

Word Puzzle – Hebrews 11:1–7

E B O E L L F H T I A F M
N K V I S I B L E R O S G
B E O D L D C S I R H A E
O E H P E N U G M O C C S
K F T W S A H E D F O R B
S P F T C T D S H M M I E
T L N E E S N R M A M F I
I E B O R R C E R T A I N
L A U A S E N V I E N C G
L S B E P D D I E C D E F
L E E V E N F N A P N A L
L M O D A U S U L C O A M
E O N E K A T H O U G H L
W C N I S U R E N O C H G

Now **faith** is **being sure** of what we **hope** for and **certain** of what we do not see. This is what the **ancients** were **commended** for. By **faith** we **understand** that the **universe** was **formed** at God's **command**, so that what is **seen** was not **made** out of what was **visible**. By **faith** **Abel offered** God a **better sacrifice** than **Cain** did. By **faith** he was **commended** as a **righteous** man, **when** God **spoke well** of his **offerings**. And by **faith** he **still speaks, even though** he is **dead**. By **faith** **Enoch** was **taken** from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not **be** found, **because** God had **taken** him away. For before he was **taken**, he was **commended** as one who **pleased** God. And without **faith** it is impossible to **please** God, **because** anyone who **comes** to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. By **faith** **Noah, when** warned about things not yet **seen**, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his **faith** he condemned the world and became heir of the **righteousness** that **comes** by **faith**.

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NTCOG NEWS

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Please read this newsletter carefully, make a note of the regular meetings, the special dates on the enclosed diary and make every effort to attend.

Weekly Meetings

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Popley Fields Community Centre

Carpenters Down

Popley

RG24 9AE

Monday Prayer Meeting

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Study

8:00 p.m.

Thursday – Open Door

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Our Mission

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community in a powerful, practical and relevant way.

To encourage every member of the Church to develop their God given ministry and to fulfil their potential.

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Poet's Corner

In Winter the hard brown earth has no growth
As it waits for Spring
Underground there is a stirring
As plants start to work upwards

Our spiritual hearts also rest
As we take in from God and digest
Ready to spring forth in due season

In Spring plants shoot up
Turning the earth green, barren no more
A colourful array
With bees and butterflies galore

In God's Springtime we also shoot forth
To show His blossoming in our lives
To draw others to Him as we allow His words and lifestyle
To erupt from our Winter's rest in Him
To show His maturity in our lives

Joan Macintosh

Inspirational Promises about Faith

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.... It is by faith we understand that the whole world was made by God's command so what we see was made by something that cannot be seen.... Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him.

Hebrews 11:1, 3, 6

The Good News shows how God makes people right with himself—that it begins and ends with faith. As the Scripture says, "But those who are right with God will live by trusting in him."

Romans 1:17

We have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated. We do not know what to do, but we do not give up the hope of living. We are persecuted, but God does not leave us. We are hurt sometimes, but we are not destroyed...

So we do not give up. Our physical body is becoming older and weaker, but our spirit inside us is made new every day. We have small troubles for a while now, but they are helping us gain an eternal glory that is much greater than the troubles. We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see...

2 Corinthians 4:8–9, 16–18

A Note from Max

Faith

Faith is the belief that God is real and that God is good.... It is a choice to believe that the one who made it all hasn't left it all and that he still sends light into the shadows and responds to gestures of faith....

Faith is the belief that God will do what is right.

God says that the more hopeless your circumstances, the more likely your salvation. The greater your cares, the more genuine your prayers. The darker the room, the greater the need for light.

God's help is near and always available, but it is only given to those who seek it.

He Still Moves Stones

Taken from God's Inspirational Promises by Max Lucado

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