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6 things the Bible says about hope

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The Bible gives us the word “hope” to hold onto all throughout Scripture. A quick online search will show you that “hope” appears nearly 100 times in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. But because we know God’s word is alive, not just letters on a page, what does the Bible say about hope? Is hope something we can trust, believe, and build upon?

Let’s look at some examples in Scripture that reveal 6 characteristics of the biblical meaning of hope.

1. Hope is expectant.

In the Old Testament, two Hebrew words, qawa and batah are used to indicate trust in God to not disappoint us. You can find qawa within biblical prayers that express belief that God will transform hopes into reality. This hope isn’t casual or laced with wondering. It’s anticipation for what God will do.

The Psalms are replete with hope in God for deliverance. Isaiah 40:31 assures us those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. Even Job, in his inconceivable situation, proclaims “Though he slay me, I will hope in him.” This hope clearly isn’t deterred by doubt about God’s power and goodness—it’s certain, no matter what.

2. Hope demonstrates trust in God forever.

Scripture warns us many times about putting our hope, or trust, in anything other than God. In the Psalms, Jeremiah, Hosea, and Isaiah, we’re reminded not to trust in riches, idols, foreign powers, military, princes, or even other humans.

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AND MORE!



The New Testament also outlines specifics of God's promises that we place our hope in: salvation, resurrection, and the redemption of our bodies.

""And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." Romans 8:23

3. Hope Is foundational to faith.

The clearest expression of this I know in the Bible is in Hebrews: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (**Hebrews 11:1**).

This accompanies the biblical figures who comprise the "hall of faith," including Abraham. Abraham had no idea what God's plan was...couldn't even imagine and hadn't even seen. But his hope was steady. It was placed firmly in God's promise of an inheritance. From the beginning, God was instilling, calling forth, and proving hope to be foundational to our faith. Just as our forefathers walked by faith, we too can obey God's leading because we are confident in what we hope for.

4. Hope is not a fleeting feeling.

Hope is how we're able to feel peace or joy. Hope doesn't just bubble up like an emotion in surprise. It sustains us through any surprise. When we accept the gift of God's finished work to reconcile us to Him, we base our lives on the hope of God's higher ways and His greater plan. So, if we ever feel scared or worried, it is this biblical hope that carries us.

Biblical hope isn't because things are all hunky-dory. It's celebrating in the midst of tribulations, "knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint..." (Romans 5:3-5)

5. Hope isn't a gamble.

The NAS New Testament Greek Lexicon shows that the transliteration of hope, *elpizo*, means to wait for salvation with joy and full confidence. The forgiveness and redemption we hope in has already been proven and recorded in the Bible.

The hope of Jesus' return and eternal life is as sure as the prophecies already realized and promises kept in His Word. Hope in the New Testament means looking to the future with assurance. Because we know Jesus, we know we have hope.

6. Hope is a gift from God.

Hope isn't up to us to muster from within. Hope is a gift, deposited into us by the Holy Spirit. In Jeremiah, God was revealing His plan to give us this hope forever. Not only for deliverance from Old Testament trials or enemies, but for a new life beyond our wildest imaginations.

Our hope is placed in a gift we simply cannot achieve on our own. We hope because God promises we will enter into "the inner place behind the curtain," (Hebrews 6:19), and it is indeed a sure and steadfast anchor for the soul.

"Now faith is
the substance
of things hoped
for, the
evidence of
things not
seen."

HEBREWS 11:1 KJV

Stepping Back in Our History: The Story of the Stained Glass Pt. 2

Last month's article introduced the first steps in rebuilding the large stained-glass sections in the main sanctuary. This month, the aim is to have individuals look a bit closer into the artist's intent when designing these panels over a century ago.

Unlike many churches, the windows in the sanctuary do not depict biblical scenes or persons from the Old and New Testaments. Our windows feature floral pattern, shields, and vases. When artists design, the finished product represents what they imagine the viewer will see. However, artistic works are interpreted by the viewer, and interpretation changes over time. Each viewer sees the symbolism and judges the impact of design. Art is in the eye of the beholder.

As you enter the church or glance at the glass, consider the possible symbolism in our windows. You may also see additional symbolism in the designs. When viewing the entire set of windows in total, a general color scheme appears. Lower sections use greens as the dominant color and the upper area uses blues. This can symbolize earth below and heaven above.



