

Hiding in the Cleft of the Rock

by Mike King Lakeside church of Christ Orange Park, FL

On the Gettysburg battlefield, there are two round top hills with a rocky area between known as “Devil’s Den” It became a place of refuge during the fierce battle. Following the battle, many bodies were retrieved of soldiers seeking refuge “in the cleft of the rock.” What was hoped to be protection became a vault by which they were entrapped.

We have been promised refuge during times of threat and harm which cannot be penetrated by the most cunning enemy. David had found refuge in God’s protective custody many times about which he wrote with these words: *“I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies”* (Ps. 18:1-3). God’s glory is seen from the Rock as is expressed by the words of the old song, “Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee”. I find comfort in the passage where God told His people of the Exodus that *“There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock”* (Ex. 23:21-23).

There is the story of a little bird that was being chased by a much larger bird of prey. The little bird flew to save its life, darting about while being pursued by the larger bird. The little bird quickly flew into a crevice in a rock face, inside the cleft in the rock. The larger bird gave up. The little bird had found shelter in the rock, out of reach from fearsome claws. It’s life was saved. How like the little bird are we!

Keep in mind that *“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty”* (Ps. 9:1). “He will cover you with His pinions and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark” (Ps. 91:1).

The wonderful and warm embrace of our heavenly Father is a place of refuge and not a “Devil’s Den.” When we try to find comfort in the clutches of alcohol, drugs, sex, money or so many other cares of the world by which we are surrounded, they become a prison and not a refuge. We must take confidence and courage in knowing that our God is our protectorate and never a threat!

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study	10:00 AM

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We seek to be a place of healing and worship.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God’s Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

If you have an announcement or prayer request for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium before service begins it means “Quiet Please”

Condolences to David and Jessica Alcorn and other family members on the recent death of Sharon Alcorn who passed away from terminal brain cancer.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Jessica Alcorn had surgery Friday. The surgery went well and they are waiting on pathology reports. She will be hospitalized several days as she recovers.

Anna Brink (dealing with cancer) is now home from Roswell. She sends her love and well wishes.

Darlene Reed Her biopsy results are negative for cancer. Praise the Lord.

Diane Mellott, recovering from a fall, underwent an MRI Friday Sept. 2nd.

Ruth Knepp *Correction* - She is not at Newfane Rehab. She is at Mount View Assisted Living on Upper Mt. Rd. The address is posted on the board.

Glen Mueller has regained some movement. Let's continue to pray for him and his family.

Marietta McArthur (Ray's mom) is not doing well. They found a massive fluid buildup in her abdomen in her half removed lung area that is very painful. She is also almost constantly vomiting. She is very weak and the fluid is causing a lot of pain. The doctors scheduled a fluid removal sometime this week but Ray is concerned she may not make it that long. Let's keep this situation in our prayers.

Let's also pray for our children and teachers/staff who will be returning to school soon.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Sep. 05 Labor Day

Sep. 06 *Ladies Bible Class* resumes. 10 AM.

Sep. 11 Men's Business Meeting

Sep. 17 Potter Children's Home - *Fall Festival*
Please see posting.

Sep. 18 Membership Meeting. Nominate men for trusteeship.

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,345.00

Attendance Last Sunday 38

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes
are posted in the back.

Mission Info Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

Ukraine Relief

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com https://kachelman.com

For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for Mission Work.

Philippines We support Caleb & Vanessa Callari doing mission work in the Philippines.

Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for: Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism Philippines

Zambia

The LaSalle congregation has been involved in the Zambia mission work for many years.

If you would like to help support the Zambian Mission, please place funds in the offering basket marked for Zambia. More information may be found at www.zambiamission.org

Matthew 19:14

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Attention Ladies

Sherry Carter would like to meet with the ladies at the front of the auditorium today after services to discuss meals for Jessica Alcorn.



Attention Ladies

Ladies Bible Class will resume Tuesday Sept. 06, 2022 at 10 AM. The class will meet in the small office of the auditorium.

Potluck

The next Potluck is scheduled for Oct. 9th.

FYI ...

Marge Reed is selling her car. The information is posted in the back.

FYI ...

The Callari family plans to be stateside in December.