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And The Walls Came Tumbling Down

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There is a trend today for people to become more reclusive which has potential for damaging relationships. Due to our vocations forcing us to be surrounded by people, problems, deadlines, and decisions, we take flight. It seems as if when we have been on the job and surrounded by people and traffic, the last thing that we want is to be around people at day's end. This trend impacts the closeness of Christians and thwarts part of the purpose and mission of the Lord's church.

New Testament Christians, among many other assignments, were to be given to hospitality (Rom. 12:13). This was not something for them to dabble in lightly or on rare occasions, but were to be "given" to exercising hospitality (Titus 1:8).

God gave instruction as to how this was to be done. Christians are to "Use hospitality one to another without grudging" (I Pet. 4:9). It was one of the requirements of elders to meet qualification. It was not restricted to them, but they were expected to be examples as to the importance of the use of it. They were to be "a lover of hospitality" and "a lover of good men" (Titus 1:8). Who knows the outcome or impact that your open door might have, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unaware" (Heb. 13:2). We vicariously have Christ into our home and heart when treating others warmly (Matt. 25:31-75).

Hospitality is associated with a demonstration of our faith by our works. We actually exercise what we are saying and feeling about others as James cautioned: "be ye warmed and filled" but negligently sent them on their way (Jas. 2:15-17).

That beautiful body of people in the first century that is referred to as the "church" regularly "broke bread from house to house with one accord and singleness of heart" (Acts 2:46). It was an opportunity for them to improve life and relations with brethren.

Keep in mind the following goals for fellowship. There is no better avenue for extending encouragement and strength than through fellowship. When familiarity toward each other increases, suspicion, gossip, jumping to conclusions, distrust, and fear diminish significantly. Being together reminds us of the fact that we are fellow strugglers and need each other. We can encourage each other by speaking positively about the Lord's church and her work. It is the same as a family reunion, having association with those who have a kinship. It allows worship to be sweeter when having a warm relationship outside of worship. Let us pray for each other in our quest for spiritual growth and happiness both here and in eternity.

TODAY

Today, I will delete from my diary two days: yesterday and tomorrow; yesterday was to learn and tomorrow will be the consequences of what I can do today.

Today, I will face life with the conviction that this day will not ever return.

Today, is the last opportunity I have to live intensely; as no one can assure me that I will see tomorrow's sunrise.

Today, I will be brave enough not to let any opportunity pass me by, my only alternative is to succeed.

Today, I will invest my most valuable resource: my time, in the most transcendental work: my life; I will spend each minute passionately to make of today a different and unique day in my life.

Today, I will defy every obstacle that appears on my way trusting I will succeed.

Today, I will resist pessimism and will conquer the world with a smile, with the positive attitude of expecting always the best.

Today, I will make of every ordinary task a sublime expression,

Today, I will have my feet on the ground, understanding reality and the stars' gaze to invent my future.

Today, I will take the time to be happy and will leave my foot-prints and my presence in the hearts of others.

Today, I invite you to begin a new season where we can dream that everything we undertake is possible and we fulfill it, with joy and dignity.

QUESTIONS FROM LUKE

1. What famous woman in this book had 7 demons? (8:1)
2. On what body of water were Jesus and His disciples sailing when Jesus calmed the storm? (8:22)
3. How was the woman healed who has a flow of blood? (8:44)
4. What two unique things did the woman use to wash Jesus' feet? (7:37-38)
5. To what city did Jesus go after being thrown out of His home town? (4:31)
6. What two things will pass away but not the words of Jesus? (21:33)
7. Where did Jesus stay at night? (21:37)



YOUTH NEWS

- This past Sunday, *Carter Hoover* from Freed-Hardeman University was here to try out for the position of Summer Youth Intern. Next Sunday, February 20th, *Andrew Shelton*, also from FHU will be here to try out for the Summer Youth Intern position.
- Girls L2L Speech and Songs of Praise practice will be Sunday, Feb. 20th at 4:00pm.
- The next Senior Bible Bowl will be held Sunday, March 6th at the Hillcrest congregation.
- The next Junior Bible Bowl will be Saturday, March 26th at the Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ.

PRAYER LIST

Lindi Holloway, 2 month old great granddaughter of *J.L. Eaton* is doing well following heart surgery.

Maxine Carlisle, grandmother of *Richard Adams* is not doing well.

Marshal Kell, friend of the *Marques'* will have surgery Feb. 18th to remove a kidney due to cancer.

Len Collett, brother-in-law of *Dixie White* has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Hunter Miller, five year old from the Mayfield congregation had a mass removed from his head Friday.

David Harendt, minister from Oklahoma has been diagnosed with a mass on his pancreas.

Ernest Foley, uncle of *Sue Marques* is recovering from hip surgery.

Continual Prayer

Jim Dickerson, Della Carmon, Margaret Bailey, John Sanford, Della Carmon, Maxine McCarley, Diane Jackson, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Bill King, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

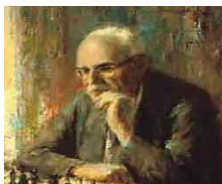
Corrine Hall, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole

SAGE ADVICE

WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 17.....April Pounders
February 19.....Barbara Crotts
February 22.....Jennie Brown
February 22.....Justin Dewberry
February 25.....Carlisle Smithey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 21.....Price & Claudia Senter

THANK YOU NOTE

Family at New Albany,

The appreciation and love our family would like to express to each of you for the visits to my mom, the prayers on our behalf, beautiful words shared during her visitation cannot be expressed in words. The love of God was shown on every action of each of you. Our family would like to thank the ladies for the food and the thoughtfulness of us during this time. Life moves people from place to place but love binds us forever. Thank you from our family to the NA family.

Joe, Bonnie, Craig & Kathryn Owen

FISH FRY

There will be a fish fry Saturday, February 19th, for everyone at the fellowship building starting at 4:00pm. Please sign the list on the table in the foyer if you plan to attend. *Bobby White, Harold Russell,* and *Price Senter* are providing the fish.

BRIDAL TEA

A Tea will be held Sun., Feb. 20th, in honor of *Greg and Lizzy Ashmore* from 1:30 till 3:00pm in the annex building. They were married in Dec. and are making their home in Germantown, TN. where *Greg* works as a Youth Minister.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	103
Sunday A.M	144
Sunday P.M	87
Wednesday	N/S
Contribution	\$3,132.92
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Steve Todd
A.M. Prayer.....	Paul Ormon
Closing Prayer.....	Bill Botts
P.M. Prayer.....	Burrell Walton
Closing.....	Ronnie Griggs
Wed. 2/23.....	Andy Marques
Wed. 2/23.....	Bobby Marques
Usher & Lock.....	Harold Russell
Greeters.....	R & K Jennings



PANTRY ITEM:

Pasta

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer.....	816-5887
Harold Russell.....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

MINISTER

Mike King.....	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office.....	534-4649

Please Join Us

for

Friends & Family Day



Sunday, February 27th, 2011

Sunday School ~ 9:30 am
Morning Worship ~ 10:30 am
Noon meal
Evening Worship ~ 1:15 pm

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