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Awareness Can Save a Life

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As Christians, we have the opportunity to minister to the needs of people under a variety of circumstances. Not only are we concerned about the eternal well-being, we are mindful of their emotional and physical health as well. Suicide plagues both the nation and the church. We have concern for those who are troubled and emotionally distraught. Consider some of the following information to help stabilize lives of others.

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) reports that the greatest number of suicides occur in the spring (April and May). This is a time of renewal and hope for most but plagues the safety of others. *Dr. Linda Lawrence*, President of the ACEP, writes that the reason for this is not known. She said that “we do know that suicide is the 11th leading cause of death for all ages in the United States, with one suicide occurring every 16 minutes or about 11 suicides per 100,000 people. Moreover, suicide is the second leading cause of death among 25 to 34-year-olds and the third leading cause of death among 15 to 24 –year-olds.” Men take their own lives nearly four times more often than women, with men ages 75 and older having the highest rate of suicide, although over a lifetime, women attempt suicide two to three times as often as men. For every successful attempt, there are 25 failed attempts that often leave people seriously injured and in need of medical care. The following warning signs are given by the ACEP:

- Feelings of depression, down or sad.
- Feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness loss of purpose and interest in life.
- Preoccupation with death, dying or violence, or talking about wanting to die.
- Seeking access to medications, weapons or other means of committing suicide.
- Wide mood swings – feeling extremely up one day and terribly down the next.
- Feelings of great agitation, rage or strong anger, or wanting to get revenge.
- Changes in eating and sleeping habits, appearance, behavior or personality.
- Risky or self-destructive behavior, e.g. reckless driving or taking illegal drugs.
- Sudden calmness (sign a person has made the decision to attempt suicide).
- Life crises, trauma or setbacks at work, school, job loss, death of a loved one, financial difficulties, illness, divorce.



THE SECRET!



One day, one friend asked another,
“How is it that you are always so happy?
You have so much energy, and you never seem to get
down.”

With her eyes smiling, she said,
“I know the Secret!” “What secret is that?”
To which she replied, “I’ll tell you all about it,
But you have to promise to share the Secret with others.”

“The Secret is this:

I have learned there is little I can do
In my life that will make me truly happy.
I must depend on God to make me happy
and to meet my needs.

When a need arises in my life,
I have to trust God to supply according to HIS riches.

I have learned most of the time
I don’t need half of what I think I do.

He has never let me down.
Since I learned that ‘Secret’, I am happy.”

The questioner’s first thought was,
“That’s too simple!”

But upon reflecting over her own life
She recalled how she thought a bigger house
Would make her happy, but it didn’t!

She thought a better paying job
Would make her happy, but it hadn’t.

When did she realize her greatest happiness?
Sitting on the floor with her grandchildren, playing games,
eating pizza or reading a story, a simple gift from God.

Now you know it too!
We can’t depend on people to make us happy.
Only God in His infinite wisdom can do that.
Trust HIM!

And now I pass the Secret on to you!
So once you get it, what will you do?
YOU have to tell someone the Secret, too!
That God in His wisdom will take care of YOU!

But it’s not really a secret ...
We just have to believe it and do it...
Really trust God!

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JUST FOR TODAY

- **I will not strike back.** (Rom. 12:19)
- **I will ask God to bless my enemy.** (Matt. 5:44)
- **I will be careful about what I say.** (Jas. 3:1-6)
- **I will go the second mile.** (Matt 5:41)
- **I will forgive.** (Lk. 23:34)
- **I will secretly do something kind for someone.** (Eph. 4:32)
- **I will treat other the way I wish to be treated.** (Matt. 7:12)
- **I will raise the spirits of someone who is discouraged.** (Rom. 14:19)
- **I will take care of my body.** (I Cor. 6:19-20)
- **I will grow spiritually.** (2 Pet. 3:18)

A Moments Wisdom

1. Poise is the difference between raising an eyebrow and flipping your lid.
2. The Lord did not scold the sower for wasting seed.
3. Any fool can count the seeds in an apple. Only God can count all the apples in one seed.
4. The height of your accomplishment will equal the depth of your convictions.
5. Believing is seeing. It’s much more effective than the old notion that seeing is believing.
6. God gives the nuts, but He does not crack them.
7. Pray to God, but continue to row to the shore.