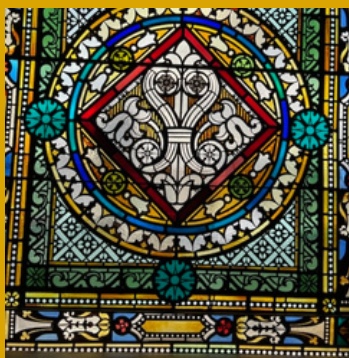
SHIELDS

Throughout history, shields have given protection against attack. This symbolizes the protection of God for his children. He shields us physically, mentally, and spiritually. Shields help us see that God can deliver us from evil.



VASES

Vases are containers. Without containers, storing food and drink over time becomes hazardous. Insects, mold and animals consume both when not stored correctly. Vases represent God's ability to give us this day our daily bread.



FLORAL

Floral designs have always helped us to visualize the Garden of Eden. This is God's plan to provide men and women with all their needs in a loving environment. Flowers invoke peace and beauty. As we draw closer to God, we pray Thy Kingdom Come.

The Chest and The Need

During offering times, The Chest is opened. All monies dropped into the CHEST are used in restoration projects in the temple. During the month of January, boiler repairs were a priority.

These included repairs on the boilers themselves but also on the pipes and radiators that bring the steam heat to all the areas in the church. Many pipes were replaced in January, but one radiator continues to leak and will be addressed this month. The damage done by water and steam can be massive.

The total collected for November: \$1,270.00

The total collected for December: \$1,376.26

The total collected for January: \$3,630.36 (\$1,515.15 from Shoe Drive)



Issues are constant in all buildings, but in a heating circulatory system one hundred years old, they are more frequent. Emergency repairs must be met immediately. Long term replacement takes planning and funds. These are the areas which CHEST monies go to support. As seen above, the CHEST giving is increasing.

SHOE DRIVE

Pentecostal Church of Church has been collecting shoes for years. From 2015 to 2022, the church has been reimbursed \$7,766.05 for its collections. This represents roughly 20,000 pounds (10 tons) of shoes that did not reach landfills. These shoes, instead, were shipped to Miami and then transported to third world countries. There, family businesses sold the shoes as income.

The Pentecostal Church of Christ Shoe Drives have accomplished a few goals.

- We provide a product to help families lift themselves out of poverty.
- We have kept 10 tons of shoe waste out of landfills.
- We have raised badly needed funds for church restoration.



For our last shipment of 3,300 pounds, the church received \$1,515.15 which went into the Restoration Account. The drive continues. Shoes are still being collected and we currently have 81 pairs toward the next shipment. Please continue to bring in footwear from men, women, boys, and girls. Our joint efforts make a big impact.

10 Black History Facts You May Not Have Known

Although Black history continues all-year long, February recognizes the annual achievements of our people, our impact within American society, and simply put Black excellence. While we may be aware of common Black History Month facts--such as the observance stemming from "Negro History Week", launched by Carter G. Woodson in 1926 --some may be unaware of other contributions of our people. With that said, here are ten Black history facts you may not have known about.



1. George Crum was a chef who invented the potato chip in 1853.

2. Phillip Downing created a metal box with four legs called the "letter box"--which would later become the predecessor to today's mailbox.

3. Charles Drew was a surgeon who developed a way to process and store blood plasma in "blood banks" that saved people's lives. His blood bank was later adopted by the Red Cross.

4. John Henry Thompson invented the computer language lingo which is used in many of the video games, animations, web design applications and graphics programs that we use today.



5. Mae Jemison, an engineer and doctor, is the first African American woman to become an astronaut.

6. Marian Croak holds 135+ patents and is responsible for voiceover Internet protocol, which is the set of rules that makes it possible to use the internet for telephone and video communication.



7. Henrietta Bradberry invented a new way for torpedoes to be discharged from submarines and subterranean forts.

8. Sarah Boone invented the first portable modern day ironing board.

9. Mansa Musa is the richest person in history, with a net worth of \$400 Billion.



10. Lonnie G. Johnson is an Aerospace Engineer that invented the famous Super Soaker Water Gun.

For more facts, visit: <https://simplyoutrageousyouth.org>

TEMPLE OBSERVATIONS

Upcoming Events and Important Announcements- Feb. 2023



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In celebration of Black History Month, you are encouraged to wear your ethnic garb throughout the month of February.

PCC DATE NIGHT

Attention all married couples!
DATE NIGHT is Friday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. here at PCC. Registration is \$50 per couple. You can register in the Hall of Pastors after service or by going to the church website, www.pcccleveland.org, and click the Date Night banner on the home page or by clicking on the words Date Night under the Events menu.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

In preparation of the Lenten season, please mark your calendars for Ash Wednesday service which will be on Feb. 22. Prayer begins at 6 p.m. with service immediately following.



