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GOD'S FAMILY

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

A serious illness, a stint in the hospital, a death in the family, an unexpected difficulty are common occurrences in all our lives. Yet, how we react to those stressful events drastically affects our Christian walk on a day to day basis. Do we draw in, isolating ourselves from those around us or do we reach out for sustenance and support? Family is very important to us for they know us, understand our weaknesses and are **still**, available to help. That's what family is all about.

In today's world, blood relatives are often not nearly as close as they were in generations past; so we see people isolated, alone and lonely, miserable because of a need which they cannot share or have easily fulfilled. God knows we need family! He has given us a family of believers to surround and help care for us and help with our needs. We are all a part of a body of believers (Romans 12), each one of us has a function. When this system goes awry and God's people do not fulfill their function, then we all lose. There are no nonfunctioning parts in the body, everybody has a place. We must prayerfully seek to find our place and begin **NOW**, to fulfill our function,

That's what it means to be a part of God's family—we belong to one

another and we care about and love one another. Christianity is summed up in the idea: love one another. We as a people must reach out caring arms to one another and learn to serve and help one another as the family of God. Then when we have encircled one another with caring arms, we must reach out to draw others into that embrace. It is that demonstration of love which draws people to the Lord and makes being a Christian unique.

By: Mike Williams
(Copied)

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love: in honor preferring one another”

Romans 10:12

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

1Cor. 13: 4-7

Haiti Report 2/8

Donations that are sent to Estes are used to pay for bulk foods that can be purchased and distributed through the Sonlight Children's Home and the Santo Church of Christ, as well as other congregations. Food kits for families are being assembled in a combined effort by Roberta's kids, Santo church members, and mission teams. Each kit contains 5 lbs. of rice, 2 lbs. of beans, 2 cans of fish, 1 can of tomato paste, 1 bar of soap, a washcloth, salt, 16 oz. bottle of oil, matches, and 2 lbs. of spaghetti. Friends at Manna Global Ministries in the Dominican Republic are buying and transporting it, and volunteers are sorting and delivering the food in Port-au-Prince.

The food distribution takes place at several congregations and orphanages. Through these the food goes out to church members and their neighbors. At the present this includes food distribution through Thomaceau Orphanage, Ganthier Church of Christ, Sonlight Children's Home, Varreaux Church of Christ in Cite Soliel, Vilaj Solidarite Church of Christ, Christ Roi Church of Christ, and Sarthe Church of Christ. The goal is to distribute approximately 11,000 family-meal kits, which total over 150,000 lbs. of food each month. Donations sent to Estes will continue to provide for these devastated families for the next several months. They have also been able to provide some basic medical care, and are hoping to be able to help local church leaders when they are ready to rebuild. Roberta says, "We are doing what we can do. I continue to praise God as I look around at the destruction and disaster. Thanks for all that you are doing. I know it is hectic and crazy but things are coming together and for that reason, we just rejoice and keep on working."

The third relief team is currently in Haiti, helping with many needs – construction, food organization and distribution, medical needs, transportation, etc. The teams have been small because commercial travel has not been allowed into the country and ways of getting teams in and out of Haiti has been limited. The first available flights into Port Au Prince have been booked for the workers going in on Thursday (Feb 11).

A shipping container bound for Haiti will be transported by the U.S. government. The container was filled at Henderson and earmarked to be delivered to Roberta Edwards for distribution of items there. The container that was filled with more than 8,000 lbs. of toiletry items, food, mattresses, and medical supplies was recently shipped. They expect to fill another one by the end of February. One thing to note: Used clothing and shoes are NOT currently being allowed into the country. They can only ship NEW clothing, shoes and bedding.

YOUTH NEWS

- The Area Wide Youth Meeting will be this Sunday at the Hillcrest congregation.
- The Senior Bible Bowl will be here at New Albany on February 21, at 2PM
- This month's Youth Devo will be held Sunday night, February 21, following services. The Clayton's and Jennings' will be in charge.
- Thanks so much to Sarah Walker for hosting a 'girls afternoon out' at her home this past Sunday. The girls enjoyed a meal at Mi Pueblo and then spent the afternoon working on speeches for the Lads to Leaders/ Leaderetts Convention .
- Ray Kennedy will be working with the boys in 'Song Leading' in preparation for the Lads to Leaders Convention, which will be held in the spring. We appreciate you Ray!

