

"The members should have the same care one for another..." | 1 Corinthians 12:25

"See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently..." | 1 Peter 1:22

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Going To Heaven

By Ron Boatwright

Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven. Nothing else is as important. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Our soul is the most precious thing we have. There is nothing that can equal its value. We read in Matthew 16:26, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" One certainly does not profit in the tragic loss of his soul.

It is easy in today's materialistic society to get caught up in the pursuit of materialism if we are not careful. Our Lord says in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Our bank account needs to be in heaven.

Every day we need to tell ourselves that the main thing in this life is to go to Heaven. We read in Colossians 3:2, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." We should regularly think about going to Heaven.

Heaven is a prepared place (John 14:2-3) for a prepared people. It will be such a wonderful place, which is beyond our wildest dreams. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." There is no way that Heaven can be described so we as mortal human beings can understand how wonderful it will be.

A person will not accidentally go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is a lifelong race as we read in Hebrews 12:1, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Going to Heaven requires endurance, patience, and persistence. We must finish the race.

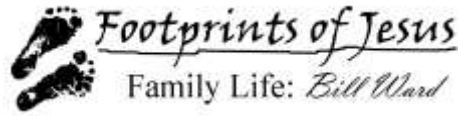


MEN TO SERVE

February 14, 2010

Elders Request You Wear A Coat and Tie When Serving.

Deacon In Charge:	Clint Dykes
February 21	Al Earp
Presiding:	Danny Brock
Table:	Jorge Brathwaite
David Arnold	Earl Copeland
Jimmy Carter	Quinton Carter
Daniel Batten	John Crum
Jake Baker	Lionel Cortez
Kevin Broome	Tony Creekmore
Chip Belote	Jayson Crum
Devlin Belote	Braydon Cope
Tony Cruz	Don Garner
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Responses:	LaGary Carter
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Closing Prayer AM:	Winston Carter
Opening Prayer PM:	Josh Copeland
Closing Prayer PM:	
Lead Singing:	
Sunday AM:	Thomas Robinson
Sunday PM:	Dale Kay
Scripture:	Ken Collins
Cards/Cups:	Justin Harrell Jaxon Harrell
Matthew Hart	Michael Hart
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	
Invitation:	Donnie Wisenbaker
Opening Prayer:	Taylor Bosch
Closing Prayer:	Bart Bosch
Song Leader	Drew Daugherty
PA System:	Kevin Garner
Prepare Communion:	
February 14	Tanya Carter
February 21	Carlethia Mikel
Visitor Center	Thomas & Carlethia Mikel
The Record	
Bible Study:	331
Worship:	A.M. 430 P.M. 329
Wednesday:	2/3/10 326



Guest Speaker This Sunday!

We are having a sing Saturday night at 6 PM and a dessert fellowship at 7:30 PM to meet the preacher and his family.

Finger foods after services Sunday night will also be for everyone! We hope everyone will stay in town to meet our guest speaker.

Twelve at Holly Hill Sunday

We appreciate those who supported the service at Holly Hill Sunday afternoon. Afterwards, most of the group went visiting. Sister Margaret Berrien, age 82, requested that communion be brought to her at Holly Hill. Are there some men at Forrest Park interested in doing extension communion for this sister in Christ?

Standing in the Gap Leadership Day

Saturday March 6 is the annual men's leadership day at Lake City. Our own Ray Joyner will be joined by Bill Davis, who spoke at our Family Day, and Billy Davidson.

The program begins at 9 AM and ends at 2:30 PM. I plan to go and I hope that we get at least 20 from Forrest Park. Those interested please sign up at the visitors' center.

Monday for the Master

What? Visitation on Monday nights. Phone calls, personal visits, written notes, hospital visits, bereavement visits.

Who? It is for everyone

Where? Church fellowship hall

When? Cards are ready by 4 PM through 6:45 PM on Mondays and are left out through Wednesday nights.

Why? Jesus commanded such in Mark 16:15; Matthew 25:31-46; and Matthew 28:18-20

The Cost of Discipleship-Luke 9:57-62

From the text we note it is easy to make shallow commitments. Our Lord here explained that those who would follow Him must make sacrifices in order to do so. The man in the text had received a call from Jesus but wanted to do something else first. He wanted to place his social obligations ahead of his duty to the Lord.

Just as a farmer must look straight ahead, and not backwards, to plow a straight row; the servant of Christ must face the future with such dogged determination. Steadfastly look to Jesus as Hebrews 12:2 instructs and we will not be misled or disappointed.

What are some things that will make one unfit for the Kingdom?

1. Divided affection. Luke 17:32; Matthew 6:24
2. Unstablens. James 1:8 and 4:8
3. A lack of trust. Hebrews 11:6 and Matthew 6:33
4. Slothfulness and laziness. Titus 2:11-14 and Revelation 3:14-19
5. A lack of focus. Philippians 3:14-19 and 2 Peter 1:5-10
6. Foolishness will hinder one. Matthew 25:1-13; 7:13-14
7. A fear of the future. Matthew 10:28; Revelation 21:8
8. Are you fit for the Kingdom? Only the Lord can equip us! Note Ephesians 6:10-17.