[MORE EVENTS -->](#)

TEMPLE OBSERVATIONS (CONT.)

Upcoming Events and Important Announcements- Feb. 2023



MEN OF VALOR & WOMEN OF GRACE FELLOWSHIPS

Ladies, Friday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. will be our next Women of GRACE fellowship. And, Saturday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m. will be the next meeting/fellowship for the Men of Valor in the lower auditorium.

PCC NEXT GEN: MONTHLY YOUTH TALK

Starting next month, young people (ages 13 to 18) will have an opportunity to participate in monthly group discussions that will cover a variety of topics--from navigating school life and mental health to family, relationships and more.

The first discussion will take place on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. during our weekly Bible teachings and will include light refreshments. To sign up (or learn more), please see Sister Brianna Smith.



LIKE AND FOLLOW PCC ON FACEBOOK

PCC has a new Facebook Page. Members can go to pcccleland.org, scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on the Facebook icon. Or members can go to Facebook and type in Pentecostal Church of Christ Cleveland. Please look for the gold PCC logo and a cover photo that says Be Blessed. Like the page and follow PCC today!

And, there's a PCC Next Gen Facebook page that you can like and follow!



7 Scriptures about Hope

14 But I will hope continually, And will yet praise thee more and more. 15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day."

~Psalm 71:14-15 KJV

18 Having hope will give you courage, You will be protected and will rest in safety. 19 You will lie down unafraid, and many will look to you for help.

~Job 11:18-19 NLT

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

~1 Thessalonians 5:8 KJV

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

~Romans 8:24 KJV

11 "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. 12 In those days when you pray, I will listen."

~Jeremiah 29:11-12 NLT

23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

~Hebrews 10: 23-24 NLT

21 And his name will be the hope of all the world."

~Matthews 12:21 NLT

Prayer Corner: A prayer using the names of God

Sister Clarice Craig-Mavec

Elohim,

I KNOW You can create something out of nothing, please create something out of any nothing areas – the impossible situations in my life.

El Elyon,

I KNOW You are in control, sovereign, and I give You my circumstances today.

Adonai,

I KNOW You are my Lord and Master, I choose to follow You instead of the ways of the world.

El Shaddai,

I KNOW You are God Almighty, and I trust that You are sufficient for my deepest needs today.

Jehovah Jireh,

I KNOW You are my provider and will supply everything I need today.

El Roi,

I KNOW You are the God who sees me, and that I am never alone, and nothing in my life goes unnoticed, for You know it all and see it all.

Yahweh,

I KNOW You are the one and only, self-existent, eternal, covenant-keeping God and that You will always love me.

Jehovah Rapha,

I KNOW You are my healer and I come to You now with every area of my life that needs healing today.

Jehovah Nissi,

I KNOW You are my banner, and the victory in every situation that threatens me today.

Jehovah Mekoddishkem,

I KNOW You are my sanctifier, making me holy, doing for me what I can never do for myself.

Jehovah Shalom,

I KNOW You are my peace and bring calm in every storm I face in life.

Jehovah Sabaath,

I KNOW You are the LORD of Hosts and bring deliverance as You defeat my enemies.

Yahweh Roi,

I KNOW You are my shepherd and intimately care for me, even if no one else does.

Abba, Father,

I KNOW You are my Father, and that I can run to You and rest in the security of your everlasting arms.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

(<http://www.christianmotivations.com>)

Business Corner

At Pentecostal Church of Christ, there are members with businesses in a variety of fields as well as business professionals that can help build professional connections. Whether simply spreading the word, giving a financial contribution, or any other method of support, we encourage you to do so in any way that you are able. Here are a few businesses that we'd like to highlight:

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USANA- Darran Blount

National Supplements & Skincare Products

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PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS

Do you have a small business that you'd like highlighted?

Contact Brianna Smith (brianna.smith2696@gmail.com) or Carissa Mavec (cnmavec@gmail.com) to be included in next month's issue.

PCC NEXT GEN: ACTIVITY PAGE

Looking for an activity to keep your little one busy during church, but still learn God's word? Have them complete the following educational activities.



Jesus prayed for His friends.

Use the code to find some of His words.

○=A	●=E	◐=I	◑=M	▢=Q	▣=U	▤=Y
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Bible Word Search

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Hebrews	James	Titus	colossians
Romans	Acts	Daniel	Nahum
Micah	Amos	Joel	Jeremiah
Songs of solomon	Proverbs	Job	Esther
Nehemiah	Ezra	2 chronicles	1chronicles
2 kings	John	Luke	Mark
Matthew			

Bible Worksheets for Kids

Finish the Verse 1



Add words from the box to finish each Bible verse. All verses are from the New International Version.

