SERVERS SHEET**
If you haven’t turned in your servers sheet, please turn it in to the office.

**ESCHATOLOGY (Last Things)**
After Labor Day weekend, Bill Wheeler will be with us each Sunday night September 10 through October 8, preaching a series on Eschatology.

**SINGING NIGHT/FELLOWSHIP**
TODAY, we will have a singing night/finger food fellowship on Sunday night, August 6. We will sing first then eat. Please bring your favorite finger food and let’s enjoy a wonderful evening together.

**LADIES DAY**

**ATTENTION LADIES**
Your talents, smiles and joy is wanted! Ladies Day is just around the corner and You are needed. Please meet down front for 5 minutes after services this morning for details.

**YOUTH NEWS**
I’m working on planning a group devotional in the near future to help prepare our kids for going back to school. More details to come. Remember to pray for our children for this upcoming school year.

**BRYCE'S BEACON**
Ephesians 1:4-5 - “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will...” Remember Church, we are adopted sons and daughters of Christ. Isn’t it wonderful that we have a father that chooses us, although we were not born an heir to salvation, he chooses to adopt us into His glory. As a result, we should live a life that he would have us to live. We owe full dedication and he calls for a living sacrifice from us. Devote your time to prayer, reading of his word, meditation of his word, and fasting at times. Praise God, as he is willing to call us His children.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**
The following students have been selected for scholarship awards for the 2023/2024 academic year at Harding University:
- Mallory Otts (Herbert and Jewel Heffington Scholarship).
- Will Tubbs (Geneva Mills Scholarship).
- Jorja Hatcher (McClain Family Endowed Scholarship).

Each will also receive a $500 matching scholarship from Holden Avenue Church of Christ this year which will be forwarded to Harding University. We congratulate each of these students and extend our encouragement to them as they move forward in this educational endeavor.

**ELDERS MEETINGS**
The elders will meet every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month in the library. The 2nd Sunday for prayer, and the 3rd Sunday for regular business.

**CHANGE 4 CHILDREN CANS**
If you have any cans that are full, you can turn them into the church office.