

# SUMMERDALE YOUTH NEWS

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### SALVATION BRINGS HOPE

We had an amazing time at Lads to Leaders!! There were eleven of us that attended the convention in Orlando last week. It was wonderful! The kids did amazing. In a few weeks we will honor all of our kids that participated for the past two years. I am proud of all the youth for contributing to this program. The speeches of the boys were directed toward the theme of being lost. I would like to spend the next few weeks writing about the necessity of salvation.

The thought of salvation offers hope to the believer. It also causes the non-believer to search for confidence and assurance in their eternal destiny. Do you really have the hope of salvation? Do you struggle with doubt? In the eighth chapter of the book of Romans the apostle Paul pens, in my opinion, one of the greatest chapters in all of the Bible. Paul has addressed the freedom we have from sin, and that we each have the personal indwelling of God's Holy Spirit, which identifies our spiritual adoption and confirms our eternal destiny. Then, just before he addresses God's everlasting love and protection, he says these words. . . *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance."* (Romans 8:18-25)

This is a message of hope that Paul wants every person to accept. Ministers, church leaders, Bible class teachers, faithful members of the church, new converts, life-time believers. . . anyone and everyone who will listen. . . you need to know that every Christian can experience periods of doubt, helplessness, and weakness. There are so many things that weigh us down and hinder us from knowing the full assurance of the hope of salvation.

Satan has a way of convincing us that we are not good enough, we are too sinful, or that God has forgotten us. He fills our minds with so many questions that our heart looks away from God and we can easily lose our focus. We have to remember that there is a God. . . a Creator that since the beginning of time has been working a plan to save me from my sins. That amazing God has offered His one and only Son in my place as a substitute so that I might not have to die for my many sins. He has established His church for my protection, He has sent His Holy Spirit to guide me and lead me, and He has preserved His Holy word to be my light.

I know I am going to heaven and I know that those who have been immersed into the precious blood of Jesus and are daily living as a sacrificial servant will join me there one day with the saints of old for a reunion of God's family! Do you have that hope of salvation? It's a hope only God can provide!

Over the next few weeks I would like to share with you some reasons why you should pursue salvation. Hopefully these articles will encourage you to become a more faithful servant of God. Also, they might encourage you to talk to others about the importance of salvation

The world needs hope. Let's seek and save the lost. Have a great week!!!

*You are loved,  
Ray*



# SYG NEWS & EVENTS



We offer two opportunities for our children during the week for Bible study. On Sunday mornings we meet on the front pew for a "Pew Packers" style class before worship. SONSHINE STUDIES will have singing, Bible reading, and an object lesson for pre-K to 5th grade. We also have Wednesday night Bible classes for all ages! Please bring your children and teens to Bible study and worship.



Our youth did amazing at the 2021 Orlando Convention this week. We are super proud of all of our youth, but especially Hayden Joiner, Chase Joiner, Landon Butler, Hunter Butler, Brady Long & Carter Long. In a few weeks we want to honor all our participants. Congrats to Hayden for getting 1st place in song leading and 3rd place in speech. Chase Joiner also got third place for speech. Great job guys!

We are excited to have youth playing softball and baseball this year. Please support our kids when you have time. The SCA schedule can be found on our youth Facebook page. It is such a blessing to see our kids showing Christian leadership on and off the field. Snap a picture if you see an SCOC sign!



We've got questions. You've got answers. Don't throw us shade. It's time to spill the tea. This is an interview with one of our teens in a series of random questions. We call it "7 Groovy Questions." You can find it on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube. The next video will be with London McDonald.



## TENTATIVE YOUTH CALENDAR:

- APRIL 11 - SONSHINE STUDIES @ 9:30 AM
- APRIL 14 - FAMILY BIBLE HOUR @ 6:30 PM
- APRIL 18 - SONSHINE STUDIES @ 9:30 AM
- APRIL 18 - YOUTH AREA-WIDE @ 5 PM AT REGENCY
- APRIL 21 - FAMILY BIBLE HOUR @ 6:30 PM
- APRIL 25 - SONSHINE STUDIES @ 9:30 AM
- APRIL 28 - FAMILY BIBLE HOUR @ 6:30 PM
- MAY 1 - TITUS CAMP DEADLINE
- MAY 15 - GULF COAST BIBLE CAMP EARLY BIRD DEADLINE
- MAY 16 - SENIOR SUNDAY



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