1) "In the _____, God created the heavens and the _____." (Genesis 1:1, NIV)

2) "Your Word is a _____ for my feet, a light on my _____." (Psalm 119:105)

3) "Commit to the Lord whatever you _____, and he will establish your _____." (Proverbs 16:3)

4) "For God so _____ the world that he gave his one and only _____, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal _____." (John 3:16)

5) "For the _____ God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us _____, love and self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7)

beginning

do

earth

lamp

life

loved

path

plans

power









Son

Spirit

PCC NEXT GEN: ACTIVITY PAGES

Looking for an activity to keep your little one busy during church, but still learn God's word? Have them complete the following educational activity.

Activity 1: Oh no, the Lord's Prayer has been scrambled.
Help us fix it by putting each line in its correct order.

 <p>and the glory, forever.</p>	 <p>is in heaven.</p>	 <p>And lead us not into temptation,</p>
 <p>Thy kingdom come,</p>	 <p>And forgive us our debts,</p>	 <p>Thy will be done in earth,</p>
 <p>For thine is the kingdom, and the power,</p>	 <p>Hallowed be thy name.</p>	 <p>as we forgive our debtors.</p>
 <p>Our Father which art in heaven,</p>	 <p>Give us this day our daily bread.</p>	 <p>but deliver us from evil:</p>

See Matthew 6:9-13 for answers

SCRIPTURE

Scavenger Hunt



Locate each of the following items in the Bible & give the chapter and verse where they can be found:

- ☐ Talking Donkey _____
- ☐ Floating Axehead _____
- ☐ Crown of Thorns _____
- ☐ Colorful Coat _____
- ☐ Pillar of Salt _____
- ☐ Golden Calf _____
- ☐ Fiery Furnace _____
- ☐ Giant Goliath _____
- ☐ Man-Eating Fish _____
- ☐ Noah's Ark _____
- ☐ Forbidden Fruit _____
- ☐ Lions' Den _____
- ☐ Budding Rod _____
- ☐ Hangman's Gallows _____
- ☐ House on the Sand _____
- ☐ Seven Seals _____
- ☐ Dewy Fleece _____
- ☐ Chariots of Fire _____
- ☐ Prison Earthquake _____
- ☐ Plague of Frogs _____
- ☐ Widow's Mite _____

HINTS: Genesis 2:16-17; 6:14-22; 19:26; 37:3; Exodus 8:1-4; 32:3-5; Numbers 17:8; 22:28-30; Judges 6:37-40; 1 Samuel 17:4-9; 2 Kings 2:11; 6:5-6; Esther 5:14; Daniel 3:15-27; 6:16; Jonah 1:17; Matthew 7:26; Mark 12:41-44; 15:17; Acts 16:26; Revelation 6:1

