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Another Face in the Crowd



"The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the LORD has made them both." Proverbs 20:12

Tyra Winters is a Senior at Rockwall High School in Texas. As she was riding on a float in her homecoming parade a couple of months ago, she heard cries for help from the crowd. As she scanned the crowd, she realized the cries were coming from a mother holding up her child. Then Tyra noticed the child's face was red and he was beginning to turn blue. Tyra sprang into action jumping from the float, running up to the mother, and telling her "I've got this". Tyra performed the Heimlich maneuver for a toddler as her mom had taught her. In doing so, she was able to clear the toddler's breathing passage and she made sure the child was breathing. Instead of hanging around for praise, Tyra ran and leapt back onto the float joining her classmates and finishing the parade. What can we learn spiritually from the brave and level-headed young woman from Texas?

First, Tyra was **listening**. In spite of being surrounded by her friends making noise along with the noise of the crowd, Tyra was listening for cries of those in need. Cries for help at church are often not as obvious as the cries of a mother for her choking child. It takes work on our part as listeners to hear one another's needs. We must move beyond the foyer conversation of "Hi, how are you doing?" and "Fine, how are you?" to actively listening and asking questions. We will never hear the cries for help from our spiritual family unless we listen and pursue a deeper conversation. We must get to the heart of each family member's struggles and needs in order to help them.

Second, Tyra was **looking**. Certainly, Tyra saw both familiar and unfamiliar faces along the parade route. However, once she knew that someone was in trouble then she began looking for signs of trouble in their faces. What do you see when you look across the auditorium at a brother or sister? Do you just see just another face in the crowd? When you focus upon their face are you looking for signs of trouble? Do you see grief in their eyes or worry on their face? Only after we hear and see the struggles of a brother or sister can we spring into action and help them back on their way.

Third, Tyra was **not concerned with glory**. She did what needed to be done and went on her way. She did not stand around hoping someone would pat her on the back, ask for an interview or vow undying debt of gratitude. There is always more work to do and a lot more of it will get done if (a) we do not care who gets the glory and (b) we do not take time off to collect our earthly reward.

Each member of our family will experience trouble in their lives. The struggles of this world and draw of sin can choke out their lives unless we are there to help. We must be vigilant. We must be listening for their cries of help. Also, we must be looking for ways in which we can help. Remember, the person you see across the auditorium is not just another face in the crowd. They are your family.

-- Author Unknown

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020

Announcements: Terry Stubblefield
Sound Room: Mark Jennings
Usher: Brian Carpenter

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: (4th) ~ Phillip Young;
 (11th) ~ Richard Jennings; (18th) ~ Phillip Young
 (25th) Richard Jennings

Sunday Prayers:

Oct. 04:
 A.M. Hunter Jennings
 Ronnie Griggs
 P.M.
 Oct. 11:
 A.M. Perry Jones
 Matt Jennings
 P.M.
 Oct. 18:
 A.M. Mason Simmons
 Joe Owens
 P.M.
 Oct. 25:
 A.M. Steve Todd
 Phil Young
 P.M.

Lord's Supper:

Head: 4th ~ Jason Jennings; 11th ~ Greg Harrison; 18th ~ Paul Ormon;
 25th ~ Randy Wall

Scripture Reading:

Oct. 04 — Clay Jennings
 Oct. 11 — Thomas Wall
 Oct. 18 — Kurt Clayton
 Oct. 25 — Owen Clayton

Wednesday Prayers:

Oct. 07 — Richard Adams; Caleb Jennings
 Oct. 14 — Olen Clark; Harold Russell
 Oct. 21 — Roger Clayton; Greg Clayton
 Oct. 28 — Larry Cobb; Dane Coggin

Usher:

Oct. 04 — Randy Wall
 Oct. 11 — Jason Jennings
 Oct. 18 — Roger Clayton
 Oct. 25 — Shane Crotts

Lock:

Oct. 04 — Kurt Clayton
 Oct. 11 — Jason Jennings
 Oct. 18 — Greg Clayton
 Oct. 25 — Mark Jennings

Security:

Oct. 04 — Dane Coggin
 Oct. 11 — Greg Clayton
 Oct. 18 — Matt Jennings
 Oct. 25 — Phillip Young

* If you are unable to carry out your assignment please let **Randy Wall** know before service time!



I'VE got TO START....

You may actually know someone who has begun a sentence using the above words. The words that this preacher has heard used most often to complete this sentence are “exercising” and “eating right.” It appears that most of us have a sense of what it will take to improve our health.

The key to accomplishing the desired improvement is truly given in this statement. It is the word “start.” We may be playing mind games with ourselves when we utter these words, because if we never start, we will not have to continue the process. Perhaps we feel that we can handle the guilt better than the discipline.