**Christ Living in Me...
To Be Seen in 2015!**



Bible Verses To Remember

“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.” Romans 12:9

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PRAYER LIST



Sean Thompson, brother-in-law of *Andy & Sharon Clemmer* remains in the Tupelo ICU in an induced coma following a massive stroke this past week.

Grace Lyon is at home recovering from broken ribs and a bruised lung.

Bobby Cox, father of *Callie Smithey* was taken to the Oxford Hospital Sun. evening with shortness of breath and tingling in his face. Tests showed it was due to some of his medication and not heart problems.

Deborah Elliott, friend of *Perry & Gloria Jones* was admitted to Baptist Desoto Hospital Monday, with fluid around her heart.

Jimmy Dye, step-father of *Amy Jennings* was to have surgery July 7th in Pensacola, FL for a hiatal hernia.



Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to *Alice Ashmore* in the death of her brother **Ed Miller** of Branson, MO. Mr. Miller passed away Sun. July 5th, at the age of 92. Funeral services will be held in MO.

We extend our deepest sympathy to *Grace Lyon* in the death of her sister **Ann Wilson** of Okolona, who passed away Sunday, July 5th, after an extended illness. Funeral arrangements have not been made at time of printing.

Continue to Remember:

Brad Bogue, Timmy Bolden, Larry Cobb, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Jackie Dodd, John Elliott, Justin Forsyth, Preeble Foster, Sonny Gay, Natalie Griffin, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Wayne Reams, Troy Robertson, Whit Robertson, Lisa Russell, Sheila Thomas, John Todd, Judy Ward, Chris Windham, Andy Ulmer, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, Miriam Styers, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

I've Learned...

The most essential element in any home is God.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July 09 Cody Clemmer
July 10 Brenda Crow
July 14 Steve Hill

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 14 Perry & Gloria Jones



THANK YOU NOTE

It is such a comfort to be part of such a loving and caring church family. Thank you so much for the calls, cards, visits, and the prayers while we were in the Memphis Hospital. We love all of you.

Troy and Novene Robertson.

AREA EVENTS

- The Chapman Church of Christ will have their VBS July 12th-15th, from 7:00-8:30 pm.
- Friends and Family Day will be held at the Tiplersville Church of Christ Sunday July 12th. The guest speaker will be *Wade Webster*. There will be a noon potluck and an afternoon service at 1:30pm.
- Potts Camp Church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting July 19th –22nd. Please check the bulletin board for a list of speakers. Tuesday night, July 21st, New Albany will be in charge of the service.
- Fulton Church of Christ will have VBS July 12-15th. Sun. night will begin at 6:00 and Mon.—Wed. will be at 7:00pm.
- A Ladies Day will be held Sat. July 18th beginning at 9:15am at the Oak Ridge Church of Christ in Baldwyn. Speakers will be *Brianna Hendrix* and *Tonya Hendrix*. Lunch will be served.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

- Several of our youth are attending Horizons this week at Freed-Hardeman.
- Next week many of our youth will be attending Maywood Christian Camp.
- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held July 19th at the Zion Rest congregation.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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Scripture.....Dan Cobb
 A.M. Prayer.....Gary Turner
 Closing Prayer.....Phil Young
 P.M. PrayerJim Gann
 ClosingCaleb Jennings
 Wed.7/15.....Ray Kennedy
 Wed.7/15.....Matt Jennings
 Usher & Lock ..Lonnie Weaver
 Greeter.....A & K Parks

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....105
 Sunday A.M.....143
 Sunday P. M.....93
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PANTRY ITEMS

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Praying For Your Children

Verses to recall when praying for your children.

SALVATION

... and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. — **2 Timothy 3:15**

LOVE

... we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children... we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each of you as a father would his own children. — **2 Thessalonians 2:7,11**

INFLUENCE

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. — **2 Timothy 4:12**

FRIENDS

He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. — **Proverbs 13:20**

PASSION FOR GOD

My soul clings to Thee. — **Psalms 63:8**

As parents, we have tremendous power —the power to beseech a caring Father on behalf of our children.

Pray for them daily.

~ Author unknown ~