

"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

HEART TO HEART

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"Shall The Church Die In Our Hands?"

Many years ago Reuel Lemmons preached a powerful sermon which he called "Shall The Church Die In Our Hands?" His message is as challenging to me today as it was then. What a sobering thought!

When I was six years old, my grandfather Matlock lived in our home. He was my mother's father and we all called him "Pa". My father was very close to his father-in-law, loved and respected him highly. One night, Pa said, "George, I'm dying. Would you please raise my head so I can breathe?" As Papa raised Pa's head, Pa expired. He literally died in Papa's hands. But, he was old, sick, tired and worn out. He wanted and needed to die.

The church does not need to die. It should be as new and fresh and vibrant as it was when it began on Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ.

Why might the church die in our hands? Because we do nothing to keep it alive. Be honest with yourself. Ask yourself, "If everyone in the church did exactly what I do, would the church be vigorous and active and alive, or would it die? On some Sundays, would no one be in church because everyone (like myself) would be at the lake, or playing golf, or with the children at a soccer game, or just loafing around the house? Would the bills not be paid because no one gave any money? Or, if any was given, it was about 2% of my income?" In our training series, Bob Murrell gave a statistic that the average gift by worshipers is 2%! Since some give 10%, 15%, 20% or more, that means to have an average of 2%, many give much less than that!

"If every member worked in our programs like I do, would the church die in our hands? If every member attended Bible School like I do, would we even have a Bible School?"

On Judgment Day, will you confess to the Lord, "Lord, I am sorry, but, I let the church die in my hands"?

Lewis G. Hale



MEN TO SERVE

April 25, 2010

Elders Request You Wear A Coat and Tie When Serving.

Deacon In Charge: LaGary Carter
May 2 Raymond Copeland

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Table: Jerry O'Neal Charles Lavender
Larry Osheim Roger Leonard
Kevin Pittman Will Leonard
Matt McCoy Jason Nolan
Blake McLeod Bart Mizell
Michael Meeks Lance Lightsey
Will Moore Jason Lewis
Bill Naylor Johnny White

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Responses: Donnie Swilley

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Closing Prayer AM: Jack Milton

Opening Prayer PM: Brian Leverett

Closing Prayer PM: Robert Minton

Lead Singing:
Sunday AM: Don Garner
Sunday PM: Jeff Gill

Scripture: Billy Lewis

Cards/Cups: Eli Joyner Dale Naylor
Britton Davis Andrew Renfro

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Invitation: Franklin Bailey
Opening Prayer: Jonathan Winchester
Closing Prayer: David Wilkinson
Song Leader: Corey Jones

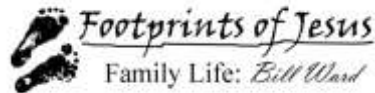
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Prepare Communion:
April 25 Kelly Pittsley
May 2 Chris Boris

Visitor Center: Kate & Brian Leverett

The Record

Bible Study: 324
Worship: A.M. 423 P.M. 328
Wednesday: 4/14/10 313



Sunday's Summary

Sunday was a very uplifting day for me. We had two place membership who have been visiting quite a while and one who was restored. LaGary and Spen brought two fine lessons entitled Backsliding and Halfway. We certainly needed these timely lessons. Our attendance was up at all services. The Lads to Leaders were recognized for their accomplishments Sunday night at their banquet. We thank those who worked to make that come off smoothly.

Sunday April 25th Preview

We have a guest preacher coming for the day. After the morning worship we will have **pot-luck dinner** in the fellowship hall. We ask Family Care Group Hill Toppers to set up and serve and the Baby Boomers to clean up.

After services Sunday night, the Georgia Christian chorus will sing. Several of our own children are in this chorus and we look forward to listening and seeing them after services.

Monday Night for the Master

At the time of our meeting Monday night, we had 12 present. Some had already come and picked up cards, several came afterwards. Jesus needs us to help Him in His work. Would you like to E-mail encouragement to Latin American missionaries? Go visit a widow or one in the hospital? Visitors need visiting, absentees need contacting, and sick and those in the hospital need attending to. Please come and "find your place to serve!"

90-120 minutes is not too much time for the Master. A time-management teacher once said "90% of a salesman's success depends on management. 10% depends on his territory." Our attitude makes the difference! Maybe our situation is difficult, our talent is less difficult, but others have it hard, too. What does matter is that the Christian has the assurance of God's help. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Chili Relief

With great help from Lake City, the containers were loaded out Monday. We appreciate the deacons, Clint & Billy Dykes, and their crew who worked so very hard the past month getting things ready. Remember the campaign coming up there the latter part of May.

Georgia Bible Camp Dinner

A deposit for \$4945 was made on Monday from the proceeds of advance ticket sales and the auction and scholarship drive on Saturday night. Next year's banquet will be March 19th. Additionally, we received \$240 in the mail Tuesday from Thomasville ticket sales. *We thank everyone at Forrest Park for your great support behind the camp!!* My week is June 13-18. Applications are at the visitors center. \$25 pre-registration fee will hold your place.

