

# 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  
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Mark Brewer  
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## 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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## KeepNotes

We have reached the last Sunday in another year. It seems only yesterday that we were discussing the beginning of this year. I know it has nothing to do with age, but it seems the years are passing much more quickly that they used to. It seems like every other week we are beginning a new year. Regardless of how quickly it is passing, we are still looking to a new year when we arrive for worship next Sunday.

Every year at this time there are stories on the local news of someone who has paid off some total stranger's debt. Layaways at Wal-Mart or some other store are paid off; funds are given to pay someone's utilities; another has food or gifts delivered during a time of need. These are commonly selfless acts of kindness. Some kindness done without any regard for recognition or even appreciation.

When is the last time you performed some totally selfless act? When did you last do something for someone without any thought of being repaid or even receiving a simple, "Thank you." When did you do such a kindness for someone other than a family member? Do we do kindnesses only for those we are intimately acquainted with or would we help a total stranger? Would we help a total stranger without any expectation or even a desire to ever be repaid?

Many of those who are being helped seem to be folks who have lost jobs, or are going through some terrible tragedy, or in some other way are greatly in need. These are commonly folks who cannot help themselves and are in no position to ever repay such kindnesses.

If you do such a good deed and the one helped does not show any signs of appreciation, does not stop to say thank you, or even acknowledge the goodness, then what would you do? Go and demand to have the kindness returned? Would you have your joy destroyed by another's reaction to the kindness?

When Jesus healed ten lepers, how many came back and offered any thankfulness? One! How many kindnesses have been shown to us over the past years of our lives? How often have you stopped to say, "Thank you?" With all that Jesus has done for us, how often to give Him thanks? Are we thankful? Richly we have been blessed and richly we should bless others.

I hope to see you Wednesday night, if not I'll see you next year.

# Frogs

By Dan Nichols

Frogs have a unique characteristic that causes them to mentally adapt to gradual yet harsh temperature changes. However, this characteristic can kill a frog. Example: If you took a frog and threw him into a pan of hot water, he would immediately jump out. Makes sense, right? But here's the catch. You can take a frog and put him into a pan of room temperature water, place it on the stove and gradually increase the temperature of the water until it boils and the frog will never move. His mental capacity to handle changes in temperature will prevent him from escaping certain death. The frog's brain continues to send messages to his body that the temperature is not all that bad. No danger is sensed and death of the frog is the result.

Aren't you glad humans don't have that sense? Guess what? We do. Mind you, our adjustment capabilities have nothing to do with temperature, but circumstances.

...Sometimes Christians can become like the frog in the kettle. We are aghast at the things that Satan is doing around us...for a while. After a little time, however, they seem almost commonplace. Our sensibilities become seared.

Please don't ignore the fact that we are being attacked on every side by sin and worldliness. I pray that, unlike the frog, we will not adjust to these changes and become calloused. And beware, Satan is turning up the heat as we speak!

Just a thought.

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”*  
1 Peter 5:8

## I Corinthians 15:12-27

(The answers to the questions taken from this passage are found in the word search puzzle.)

H M G U A U L E O L S R H F R  
 W T A K N J J A R R W B I E E  
 G N I H C A E R P O R R W C L  
 V E U A V V I E M Q S O Z J B  
 S N Y L F B U S K T P E B Y A  
 O E L U R T C U F I U Y T G R  
 E M S V L H T R Z J N I T I E  
 V I B S R F U R N I R G R E S  
 I E Q I E I P E K O W V D L I  
 L S S N T N V C H X B C I O M  
 A T K S A B T T G N I M O C M  
 Z B E D B P U I D E A T H S Y  
 O A A E D A V O W Q Z C X X P  
 Y M N V F U T N A Q V O Z V F  
 P E R I S H E D U S X P A W B

It was being preached that Christ what from the dead? How was it possible that some said there was no what? If there is no resurrection then who is not risen? If Christ is not risen then what of yours and ours is vain? Such would make us false what of God? If Christ is not risen from the dead then we are still in our what? If Christ is not risen, what has happened to those who have fallen asleep in Christ? If our hope is only in this life then we are of all men most what? Christ is become the what of those that slept? In whom do all die? In Christ all are made what? After Christ will be those who are Christ's at His what? When the end comes Jesus will deliver what up to the Father? At this point Jesus will have put down all what, what and what? Jesus will reign until all his what are put under his feet? What is the last enemy to be destroyed? All things will have been put under the what of Jesus?

### BIBLE READING FOR THE WEEK:

#### December:

26. ◇ ◇ ◇ Zeph. 1-3    Prov. 26    Rev. 8-10  
 27. ◇ ◇ ◇ Hag. 1-2    Prov. 27    Rev. 11-12  
 28. ◇ ◇ ◇ Zech. 1-4    Prov. 28    Rev. 13-14

29. ◇ ◇ ◇ Zech. 5-9    Prov. 29    Rev. 15-17  
 30. ◇ ◇ ◇ Zech. 10-14    Prov. 30    Rev. 18-19  
 31. ◇ ◇ ◇ Mal. 1-4    Prov. 31    Rev. 20-22

## NEWS AND NOTES

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

**Doris Beeler** is in Healthsouth, room 216 in isolation. She has a MRSA infection and at this time requests no visitors. She would enjoy cards and phone calls.

**Brenda Williams** saw her oncologist and her treatment is to begin after she regains some strength.

**Linda Baker** is now at home recovering.

**Boyd Ford** admitted to St. Bernard's, room 2014. He had a heart defibrillator and pacemaker inserted on Tuesday and is doing some better.

**Thelma Chapman** is in Healthsouth, room 232 after amputation of her leg above the knee. She also, has a MRSA infection and does not need visitors at this time. Cards would be appreciated.

**Madlyn Cates** (Betty Selvidge's sister-in-law) remains in ICU at NEA Baptist. Her condition has gotten worse. Betty's brother, **Jr. Cates** needs prayers. His blood pressure is very high due to his wife's condition.

**Please also remember in your prayers** Barbara Geary, Mark Brewer, Gladys Bobbitt (Martha Kee's mother), Danny Pittman (Moe Wheeler & Barbara Fleming's brother) **and those listed on the bulletin board.**

**Remember the Tucker's** as they prepare for their trip to India on the 29<sup>th</sup> through January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute to purchase clothes for 30 girls, make checks to GRcofC and give them to the Elders.

**Visitation Team # 4 (Jody Pickens & Marshall Lands)** will meet in the foyer after services to pick up their assignments.

Beginning in January the Ladies' Bible class will begin a study in **Proverbs, "Choosing Life's Best"** by Lottie Beth Hobbs.

**New Directories:** Today is the last Sunday to review the information in the directories on the tables in the foyer. Please correct any errors then initial. If all your information is correct initial by your name.

Next Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> is **Healthsouth Singing**, at 2pm.

Sunday Evening January 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a **Soup/Chili Supper** in the basement. Several topics need to be discussed regarding our Visitation Teams and the Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations. Please make plans to attend, everyone is invited. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table soon.

We also need to begin bringing **canned soda** to restock the supply. Drinks will be needed for several upcoming events.

**Scripture of the Week: *I Corinthians 15:22***  
*"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."*

**Wednesday Evening Devotional**  
**December 28, 2011**  
**Terry Joe Kee**

### *Our Record for December 18, 2011*

<i>Sunday A. M. Worship</i>	<i>154</i>
<i>Sunday P.M. Worship</i>	<i>139</i>
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>	<i>115</i>
<i>Contribution</i>	<i>\$4466</i>
<i>Mission Fund</i>	<i>\$—</i>