

# THE FRIEND OF TRUTH

Greensboro Road church of Christ  
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*“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)*

## ELDERS

Dan Nichols  
Randy Oden  
Jody Pickens

## DEACONS

Gary Bearden  
Mike Felts  
Kevin Foust  
Aaron Honeycutt  
Marshall Lands  
Kelly Rowe

## EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee  
Bill Willard

## MISSIONARIES

Mark Brewer  
Michael Hughes  
Arnold Kelley  
Will Sadler  
Ratna Raju Rapaka  
Johnny Robertson  
Joe Spangler

## SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
6:00 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 remis-  
sion of your sins  
*Acts 2:38*

**Live faithfully**  
*Revelation 2:10*

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## Keep Notes

### THE BIBLE SPEAKS

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.

I am always - and above all - Truth.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.

To the one who sits in darkness, I am a glorious light.

To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens,

I am sweet rest.

To him who has lost his way,

I am a safe guide.

To those who are sick in sin,

I am a healing strength and forgiveness.

To those who are tossed about by the storms of life,

I am a steadfast anchor.

To those who search for salvation,

I reveal the Savior of the world.

I AM THE BIBLE,

God's wonderful gift to mankind.

—Borrowed

Taken from Bulletin Digest

**Elder's Corner****The Four Magic Words****By Dan Nichols**

I once read an old legend about a servant whose master died and left him a bag full of blessings. The master left a message for the servant telling him that the bag would always remain full as long as he remembered four magic words. The servant went out and immediately began using the blessings which filled the bag. Soon the bag was almost empty. The servant recalled the words of his master that the bag would always be full as long as he remembered those four magic words. Unfortunately, the servant had forgotten the four magic words and was almost out of blessings. Finally, he went to a wise man and asked his advice on the matter. The wise man suggested that possibly the four magic words were, "I WISH I HAD."

The servant tried using the words suggested by the wise man. He tried thinking of all the things he wanted. I wish I had this. I wish I had that. I wish I had something else. But the bag was not replenished. Now he became quite concerned. He approached a person who happened to be passing him on the street and he told him the story. He asked his advice on the matter. The stranger suggested, "Well, maybe the four magic words are, GIVE ME SOME MORE."

So the servant continued his journey and kept saying, "Give me some more." But the bag was now almost totally empty. In despair he sat down, lonely and dejected. He took a piece of bread from his pack and began to eat it. A hungry child off the street, alone and abandoned, approached him and asked him for some bread. It was obvious the child was in desperate need. So, without even thinking about it, the servant gave the child some bread. Before the child ate, though, he folded his little hands and said, "I thank Thee, Lord."

All of a sudden the servant's eyes lit up and he started dancing around in the street. He began chanting loudly: "That's it! That's it! The four magic words! I THANK THEE, LORD!" Soon the bag was filled with blessings once again!

How often do we say, "I thank Thee, Lord?" Listen to Psalm 69:19: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation." May we never forget THE FOUR MAGIC WORDS!

Just a thought!

## Heavenly Living

By Walter Rayburn

We often sing the song "Farther Along" in our worship services. The final verse of this song says, "When we see Jesus coming in glory, when He comes from His home in the sky; then we shall meet Him in that bright mansion, we'll understand it all by and by." Many times, the idea of this verse in this song is seen in our religious discussions. If we are confused about something, we will often say that we will ask Jesus about it some day. Of course, nothing is wrong with the thought carried in "Farther Along" or with our discussions that end in this way, but I have to wonder if we have missed a great point about Heaven.

I believe the image of Heaven as given in the Bible does not center on us knowing the things of this world better. In fact, I do not believe that a single one of us will spend our time there asking God about the things of this world. Heaven is not meant to be a place where we sit around talking with God about the things we did not understand while we were here on earth. Heaven is so far greater than anything we can imagine, this world will literally mean nothing when we get there.

Heaven is meant to be a place where God's people come together to worship Him for all eternity. That is the image we get in the book of Revelation. *"So he said to me, These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple"* (**Revelation 7:14-15**). No one in Heaven will feel cheated by not getting the opportunity to question God about the world we live in. Instead, we will all know the true glory and mercy of the creator of the world. We will see God face to face and be rewarded with His presence for all eternity!

### BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

#### **December:**

5. ◇◇◇ Dan. 1-2	Prov. 5	Heb. 5-6	8. ◇◇◇ Dan. 7-8	Prov. 8	Heb. 11
6. ◇◇◇ Dan. 3-4	Prov. 6	Heb. 7-8	9. ◇◇◇ Dan. 9-10	Prov. 9	Heb. 12
7. ◇◇◇ Dan. 5-6	Prov. 7	Heb. 9-10	10. ◇◇◇ Dan. 11-12	Prov. 10	Heb. 13

## NEWS AND NOTES

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**Jerry Lynn** was dismissed from St. Bernard's and is now home.

**Doris Beeler** was dismissed from Heathsouth and is now home.

**Brenda Williams** has been dismissed from the hospital and is now at home.

**Phyllis Whistle** had surgery on Tuesday and is in St. Bernard's, room 2211.

**Gladys Bobbitt** (Martha Kee's mother) fell and broke her neck last week. She was moved to a nursing home in Memphis on Thursday.

**Madlyn Cates** (Jim Selvidge's sister-in-law) was moved to ICU at NEA Baptist. She condition has gotten more serious.

**Tom Rie** (Bill Baker's brother-in-law) will have surgery on Tuesday at UAMS to remove the cancer on his lung.

**Please also remember in your prayers** Jim Lewis, Dorothy Henry, Kenneth Harp, Bliss Blanchard, Thelma Chapman, Carl Preston (Paula Presley's grandfather) **and those listed on the bulletin board.**

**Frances Petty** was baptized into Christ last Sunday afternoon.

**John and Brenda Tucker** are leaving for India on December 29th through January 19th. They ask for our prayers for a safe journey.

**Visitation Team #1 (Randy Oden & Bill Willard)** will meet after services in the foyer to pick up assignments.

**Today is Mission Sunday.**

Our **Birthday & Anniversary Celebration** is tonight after evening service. Team # 4 is responsible for desserts.

**Seek The Old Paths** is on the tables in the foyer.

There is a sign-up sheet for the **Holiday Baskets** on the table in foyer. We need all who can help assemble and deliver baskets to meet on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. All fruit, pudding and candy has been taken care of, there is still a need for breads and cookies.

The **Green Basket** supplies need to be replenished. All items are needed at this time.

**Scripture of the Week: Psalms 136:1** "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

### Wednesday Evening Devotional

**December 7, 2011**

**Bill Willard**

### *Our Record for November 27, 2011*

<i>Sunday A. M. Worship</i>	<i>160</i>
<i>Sunday P.M. Worship</i>	<i>138</i>
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>	<i>108</i>
<i>Contribution</i>	<i>\$4708</i>
<i>Mission Fund</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>

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