What God Hath Promised

*God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flowers-strewn pathways all our lives thro';
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden many a care.*

*But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

J. D. Stroud, is in room 3341 of the Tupelo hospital, and showing some improvement. He had a pace maker installed Thursday of last week.

Sue Stroud, was to have a new splint put on her hand Monday.

Mary Montgomery, is home from the hospital and feeling a little better. She has been in a lot of pain.

Bobby Montgomery, will be going for more tests on Tuesday.

Donna White, daughter-in-law of Bobby & Dixie White, had a blockage, but was able to have a stent put in. She is doing good and should be released from a Memphis hospital on Monday.

Jeanne Perkins, (friend of Victoria Botts) has been diagnosed with mesothelioma (lung cancer).

Continual Prayer List

Shane Hutton, Sue Collins, Donald Burke, Justin Forsythe, Diane Bowlin, Bell Cross, Terry Young, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Raymond & Amy Vest, Jean Drummond

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joyce McNutt; Corrine Hall; Willie Jackson; Dessie Lee Allred; Mattie Golden, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida **Barry Wilhite**-Marine-Navy -Virginia, **Jimmie Stutts**-Air Force—California, **Tiffany Erwin**— Army-Fort Campbell, KY; **Aaron Raines**-Army, Afghanistan; **Jamie Vansandt**, Anchorage, AK; **Michelle Montgomery**, Fort Leonard, Missouri, **Jim Vest**—Afghanistan

NOTE: We received word from Bonnie Vansandt that her grandson Jamie, (who has been in Afghanistan) is now back in Alaska to be with his wife Cara, who has breast cancer. Her treatments seem to be working.

BIRTHDAYS

February 15.....Greg Clayton

February 17.....April Pounders

February 19.....Barbara Crotts

ANNIVERSARIES

February 14.....Andy & Sharon Clemmer

February 21.....Price & Claudia Senter

FRIENDS & FAMILY WEEK-END

We are looking forward to a great week-end here at New Albany. A 'Friends and Family' week-end has been planned with Mike King as our guest speaker. On Saturday night, February 13, Bro King will bring a lesson at 6:00 PM, and then Sunday, February 14, we will have regular service times. We will have a meal following our morning services. We want to encourage everyone to make plans to be here and bring someone with you.

SENIOR BIBLE BOWL

On Sunday, February 21, at 2PM, we will host the Senior Bible Bowl here at New Albany . We will be needing drinks and deserts for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer Wednesday night.

AREA EVENTS

Freed-Hardeman University Associates Annual Benefit Dinner to be held at the Beech Hill Church of Christ Fellowship building at 6:30pm on February 18, 2010. Speaker will be Dr. Joe Wiley, president of FHU. Adults \$15.00 College Age & under \$7.00.

Senior Bible Bowl to be held at the New Albany Church of Christ on February 21 at 2PM.

Teacher Workshop @ the Batesville Church of Christ February 27, 2010 Time: 8: 00 am-noon

OUR RECORD

Sunday School 104
 Sunday A.M 115
 Sunday P.M..... 103
 Wednesday 87
 Contribution \$2,725.12
 Budget \$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Brad Pounders
 A.M. Prayer..... Greg Harrison
 Closing PrayerRoger Clayton
 P.M. Prayer... .Richard Jennings
 ClosingHarold Crowe
 Wed. 2/17.....Lonnie Weaver
 Wed. 2/17.....Bill Lyon
 Usher & LockRandy Wall
 Greeters.... ..R & K Jennings

PANTRY ITEM:
Tuna

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School..... 9:30
 Morning Worship 10:30
 Evening Worship..... 6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00

Elders

Richard Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson..... 534-3491

Deacons

Bill Botts316-2422
 Greg Clayton538-0791
 Roger Clayton.....534-5240
 Andy Clemmer816-5887
 Harold Russell534-4648
 Randy Wall.....538-6038

Minister

Office.....534-4649

LOVE IS...

All except one of the Words of Love hidden in this puzzles can be found in I Corinthians 13: 4-8. Words can be found in any direction. Can you find them all?

Which word is the special word? What does it mean?



PATIENT	NOT RUDE	PERSEVERERS
KIND	NOT PROUD	HOPES
TRUSTS	NEVER FAILS	TRUTH
PROTECTS	AGAPE	DOES NOT ENVY

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