

And he said to me, These sayings are faithful and true...

— Revelation 22:6

1-8-2023

WELCOME

The preaching is Necessary; singing is wonderful; but only the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross can bring salvation. With that in mind let me bring up another time. In 1863, the Civil War then raging, a small town in Pennsylvania decided to formally open a military cemetery, occasioned by a battle nearby. They invited one of the leading orators of the day, one Edward Everett, to give the formal speech which was considered so necessary. They invited him to speak on October 23rd. He declined, asking more time, for such a speech would easily run from one to two and a half hours -- and the city fathers would want their money's worth. November 19th was selected as the day. Everett began with Pericles in ancient Greece, and slowly wound his way through Ezekiel's valley of dry bones on to modern times. The applause indicated the speech was well received. The city fathers had received their money's worth. Edward Everett was indeed the master orator, as advertised. Sitting down, Everett handed matters back to the master of ceremonies who announced that the President of the United States, on hand as befitted such an occasion, had a few words as well. The thin form of Abraham Lincoln walked to the podium, spread out two sheets of paper, and began: "Four score and seven years ago..." The only reason anyone remembers anything at all about Everett's speech that day is because of the remarks by Lincoln. His remarks turned a cemetery dedication at Gettysburg into history. Often our worship is something like that. We spend a great deal of time singing, and even more time in preaching. Then somewhere in the middle or at the end there is a ceremony often seen as an afterthought. Like those at Gettysburg that November who forgot Everett's noble speech, we may forget the preaching, we may forget the words to the songs, but we must never forget what Jesus did for us. Communion is not an afterthought. It is the center of worship, for it commemorates what Jesus did. Yes preaching is Necessary, singing is wonderful, but only the sacrifice of Jesus can bring salvation. Welcome to H.C.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION

If anyone would like to have communion brought to your home each Lord's Day please let one of us know.

RESPONDING TO THE LORD'S RETURN

Could this be the year of our Lord's return? Short answer, YES it could. So Join us next Sunday as we continue our short study into "God's Last Call" from Revelation 22.

LADIES CIRCLE

Ladies Circle will meet this month on Jan. 19th. That is a Thursday instead of Monday. It will be at Carol McClain's house at 6:00. We will be installing our new officers for 2023. Hope all the Ladies can attend. If you have never been to one of our meeting please come and join the fun.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Join us Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup> as we conclude our brief study into one of our Lord's parables; "The Parable of the Sower"

MEN OF ALL AGES

Men of all ages stayed tuned for more fellowship, more fun & food, and more of God in 2023.

Sermon Notes:

God's Last Call  
Revelation 22:6-21

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Service Schedule

**Sunday Morning** – 9:45am Doughnuts  
10:00am-10:30am - Sunday school Class  
10:45am-Noon – Morning Worship (In-person & Online)  
**Sunday Evenings** – 6pm (In-Person & Online)  
**Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study:**  
7pm (In-person & Online)