Redland Meeting

Fifteen from Forrest Park were at Redland Tuesday night and helped swell the crowd to 59. One was baptized during the day Tuesday. Redland is growing. A building addition is underway and the parking lot is being expanded. VBS is in July. The families now there from F.P. are leading the way in this growth in a big way. They had 41 Sunday. Eddie James gave a fiery, enthusiastic lesson Tuesday night.



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 Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Church Library.

Young Adults Fun Night this Thursday. Meet at Chick-fil-A on Perimeter at 6:45 PM then watch our team play softball at Freedom Park.

Sunday, April 25th, Congregational Potluck after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. Hill Toppers are responsible for setup and serving and the Baby Boomers will cleanup.

Sunday, April 25th, 3:30 – 5:00 PM, Shower Group 3 invites all ladies to a wedding shower for Alana Long in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at Dillard's, Belk's and Target.

Sunday, April 25th, Georgia Christian School Chorus will sing for us after evening worship. Please stay to listen and support these young people.

Saturday, May 1st, Mother/Daughter Banquet at Lakes Club House. Ticket sales start this Sunday: Adult Buffet \$12 and Child's Plate (10 and under) \$5. Two 5x7 photos \$5.

Sunday, May 2nd, Sr. Appreciation Banquet. Sign up at Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 2nd, Shower Group 4 invites all ladies to a baby shower for Susanna "Brock" Godwin, 3:30 to 5:00 in the Youth Room. She is registered at Target and Toys R Us. It's a girl!

Responses

Billy Lewis responded to the invitation Wednesday night requesting prayers and forgiveness.

Erica Thomas responded Sunday asking for our prayers and forgiveness.

Placed Membership

21. & 22. 4/18/10

Myra Carter & Sandra Smith
902 Williamsburg Drive
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More Prayers (Cont)

Jerry Messer, uncle of Will Moore, is now undergoing chemo treatments.

Beverly Broome, daughter of Eunice Glisson, is in SGMC, room 223, with dehydration from a virus.

Dennis Fender, husband of a coworker of Vanessa Baker, is recuperating from a stroke.

Betty Jo Wisenbaker, mother of Donnie, remains in SGMC, rehab.

Ann Pollock, cousin of Jane Carter, fell and broke her pelvic bone. She had been recovering from back surgery.

Debbie Starling, former member, had surgery Tuesday in Jacksonville.

Robert McLeod, father of Mark, is now at home.

Amanda McGaughy, granddaughter of Wendell and Pansy Spearman, will have surgery soon.

Richard Black, grandfather of former members, Brittany, Bobbie & Billijean, is in SGMC awaiting rehab from a stroke.

Anthony Kocsis, great nephew of Agnes Hagin, had surgery Tuesday and requires another soon.

Our Sympathy To...

Grace Smith, Stacie Daugherty, Hollie Smith and their families in the passing of Grace's sister, Evelyn Register. The funeral was Saturday.

Raymond Copeland and family in the passing of Audrey Copeland Boyd. The funeral was Wednesday.

Congratulations!

Vicki Roberts is the proud grandmother of a baby boy. Grady Wilburn Roberts was born to Michael and Megan, Monday, April 19th, 2010, weighing 5 lbs 5.5 oz and was 20 inches long. Grady is in NICU but doing well. Kathryn Patterson is the proud aunt and there are several excited cousins also.

LAM Campaigns

If you plan to go on either the YES II or Chile Relief Campaign, the registration forms are due. Please call the LAM office for more information.

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 and Ruth Nicholson.

Our Sick

Jeanette Allen, Rubye Bailey, Braydon Cope, Jeff Davis, Carolyn Griffin, Ronnie Harrell, Jr., Troylene Hart, Eli Joyner, Thomas Mikel, Louise Sainz, Tiffany Stubbs, Merrill Tindall, Margie Trejo, Bobby Virgil and Barbara Woodcock were out sick Sunday.

Bob Poor is now in SGMC rehab, room 285.

Sandy Sapp is undergoing tests the next two Thursdays.

Al and Vernell Howard are both recuperating at home.

Susan Brock had treatments for nerve inflammation and is showing improvement.

Margaret Jones preliminary test results are good.

Matt McCoy continues to recover from surgery.

Gerald and Nellie Leveille are awaiting test results.

Dave Huffman will have a biopsy May 17th.

Please continue to remember James Grace, Cynthia Council, Lee Clark, Jerry McKinnon, Lila Jones, Elizabeth Jackson, Eunice Glisson, Ginger Daugherty, Inez Williams and Norman & Louise Sainz.

Special Prayer

Kenneth Bedgood is on Temporary Duty Yonder.

More Prayers

Jody Copeland, cousin of Beth Crum and Ann Hall, received a good report from his Cat Scan.

Nan Dasher, aunt of Bart Bosch, was diagnosed with an aneurism and will have outpatient surgery.

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