

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Refuge

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Baptism:** Daniel Schramm was baptized Thursday at noon.

**Pray For:** Logan Decker's grandmother, she has leukemia. Abby has surgery scheduled for her hip on November 20, 2018, Herb and Jean Watson, Linda Cline, and Peggy had minor surgery Wednesday.

**Prayers Answered:** Danesa's parents are doing much better. Carla, Weston and Bella returned safely to us from visiting outside.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers, Tina Crawford is traveling outside, she expects to return on December 5, 2018. Paul Stone traveled to Missouri to hunt. Dansea is outside visiting her parents.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Today's Scripture:** "That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:" **Hebrews 6:18 (KJV)**

**Today's Wisdom:** "The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee."

**Psalms 9:9-10 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 55/0 (Services cancelled) Record: 101

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## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear .....Romans 10:17  
 Believe .....Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6  
 Repent ..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10  
 Confess ..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33  
 Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16  
 Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 6PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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## Refuge

Most of us understand the concept of a refuge. In Alaska we have several million acres of land set aside as refuges. Most of these are wildlife refuges, but we also have the National and State parks and the National and State Forests. Not far out of Palmer, there is the Palmer Hay Flats and the Mat-Su Moose Range. All of these were set up by either the state or national governments to accomplish a specific goal. In the case of the wildlife refuges, that goal is to preserve wildlife populations and their habitat. In the case of the national and state forest, the goal is to preserve forest for multiple use including producing forest products of all types. In the Mat-Su Moose Range, the goal was to develop and preserve outstanding moose habitat that will support a large population of moose in particular, and also the other species that are often associated with them. So we understand the concept well.

In **Hebrews 6:17-20 (KJV)** the writer states *“Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”*

We have a refuge that we can flee to. That refuge is God Himself. *“The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.” Deuteronomy 33:27 (KJV)* The writer of the letter to the Hebrew Christians tells us that we flee to that refuge in order to “lay hold upon the hope set before us”. When we go to God as our refuge, He gives us hope that we cannot find anywhere else. This hope is an anchor for our soul. This hope is sure. This hope is steadfast. There is no place like it and we can find it only with God! But what is the hope that is set before us as the Hebrew letter tells us?

Paul tells us that this hope is that there will be a resurrection of the dead, *“And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.” Acts 24:15 (KJV)* When we go to God as our refuge, we can lay hold on the hope of resurrection from the dead that is sure and steadfast. There will be a resurrection of the dead, not just for the righteous but also for those who are unrighteous. It is something that we can depend on because it is found when we seek refuge in God. Jesus spoke about it saying; *“... Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection*

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*of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.” Matthew 22:29-32 (KJV)*

Paul then gives us more information when he tells the Christians in Thessalonica; *“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (KJV)*

If Jesus died and rose again, then there will be a resurrection of all humanity who have died when Jesus returns. This is the hope that the writer of the Hebrew letter is speaking about. It is sure, it is steadfast. We will be resurrected. Some will be raised to meet Jesus in the air as Paul told us. Others will be raised to face eternal punishment as Jesus so clearly teaches in Matthew 25:31-46. Jesus made this very clear in His story of two men who both died. Read it in Luke 16:19-31, one was raised and went to Paradise, the other to torment. If you seek refuge in the world, as the rich man did in the story of the rich man and Lazarus you will face eternity without hope of an everlasting life in heaven. If you seek refuge in God, you can be assured of a much better hope.

It is that hope that we want to lay hold on. We can only get it by fleeing to the refuge that is in God. The hope that God promises to us was bought and paid for with the blood of Jesus, it costs us only obedience and a life lived well in the refuge that is in God.