NEWS 'N NOTES

FROM AROUND FORREST PARK

Family Activities

Monday for the Master meets each week at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday for the Master Radio Program can be heard 6:00 PM, on 92.1

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class meets each week at 10:00 AM in the church library.

Young Adults meet Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room for Fellowship and Devotional.

Thursday, February 11th, 6:00 PM, Education Committee meeting in the office building, Elders conference room.

Saturday, February 13th, 6:00 PM, Singing and Dessert Get Together. Bring your voices, desserts and drinks.

Sunday, February 14th, after evening worship, Congregational Get Together. Bring finger foods and drinks.

Sunday, February 14th, NO Song Leading nor Songs of Praise practice this week.

Sunday, February 21st, Bible Bowl Test.

Sunday, February 21st, after evening worship, Congregational Get Together. Bring finger foods and drinks.

Our Sympathy To...

Jonathan Winchester and family in the passing of his grandfather, Jim Thorne. He passed away Friday. The funeral was Monday in Alabama.

Rubye Bailey, Franklin Bailey and families in the passing of Rubye's sister-in-law, Judy Wilson. She passed away Friday. The funeral was Monday in LaGrange, Georgia.

Tracy Cope, Donna Swilley and their families in the passing of their uncle, Bill Callan. He passed away Tuesday. The funeral is Thursday in Alabama.

Restored & PM

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Margie Trejo
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Welcome Home!

Cards

I like to thank all the members for your support of cards, phone calls, letters and prayers. Thanks again.

Henry Howard

Thank you all for prayers. May God bless you all.

Onedia McKinnon

I especially want to thank you for your prayers and the lovely way you preserved Mr. Mead's obituary announcement.

I will treasure it until I go to meet him in heaven.

Love, Mrs. Mead

More Prayers (Cont)

Elaine Hodges, mother of Raymond Copeland, is in SGMC, room 353, with multiple health problems.

Horace Williams, father of Jerry, is now recuperating at home.

Albert Copeland, kin to many here, is in Langdale Hospice House, room 4.

Clarence Newberry, brother of Carlethia Mikel, is now at home.

Eric Shealey, friend of the Swanson's, is in ICU at SGMC.

Paula Leafe, teacher of Ted Okolichany's nephew, is in a coma.

Mandy Provost, friend of the Spearman's, is in SGMC with a staph infection.

Martha Jones, mother of Teresa Williams, is in the hospital in Gainesville, Georgia with congestive heart failure.

Response

Jeri McCoy, Vernell Howard and Zac Strackbein responded to the invitation last Wednesday requesting our prayers and forgiveness.

Darrell Groover and Wanda Mathewson responded to the invitation Sunday asking for our prayers, support and forgiveness.

Prayer List

Our Shut-Ins

Abbie Anderson, Margaret Berrien, Martha Boyd, Valdeese Brown, Robbie Bryson, Lee Clark, Peter Flintroyal, Mary Harrelson, Carolyn B. Johnson, Bess Jones, Lila Jones, Malloy Jones, Gerald & Nellie Leveille, Inez Lott, Mazella Nathan, Ruth Nicholson & Margaret Tankersley.

Our Sick

Jeanette Allen, Bob Batten, Tiffany Bradford, Tori Copeland, Cynthia Council, Ginger Daugherty, Ray Dinkins, Faye Dykes, Eunice Glisson, Al Howard, Kathy Hutchinson, Elizabeth Jackson, Dale Kay, Carlethia Mikel, Brittany Palmer, Brock Pittman, Joel Pittsley, Vicki Roberts, Eddie Mae Shumphard, Irma Shumphard, Grace Smith, Merrill Tindall, Glenda Ward, Claudette Williams and Cheryl Williams were out sick Sunday.

It was good to have Norman and Louise Sainz back with us Sunday.

Ruth Richardson is in SGMC, room 545, undergoing tests for heart problems.

Brianna Crosby is on medication for ear problems and for an inflamed spine. She will have x-rays next week with a follow up appointment on the 23rd.

Lila Jones remains in the hospital in Gainesville.

Rosa Parker will have tests February 15th and eye surgery March 1st.

Sabrina Bailey is doing well.

Willie Parker and Irma Shumphard are awaiting test results.

Please continue to remember Ginger Daugherty, Jeanette Allen, Claudette Williams, Inez Williams and Norman & Louise Sainz.

More Prayers

David Olbricht, father-in-law of Nicole (Renfro), is recuperating from surgery after a ruptured appendix.

Louise Robinson, mother of Sue Carter, was moved to the Brooks County hospital to be placed in a swing bed.

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