What about spiritually? Have we not also heard someone (ourselves) say, “I’ve got to start studying my Bible regularly?” We believe what Jesus said about those who “*hunger and thirst after righteousness*” (Matthew 5:6), but we are still waiting to start.

What about the one who says, “I’ve got to start visiting like I should”? We believe what James wrote about “*pure religion*” consisting of visiting the “*fatherless and the widows in their affliction*” (James 1:27), but we just cannot seem to get started.

In reality, when we make these statements, we are taking the first step; i.e., admitting the personal need/responsibility. Now all we need to do is specify. Instead of repeating the “I’ve got to” part, say, “I will start (an activity) today at (a time).” Next, set a reminder and then START! Change for the better will become reality when we do. Paul exhorted, “*For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Corinthians 6:2). Let’s get started today



~ J. Brooks Boyd Jr. Livingston, TN

PRAYER LIST




Ricky Adams, father of Richard Adams, underwent a back procedure recently. They believe they have located the problem with his back.

Bill & Grace Lyon doing a little better. Grace is slowly gaining her strength back.

Helen DePriest has been moved to Union County Health on Bratton Rd. She is recovering from a broken hip. She is able to walk some with a walker.

Shelley Clayton continues to struggle with swallowing problems due to covid. She is some better but continues to be under doctors care.

Expectant Mother

Erica Crotts: boy, Oct. 

Continue to Remember:

Kathy Clayton, Shane Crotts, Amanda Dye, J.L. Eaton, Mable Erwin, Prebble Foster, Don Golden, Ron Griggs, Eleta Grimmett, Bill & Grace Lyon, Ronnie Miller, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Jerry Robbins, Gwyn Russell, Charles Ulmer, Angela Victory, Dixie White, Cody Williams, William Wilson

Shut-Ins:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski,

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Price Senter, J.D. Stroud

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Andy Dye, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- October 01. Harold Russell
October 04. Tara Sparks
October 12. Greg Harrison

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- October 12. Kurt & Shelly Clayton



OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

- Oct 4th : Elders, Deacons, meeting at 8:30am.
Oct. 10th, meet the Butler family at 5:00pm, (drive-by) at the fellowship building.
Oct. 11th, Guest Speaker, Dwayne Butler
Oct. 18th, last day to bring supplies for Pine Vale Children' Home.
Oct. 24th, meet the Dooley family at 5:00pm, (drive-by) at the fellowship building.
Oct. 25th, Guest Speaker Tim Dooley.

FALL PANTRY DRIVE

Pine Vale Children's Home is having it's Fall Pantry Drive. Our congregation has been asked to help by providing 9volt or AA batteries, Rotel, green beans and canned greens or spinach.



What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- 1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

I've Learned...

when the leaves are falling, autumn is calling!



EVERYDAY EVANGELISM TIPS

- Look at other people as those for whom Jesus died.
Pray for three specific people by name, asking God to use you to draw them to Christ.
Tell them how being a Christian gives your life meaning and purpose.
Relax. God is in charge.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Shaler Grigsby....Youth/ Assoc.
256-263-9137
 Office 534-4649

ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
 Tim Dye.....316-2527
 Richard Jennings316-1305
 Troy Robertson316-3163
 Phil Young.....316-2059

DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260
 Mark Jennings....731-609-3309
 Randy Wall 316-9255

TO SERVE

Communion.....Jason Jennings
 Scripture.....Clay Jennings
 A.M. Prayer....Hunter Jennings
 Closing.....Ronnie Griggs
 P.M. Prayer.....
 Closing.....
 Wed.7th...../ R. Adams/Caleb J.
 Lock.....Kurt Clayton
 UsherRandy Wall
 SecurityDane Coggin

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....
 Sunday A.M.....93
 Sunday P.M.....
 Wednesday.....
 Contribution.....
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PANTRY ITEMS

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Take Heed Lest You Fall

By David Bragg

In May of 2017 a 67-year-old woman in Plainfield, NJ was caught on surveillance video walking down the street focusing on a cell phone. Her walk turns tragic as she bumps into, and then falls over, an open basement access door. She was ultimately lifted from the basement with serious injuries (mcall.com).

As we walk through this world our focus must be on Christ and His Word because otherwise, we are in danger of falling spiritually. The inspired warnings echo from our Bibles.

1Cor. 9:27 - lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

- Galatians 5:4 - who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
- 1 Timothy 4:1 - Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith
- Hebrews 3:12 - Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God
- Knowing that we CAN fall away is a vital realization in making sure that we DON'T fall away.