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THE RIGHTEOUS ARE NEVER FORSAKEN

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So many of our experiences with life leave us feeling as if we have been left “out on a limb.” There are so many choices, decisions and encounters that we must make if responding properly to life, that have significant bearing upon our well-being. The gravity of these incidents is compounded when we are striving to behave as a Christian. The burden at times seems so unfair and impossible to spiritually, physically, and emotionally survive. Paul sensed that the Corinthians had just about reached that point. He gently reminded them that what they were experiencing was not uncommon to man and that *“God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it”* (I Cor. 10:13).

As long as you think there is something in you, He cannot
choose you because you have ends of your own to serve; but
if you have let Him bring you to the end of your self-sufficiency
then He can choose you and fulfill His purpose in you.

The Christian is confronted with things periodically that are beyond our ability to comprehend or fully understand. It is so critical that servants of the Lord place in God our unfeigned trust and devotion. Countless and wonderful promises are to be found in the Holy Scriptures. We have been told that God will supply every need to those who are in Christ (Phil. 4:19). David had lived a span of life from young to old and had never *“seen the righteous forsaken”* (Ps. 37:25). This confidence is realized when His commandments are kept (I Jn. 3:24). We do not have to have all the answers or be endowed with unusually good judgment, but obey Him and He will provide for and abide with us. His word is life and sustenance for our souls and troubled minds (Matt. 4). He is also bread and life for the world that hungers for purpose and confidence (Jn. 6:33). Jesus admonished His followers to seek a kind of food that would not perish, but would abide in the form of eternal life. This instruction was given by Jesus as a promise and is to be trusted. (Jn. 6:27). It is not wholesome to worry about many of the daily needs like clothes and food. Jesus taught that life was so much more than those things about which we worry (Lk. 12:22, 23). His final injunction was for us to remember that the *“Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”* (Mt. 6:32, 33). David said, *“Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord”* (Ps. 27:14). Let us be thankful for His constant custodial care!

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH DECEMBER

Announcements: Andy Clemmer
Sound Room: Dan Cobb
Usher: Brian Carpenter

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Richard Jennings
 Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison
 Wed.: Ray Kennedy

Sunday Prayers:

Dec. 1:
 A.M. Brad Pounders
 Bill Lyon
 P.M. Steve Todd
 Alvin Parks

Dec. 8:
 A.M. Harold Russell
 Terry Stubblefield
 P.M. Gary Turner
 Bill Botts

Dec. 15:
 A.M. Randy Wall
 Richard Adams
 P.M. Lonnie Weaver
 Dillon Clayton

Dec. 22:
 A.M. Dalton Beard
 Greg Clayton
 P.M. Phillip Young
 Harold Crowe

Dec. 29:
 A.M. Roger Clayton
 Shane Crotts
 P.M. Drew Drummond
 Daniel Drummond

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Troy Robertson
 North Helper I: Ruston Adams
 North Helper II: Perry Jones

South Head: Mark Jennings
 South Helper I: Paul Ormon
 South Helper II: Thomas Wall

Scripture Reading:

Dec.. 1 — Clay Ormon
 Dec.. 8 — Anderson Parks
 Dec.. 15— Burrell Walton
 Dec. 22 — Will Bowlin
 Dec. 29 — Cody Clemmer

Wednesday Prayers:

Dec. 4 — Richard Jennings; Matt Jennings
 Dec. 11—David Clayton; Bobby Marques
 Dec. 18— J.L. Eaton; Tyler Weaver
 Dec. 25— Phil Young; Olen Clark

Greeters:

Dec. 1 — Lonnie & Nicki Weaver
 Dec. 8 — Richard & Kathy Jennings
 Dec. 15 — Brad & April Pounders
 Dec. 22 — Troy & Novene Robertson
 Dec. 29 — Bill & Nancy Frohn

Usher & Lock:

Dec. 1 — Lonnie Weaver
 Dec. 8 — Greg Clayton
 Dec. 15 — Roger Clayton
 Dec. 22 — Brad Pounders
 Dec. 29 — Harold Russell

Host Youth Devo: D. Cobb & S. Walker Prepare Communion: Sharon Clemmer

YOUTH NEWS

- Congratulations to our Jr. Bible Bowl group for answering all their questions correctly and saying all their memory verses. We are very proud of you!
- This month's Area Wide Youth Devo will be held Sunday night Dec. 1st, at the West Main Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:50.
- The 7th grade and up annual shopping trip to Memphis will be Dec. 7th.
- Next month's Youth Devo will be held Sunday, Dec. 22nd, following morning services. The youth will have lunch at the fellowship building and do various activities during the afternoon. *Dan Cobb* and *Sarah Walker* will be hosting.

AREA EVENTS

- You are invited to join the **Antioch church of Christ** Sunday Dec. 1st, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary as a congregation. Please check the bulletin board for the day's activities.
- **Gospel Meeting** to be held at the **Hillcrest Church of Christ** in Baldwyn Dec. 8-11. The speaker is their new pulpit minister, *Russ Vickers*. Please check the bulletin board for more details.

