

## Surprised by Hope

The following article appeared on [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com) (The British Broadcasting Cooperation) on October 2nd.

*Passengers forced open the doors on a busy rush hour train and climbed on to tracks after becoming "panicked" in the carriage.*

*It happened outside Wimbledon station in southwest London at 08:30 BST as a man apparently began reading lines aloud from the Bible.*

*Commuters became scared when the man also began saying "death is not the end," a passenger said.*

*Rail power lines were cut as passengers "self-evacuated," police said.*

*Trains on the route were disrupted for nearly 12 hours, but are now running normally.*

Now, there is a time and a place to stand up in front of others and quote or read from the Bible. It is clear that radical religious beliefs and the actions that they inspire have affected the general public's response to open displays of faith. However, consider what Paul says in **1 Peter 3:15**:

*"...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you..."*

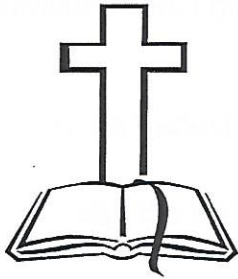
Do you live a life that is filled with hope: hope in eternal life, hope in a perfect savior? Do you not only possess this hope, but do you also allow it to pour from you into those that you see each day? If you were to stand up in front your office, your school, your family and read from God's Word, would those that hear be surprised by the hope that you have proclaimed? Hope - let us have it. Let us share it.

Remember, you are loved.

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## Sunday, October 8, 2017

<p><b>Prayer List Updates</b></p> <p>Carroll Towell – home from hospital</p> <p>Darlene Hetler – leg is improving</p> <p>Krystyna Penix – carpal tunnel surgery October 18</p> <p>Baileigh Vires – allergy-induced asthma</p> <p><b>Birthday</b></p> <p>Wanda Wilborn      October 12</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday</i></p>	<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>Tuesdays 10 am ladies' Bible study in activity building; children welcome</p> <p>Wednesdays 3:15 pm After School Special; sign-up sheet for refreshments on back information table</p> <p>October 16 6:30 pm Heartfelt Sisters at Nancy Sills' home</p> <p><b>Memory Verse</b></p> <p>The result of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quiet confidence forever. ♪</p> <p>Isaiah 32:17</p>	<p><b>Correspondence Course Ministry</b></p> <p>week of October 2-7: 12 lessons graded</p> <p><b>October Haiti Needs</b></p> <p>sanitary napkins cough syrup</p> <p><b>Last Week's Attendance</b></p> <p>Sunday morning: 62                  Sunday evening: 34                  Wednesday evening: 43                  After School Special:                  50 kids, 11 adults</p>
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## Weekly Service Assignments

<p>Sunday Morning</p>	<p>Bible class: 9:45 am                  worship: 10:45 am</p>	<p>Sunday Evening 6:00 pm</p>
<p>First Prayer Josh Vires</p> <p>Announcements Josh Vires</p> <p>Second Prayer Larry Towell</p> <p>Scripture Reading Joel Ingram</p>	<p>Lord's Supper 1. Braden Drury 3. Rudi Cagle                  2. Matthew Sills 4. Justin Beach</p>	<p>First Prayer Joel Ingram</p> <p>Closing Prayer Josh Vires</p> <p>Lord's Supper Raymond Lasley                  Rudi Cagle</p>
<p>Closing Prayer Larry Brooks</p>		<p>Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm</p> <p>First Prayer Raymond Lasley</p> <p>Closing Prayer Jerry Bolar</p>