Upcoming Events...

MAY

(11th) Sunday Morning - The Trial In The Wilderness

(11th) Holiday - Mother's Day

(14th) Wednesday Evening @ 7 - Jeff Geralds

(15th) Youth - Revolution @ 630pm

(15th) Anniversary – Mark and Vicky Barclay

(17th) Birthday - Becky Tuttle

(18th) Event - SMTI/Academy Graduation

(25th) Birthday - Lou Vitorio

(26th) Holiday – Memorial Day

(26th) Academy - No School

JUNE

(1st-3rd) Academy - Field Trip to UP

(6th) Event – Kingdom Prom @7pm Details: Ages 14-18; \$25 per person

(10th) Academy – Last Day of School

Service Times

Sunday Morning - Word and Worship @ 10:30 Wednesday Evening - Word and Worship @ 7:00



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"Faithfulness in the wilderness prepares you for fruitfulness in the Promised Land." - Unknown <u>The Reward of Diligence</u> <u>The Land of Hope</u>

Proverbs 13:4 - The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied...

God longs to pour out His favor and blessing upon you, but you must do your part to be diligent. You should be seeking His ways and following His commands. Being good stewards of your time and resources. Jesus told a parable about three men whose employer entrusted them with some money. Two of the men were diligent with investing and received a great return. The third man was afraid and buried what he was given. The first two men were rewarded for their diligence, while the third man was fired.

Whatever you do, do it with excellence, as unto the Lord. Be the best you can be. Go the extra mile—even when you think it goes unnoticed. God promises to reward the appetite of the diligent. As you stay faithful in the little things, God will make you ruler over much, and you'll live the abundant life He has prepared for you.

Diligence is not just about effort—it's a heart posture that says, "God, I trust You enough to keep going." It's staying steady in seasons of uncertainty, showing up when no one else does, and doing the right thing even when it's hard. When you live this way, your diligence becomes an offering to the Lord, and He never overlooks it. Don't despise the small beginnings or hidden moments. Keep pressing forward—because God sees, God remembers, and God rewards.

Acts 2:26 - No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts His praises! My body rests in hope...

Where are you dwelling in your heart today? In other words, what are you expecting to happen in your life? What kind of attitude do you have? If your thoughts are focused on what's wrong or what's not working, then it's time to make a move! It's time to pack up your belongings and move out of the land of discouragement. It's time to move out of the "not-going-to-happen" subdivision. Move out of "can-not-do-it-ville." It's time to pack your bags and move into the land of hope, faith, and expectation!

Every time you think a negative thought, instead, dwell on God's promises. Every time you declare God's faithfulness, you are taking a step in the right direction. The Bible says that those who hope in the Lord will never be put to shame. As you turn your focus toward Him, you are dwelling in the Land of Hope—a land where His peace, blessing, and victory reside.

Living in the Land of Hope doesn't mean everything around you is perfect—it means your heart is anchored in the truth of God's Word, not the shifting circumstances of life. It means you've chosen to believe that God is working behind the scenes. It means you're looking ahead with joyful anticipation instead of backward in regret. Let today be the day you shift your atmosphere—because the Land of Hope is ready and waiting for you to move in.

