

For the Journey

A young Christian packing his bag for a journey said to a friend, "I have nearly finished packing, I only have to put in a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, and a set of books I have been studying, a sword, and a hammer."

"But you cannot put all that into a bag," objected the friend! "Oh, yes" said the Christian. "Here it is." And he placed his Bible in the corner of his suitcase and closed the lid.

--Author Unknown

Not Wasted

A young woman, who was a great lover of flowers, had set out a rare vine at the base of a stone wall. It grew vigorously but did not bloom. Day after day she cultivated it and watered it and tried in every way to coax it into bloom. One morning, as she stood disappointedly before it, her invalid neighbor, whose back lot adjoined her own, called over and said, "You can't imagine how much I have been enjoying the blooms of that vine you planted." The owner looked and on the other side of the wall was a mass of blooms. The vine had crept through the crevices and flowered luxuriantly on the other side.

So often we think our efforts are thrown away because we do not see their fruits. We need to learn that in God's service, our prayers, our toils, our crosses are never in vain! Somewhere they bear fruit and hearts will receive blessings and joy.

--Author Unknown

"Everyone Else Is Doing It"

Sometimes people attempt to justify their sinful conduct on the basis of "well everyone else is doing it." If "everyone else" is dressing immodestly, what are we going to do? If "everyone else" is going to a "must see" R-rated movie, what are we going to do? If "everyone else" is lying, stealing, or cheating what are we going to do?

In the days of King Nebuchadnezzar, "everyone else" was bowing down and worshiping his golden image (see Dan. 3:1-7). But what did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego do? They said "let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods..." (Dan. 3: 18). These men loved the Lord and courageously served him regardless of what everyone else was doing.

May we too have the courage to be different. Brethren, "do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2). God's children are not to follow in the sins of others, but are to lead others out of darkness and into the light.

--Author Unknown

WHAT KIND OF HEARTS DO WE NEED?

Hearts not hardened by sin: "But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13).

Hearts prepared to seek and to do God's Word: "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments" (Ezra 7:10).

Hearts that are wise: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalms 90:12).

Hearts that are upright: "Do good, O Lord unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts" (Psalms 125:4).

Hearts that do not think evil: "And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?" (Matthew 9:4).

Hearts willing to forgive: "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:35).

Hearts filled with God's Word: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalms 119:11). "And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown, but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts" (Mark 4:15).

Hearts filled with love: "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5).

Hearts filled with Christ: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love..." (Ephesians 3:17).

Hearts kept by peace: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

Hearts filled with grace: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

Hearts that are purified: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded" (James 4:8).

-- Author unknown

NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

Remember in Prayer:

Jim Johnson continues to recuperate at home from his stem cell transplant. He is still very weak but got a good report last week from doctors.

Virginia London is recuperating at home and beginning to feel stronger.

Louis Preston is dealing with pain from shingles at this time.

Darlene Felts is in Room 105 of Phil and Flo Jones Hospice House.

Jane Brewer, Mark Brewer's mother, is very ill as she copes with Covid. She showed some improvement last week. If you would like to send her a card, her address is on the foyer tables.

Gloria Thomas as of Friday the 27th was in ICU room 30. She was in very serious condition, not responsive since early morning.

Please check the bulletin boards for updates on Prayer Request Lists. Please update us if needed.

Also please pray for those directly and indirectly affected by Covid-19, and please keep us updated.

J. L. & Brenda May and their son Rusty Blanks

Hillard Holcomb and his daughter Teresa

In Other News:

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Nicole Nelson, who passed away Thursday. Her funeral was in Kennett yesterday. Please remember Craig and all of Nicole's family in your prayers.

Upcoming Events:

Ladies' Night Out – December 8

Men's Breakfast – December 12

Shut-in Fruit Baskets – December 12

Birthday/Anniversary Supper (December/January) – December 13

Those Privileged To Serve

November 29, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Ben Johns
Opening Prayer: Mike Felts
Closing Prayer: Stan Honeycutt
Bible Reading: Stacy Eddleman
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

LORD'S TABLE

Presiding: Jason Garland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jody Pickens

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Randy Oden
Opening Prayer: Ben Johns
Closing Prayer: Jeff Presley
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

December 2, 2020

Song Leader: *Singing Night*
Opening Prayer: Stan Honeycutt
Closing Prayer: David Loggins

DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

December 2, 2020
Mike Felts

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK

Week Of

November 22, 2020

Sunday Bible Study	76
Sunday AM Worship	93
Sunday PM Worship	82
Wednesday Bible Study	74
Contribution	\$5,020

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” - Ephesians 4:31, 32

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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KeeNotes

I'VE LEARNED

- I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad I have it today, life does go on, and someone else has it worse than I do.

- I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he or she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled holiday tree lights.

- I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. • I've learned that making a “living” is not the same thing as making a “life.”

- I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

- I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you, but if you focus on God, your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

- I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

- I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. - Author Unknown

SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols
Randy Oden
Jody Pickens

DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard
Jerry Dodson
Mike Felts
Jason Garland
Marshall Lands
Mark Wooten

EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

MISSIONARIES

Michael Hughes
Samrit Kammanee
Arnold Kelley
Guyana, South America
Warren, PA
Micah Robertson, Montana

SERVICES

SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word of God
Romans 10:17
Believe the Word of God
John 8:24
Repent of your sins
Luke 13:3
Confess your faith in Jesus as the Son of God
Romans 10:9,10
Be Baptized for the remission of your sins
Acts 2:38
Live faithfully
Revelation 2:10

“Where there is no vision, the people perish....”
Proverbs 29:18

God Give Us 2020 Vision in 2020

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