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The Best is Yet to Come!

Sometimes I intentionally listen to songs by singer/songwriter Ben Rector from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a prolific songwriter, who has performed a Chic-Fil-A duet with Snoop Dog, and has a tv commercial gig with Celebrity Cruise Lines. He generally writes songs about people and things that have made a difference in his life and career.

Recently I heard one of Ben's songs play on YouTube titled "The Best is Yet to Come". The title itself is what attracted my attention to it. As a Christian and a daily Bible reader, it seems like God, in the Old and the New Testaments, keeps pointing us to something better in the future. Whether it be a better king, a better high priest, a better sacrifice, a better covenant, or a better land, the Bible consistently points to better things to come.

In the Old Testament, for example, Genesis 11:1-3 we read, "Now the Lord said to Abram, Go forth from your country...to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." In other words, God tells Abram to pack up and go and I will make of you a better nation, you will have a better name, and better blessings!

In Exodus 3:8, the Lord said to Moses, "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.....". God tells Moses, He will lead His people to a better land!

Again, in Joshua 1:2,3, and 5, God tells Joshua after Moses' death, "now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you." God tells Joshua of a better land, and of better protection, just as He gave Moses!

In the New Testament we read in John 14:1-6, God comforts His disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled, believe In God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." God tells His people of a better peace, a better dwelling place, in Heaven, the best is yet to come!

I Corinthians 2:9 says, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." God tells us of a better future than what we can even imagine.

Revelation 21:4 tells that "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain." This verse speaks of a better future, in the best of places, with God. No matter where you are in life—whether you're waiting on a breakthrough, walking through pain, or just needing reassurance—these verses remind us that God isn't done with us yet. So stay faithful, stay hopeful, and lean into God's word. The Bible gives us countless promises that the **best is yet to come!**

Mike Kidwell



Fill out your attendance card by scanning the code. Then you can save the address for next week!

His own people, eager to do what is good - Titus 2:14



Fred Bukowich, Steve Cornell, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Don Deffenbaugh, Judy Dorris, Vera Douthitt, Nathan Fisher, Vikki English, Rile Friend, Robin Haggard, James Honeycutt, Nathan Honeycutt, Joy Jones, Alice Kitch, Sonny Merrill, Brodie Miller, Larry and Vickey Owen, Charles Phillips, Susan Phillips, Lawrence Sanders, Richard Sanders, Edith Toney, Debi Wince.

Vikki English is having surgery on September 21, and awaiting news from some tests. She ask for prayers for both.

Lenora Hyder is at home recovering from surgery.

Darren Pierce's surgery went well and he was with us for services the next night.

Ken Tyler's memorial service will be here on September 12 at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the church.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know of someone in need, please tell Kayla Hayes or April Kidd.

Everyone is invited to the **wedding** of Hannah Fehring and Dakota Miller. It will be Saturday, September 19 at 2:00 pm. See the invitation on the bulletin board.



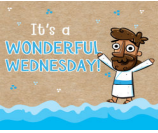
Today's Sermons

AM: *Doing the Hard Things*
(Psalm 51, Danny Boggs)

PM: *Living with the Consequences*
(2 Samuel 12, Danny Boggs)

Our **Wednesday night summer series**, "Filled with Wonder," for grade 7 through adults meets in the auditorium. This week Caleb Boggs will present the story of the first miraculous catch of fish.

Wonderful Wednesday Nights is every week in the activities center for all kids in grade 6 and under. It's like a little bit of VBS every Wednesday. This week they will learn about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. We only have 2 weeks left. Invite your friends!



Next Sunday will be a **fifth** Sunday. We will be having class, church, a pot luck lunch and then back to the auditorium with a lesson from Danny. The afternoon session will serve as our evening worship. Plan on attending and bring a dish to share.

Remember the **"pounding shower"** for Eli and Savannah Giebler during lunch next Sunday. Bring usable household items, non perishable food or gift cards. No need to wrap, just place on the table in the activities center as we celebrate their recent wedding.

Attention students in grade 7-12. It is time for the MOVE conference in OKC. It will be September 11-13. See Caleb to sign up and for more details. Deadline is Sept. 2.

Our **gospel meeting** with Reed Swindle is September 20-23. There are flyers on the welcome desk. Invite your friends and family to come and hear him speak. There will be a potluck lunch on the Sunday of the meeting. Invite others to hear him and join us for lunch.

On September 13, we will celebrate with Kinley Wilson and Trent Neece with a wedding shower. It will be in the activities center after evening services. Please bring finger foods. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

Please pick up dishes from the Ladies' Corner from Kay's funeral. Thanks to all who so readily volunteer to provide food for these occasions. It is so meaningful to the families.

Thank you all for the many birthday cards, well wishes and kindnesses on my 90th!

Don Deffenbaugh

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Trace Wilson
Communion Prayer: Carl Cobb
Prayer for the Offering: Ethan Middleton
PM Opening Prayer: Noah Reiboldt
PM Closing Prayer: Tim Murray

This Wednesday

Announcements/Prayer: Andy Miller
Singing: Casey Flint
Invitation: Caleb Boggs
Closing Prayer: Jonah Flint

RECORDS	8-16-26	8-17-25
Bible Study	123	154
AM Worship	168	195
PM Worship	115	152
Wednesday	134	127
Contribution	\$7,499.27	\$8,089.64
Budget	\$9,410.00	\$8,500.00