I Give Thee Humble Thanks

For all the gifts that Thou doest send,
 For every kind and loyal friend,
 For prompt supply of all my need,
 For all that is good in word or deed,
 For gift of health along life's way,
 For strength to work from day to day,

I give Thee humble thanks.

For ready hands to help or sheer,
 For listening ears Thy voice to hear,
 For yielding tongue Thy love to talk,
 For willing feet Thy paths to walk,
 For open eyes Thy word to read,
 For loving heart Thy will to heed,

I give Thee humble thanks.

For Christ who came from heaven above,
 For the cross and His redeeming love,
 For His mighty power to seek and save,
 For His glorious triumph o'er the grave,
 For the lovely mansions in the sky,
 For His blessed coming by and by,
 I give Thee humble thanks.

~ Clifford Lewis ~



PRAYER LIST

Sallye Bowling is at home recovering from gallbladder surgery.

Mike Reed, son of *Joe* and *Pat Reed* is recovering from open heart surgery. His surgery went well.

Hudson Grisham, brother-in-law of *Dixie White* has stage 4 bladder cancer.

Rivers Robertson, mother of *Troy Robertson* is back home following hip surgery. She is having a difficult time and remains under Hospice Care.

Lucille Gibson, is still having a lot of discomfort in her back as a result of a fall.

Phares Birdwell, father of *Sheila King* fell last week and broke his arm.

Grace Lyon, is having problems regulating her blood pressure.

Continual Prayer :

Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Nancy Petrowski, Denise Littlejohn, Harold Crowe, Justin Forsyth, Donna Haynes, Steve Stokes, Martha Collins, Polly Sago, Kelly Fryar, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Norman Brown, Terry Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

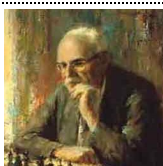
Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan



Wise Thoughts

Live so that when people get to know you they will get to know Christ.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- November 28..... Jerry Grimmatt
- November 29..... Sissy Bullock
- December 02..... Dillon Clayton
- December 02..... Stacie Dunn
- December 04..... Daniel Drummond



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men's annual breakfast and planning session has been scheduled for Sat. Dec. 7th, at 7:00am at the fellowship building. It is very important for all men to attend if at all possible. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend and mark if you can help prepare the breakfast or clean up afterward.



HELPING AT CHRISTMAS

* *Erica Crotts* and *Jessica Garrett* are taking donations or gifts for the Junior Auxiliary's Adopt-A-Child program. This provides Christmas gifts for needy children in Union County. If you would like to help please leave your gifts near the coat rack or give your donation to *Erica* or *Jessica*, by Dec. 4th.



* We will also be helping provide Christmas gifts for some of the children at Pine Vale Children's Home. A list of the children and their ages will be posted on the bulletin board. Let us help make this a Merry Christmas for these children.

LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

This year the ladies Christmas Brunch is set for Sat. Dec. 14th, at 10:00am, at the home of *Sarah Walker*. Please bring your favorite finger foods and a wrapped Christmas ornament.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTER

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

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Clay Ormon
A.M. Prayer.....Brad Pounders
Closing Prayer.....Bill Lyon
P.M. Prayer.....Steve Todd
Closing.....Alvin Parks
Wed.12/4.....Richard Jennings
Wed.12/4.....Matt Jennings
Usher & Lock.....Lonnie Weaver
Greeter.....L & N Weaver

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....115
Sunday A.M.....136
Sunday P.M.....109
Wednesday.....113
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PANTRY ITEM

OATS or GRITS

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Thanksgiving Trip

I drove the family to Grandma's last night for Thanksgiving. Three hours into the six-hour trip, I realized that I was in a theology lab.



A day with a car full of kids will teach you a lot about God. Transporting a family from one city to another is closely akin to God transporting us from our home to His.

A journey is a journey, whether the destination be the Thanksgiving table or the heavenly one. The fact that my pilgrims were all under the age of seven only enriched my learning experience.

As minutes rolled into hours and our car rolled through the hills, I began to realize that what I was saying to my kids had a familiar ring. I had heard it before—from God. All of a sudden, the car became a classroom. I realized that I was doing for a few hours what God has done for centuries: encouraging travelers who'd rather rest than ride.

I shared the idea with Denalyn. We began to discover similarities between the two journeys. Here are a few we noted.

In order to reach the destination, we have to say no to some requests.

Children have no concept of minutes or miles.

Children can't envision the reward.

It's worth it.

As we sat around the table today, no one spoke of the long trip to get here. Yesterday's challenges were lost in today's joy.

That's what Paul meant. God never said that the journey would be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.

Remember this: God may not do what you want, but He will do what is right ... and best. He's the Father of forward motion. Trust Him. He will get you home. And the trials of the trip will be lost in the joys of the feast. (Copied)