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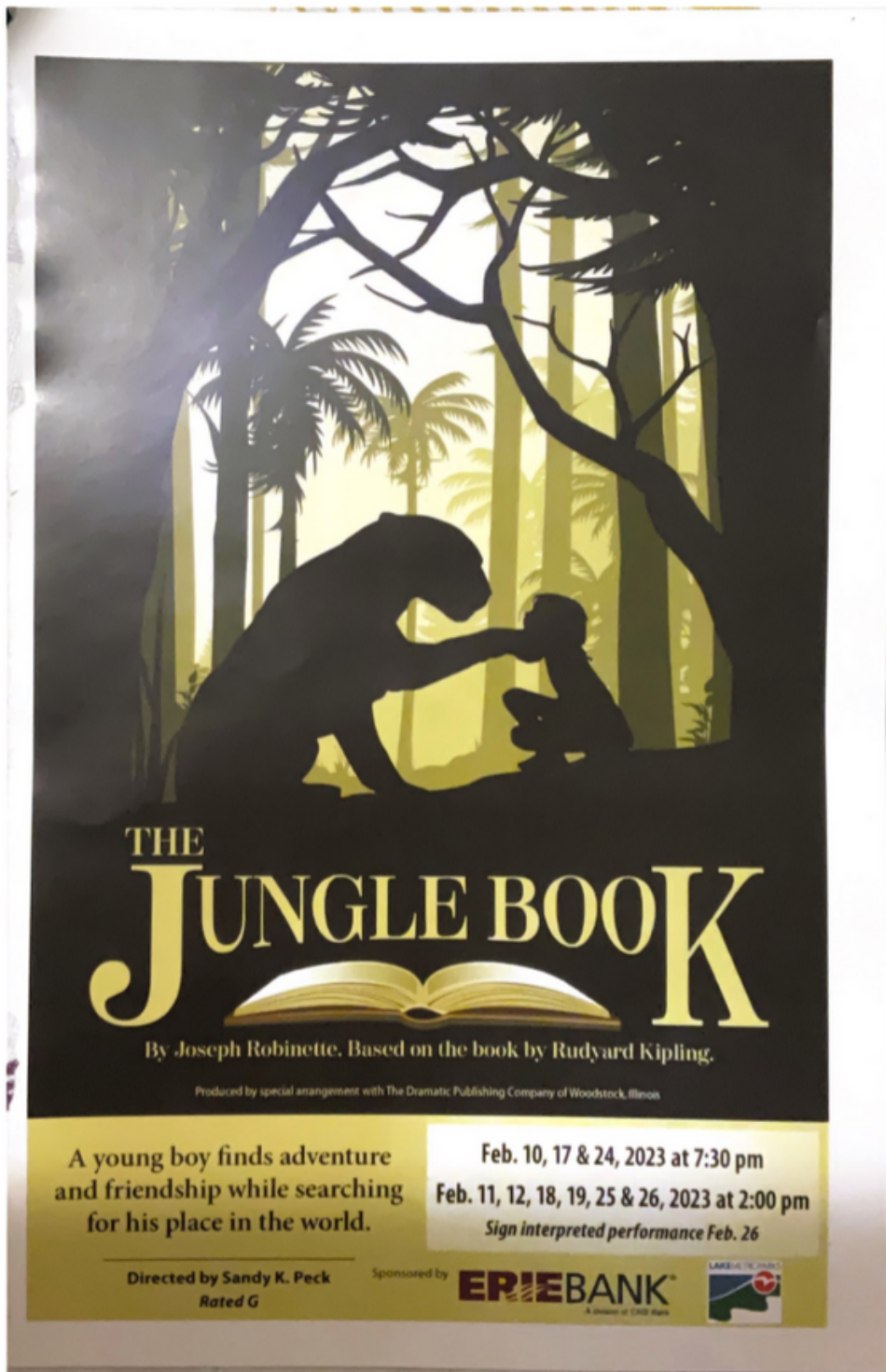
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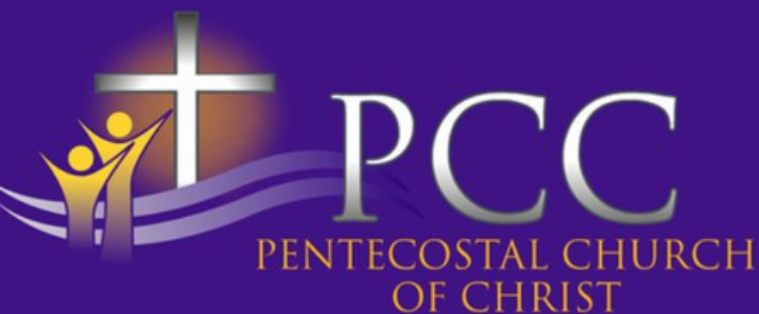
On Sunday, Feb. 26, Sister Clarice Craig-Mavec will be interpreting at a showing of The Jungle Book at Willoughby Fine Arts Association. Call (440) 951-7500 or visit www.fineartsassociation.org to get your tickets and request to be seated in the Deaf section.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing a special happy birthday to
all of those celebrating throughout
the month of February, including our
Senior Paster, Bishop Derrick Hanna,
on Monday, Feb. 20.

Have a birthday you'd like us
to highlight? Please contact
the church office or see Sister
Brianna Smith.





Our Weekly Calendar

Watch & Worship

Sundays at 10 AM



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD

Starts at 7 PM



GIVING OPTIONS

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Weekly Prayer Times

Monday Evenings- 7PM
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1st Saturday of each month- 12PM

Conference Call Number
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For more information, contact:
Sister Phorfina Wade (Call Moderator),
Elder Dyna Richardson (Prayer Lead
Scheduler), or Overseer Dennis Grant.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings - 7PM
Saints are able to return to the sanctuary.
There is also a virtual streaming for those
unable to attend in-person.

Music Ministry Rehearsal

Thursday Evenings - 7PM
We are asking for those who are
interested in participating with the music
ministry to join in for weekly rehearsals.
We are hoping to rebuild the choir and
praise team to enrich our worship
experience on Sunday mornings.

The Doorkeepers Ministry

Every first Saturday morning - 9:30AM
For those who are interested in joining
the Usher's Board, you may speak to
Sister Sonia Stinson.