

# **FAITH: The Evidence of Things Unseen**

## **An Audio Theological Study**

### **by R. C. Sproul**

This study, led by Jack Homoney, will begin this Sunday afternoon, March 6 and continue through Sunday, April 10.

**Martin Luther** said that the doctrine of justification by faith alone is the article upon which the church stands or falls. Many people are familiar with the phrase *sola fide*, or “faith alone,” but what exactly is saving faith? What does it mean to have faith in Christ? It is crucial that Christians understand the true meaning of faith, and it is crucial that they understand false doctrines about this Biblical concept.

**The author of the book of Hebrews** provides the best short definition of faith, telling us that it is “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” He probes into the meaning of this definition throughout the book. Special attention is given to the ideas of true faith in Hebrews 11, in which a roll call of the heroes of the faith in the old covenant is presented. Here we are given a break from the abstract and are presented with real, flesh-and-blood examples of faith in God.

**R. C. Sproul** has said, “As Christians, we are called to walk by faith, not by sight. May this series encourage you to press on in faith, to lay aside every weight, and to run with endurance the race that is set before you, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith.”

The themes for each week will be:

Session 1	March 6	A Hopeful Vision
Session 2	March 13	Faith and Evidence
Session 3	March 20	Examples of Faith (part 1)
Session 4	March 27	Examples of Faith (part 2)
Session 5	April 3	A Gift from God
Session 6	April 10	Strengthen by God

Each session is on Sunday afternoon and begins at 3:00 p.m. and will last for approximately 1 hour. Participants are invited to attend any or all sessions. Study guides will be provided compliments of the Christian Education Committee. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Jack Homoney at (850) 526-2041, or e-mail to [coramdeo4552@yahoo.com](mailto:coramdeo4552@yahoo.com)



## Habitat for Humanity and Bob Sanford

We will be providing **snacks** this week for the College students who will be helping to build the “Bob Sanford home” for Habitat for Humanity. We need volunteers to bake or purchase cookies, or to provide healthy snacks -- fruit, trail mix, etc. (Bottled water will be provided by the church). Snacks may be brought to the church office until Thursday afternoon. If you need more information, please check with Mary Ann Gibbs at 482-2188.

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### *Interment Service*



Peggy Sanford and family invite everyone to share in a service this Friday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. for the interment of the cremated remains of her husband, **Robert “Bob” A. Sanford**, in a niche in our Columbarium. The service will be held in our Columbarium area. Bob and Peggy were members of this congregation at the time of his death in May 1993. Bob had also been ordained as a deacon in this church in 1988 and as an elder in 1990. Everyone is invited following the service to the Habitat for Humanity Fish Fry at Citizens Lodge Park.

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### *Contributions and Volunteers*

This week the walls of the **47<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity Home** will go up in Jackson County! This home is being constructed at 4076 McCrary Drive in Marianna, in memory of Bob Sanford, who along with his wife, Peggy, and a few others were instrumental in the establishment of Habitat for Humanity in Jackson County in April 1988. Family and friends of Bob Sanford have contributed almost \$30,000 towards the construction of this home. Additional funds may be given directly to Habitat for Humanity, or through the church and designated for the Bob Sanford Habitat House. Construction on this house will begin with College students using their Spring Break to come to Marianna to work on this project. In order to help these students, Habitat is seeking skilled and semi-skilled workers to work with them on the house. If you can help, please contact Janet Harns at 209-4410, or Leslie Fuqua at 482-2187. More information can be found at [www.bobsanfordhouse.com](http://www.bobsanfordhouse.com).