

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)

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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

With the coming of a new year comes excitement and hope. All of us must challenge ourselves to find our place in the work and be as busy as we can. To help us see what all can be done and where we can each find our place, we will be meeting tonight for a *Soup & Chili Supper*, at which time we will discuss where every member finds his or her niche. If you already know where your strengths are the elders want to use those strengths to build a stronger and more effective work. If you were not planning to be here tonight, PLEASE make the effort to come and be with us. Even if you cannot bring anything for the get together, come anyway. There will be plenty of food and the fellowship with brethren cannot be emphasized enough.

This past Sunday morning our sister, Tonya Marshall, came confessing her sins and asking for our prayers. Tonya confessed that she has allowed outside influences to cause her influence and example to suffer. We rejoiced to go before the Father in her behalf. We all rejoice with her and will continue to pray for her as she works to be stronger and a better influence on those with whom she interacts from day to day.

On Sunday night our sister, Carolyn Harper, came asking for our prayers. She confessed that over the past year she has not been using her talents to the glory and honor of God. After the passing of her brother, Clifford, who lived with Carolyn, she has struggled to build and strengthen her faith. Carolyn needs our continuing prayers that in all things she will be able to cope, and fortify her faith and increase her role in the kingdom.

Pray daily for our sisters in Christ as we all pray daily for one another.

Tonight we will resume *Pewpackers Class*. We need all our young ones to be with us and engage in our studies together. If you have not been getting here on time, or if you have not been encouraging your children to come and be a part in our time together, please begin tonight and do not miss a single class between now and Summer. See you at 6:00 p.m.

Nail Soup

By Dan Nichols

In light of the soup and chili get-together tonight and the work that will be presented for consideration, I thought the following would be appropriate for us to think upon.

There once was a traveler that came to a small village carrying nothing but the ragged clothes on his back and a bent rusty nail. The villagers tried to run him out of town saying that he was going to steal from them. “Oh no, I was coming to share some nail soup with you. All I need is a pot filled with water and I’ll make some soup to be enjoyed by all,” he said. One curious villager brought him a pot filled with water.

The traveler built a fire and got his rusty nail out of his pocket and dropped it into the pot. Some of the villagers started gathering around to see what nail soup was. After a while, the traveler tasted the soup and said, “If only I had some onions, that would really make the soup wonderful.” One of the villagers ran to grab a couple of onions. After adding the onions and cooking the soup for a while, the traveler tasted the soup again and said, “If I only had a few carrots and maybe some peas, then the soup would be so much better.” Another villager ran to get a few carrots and another got some peas.

The traveler kept tasting the soup and each time he’d mention something else that would make the soup “just right” and each time a villager would run and get that item for the soup. After awhile the pot was bubbling with the best smelling soup the villagers had ever smelled.

The traveler fished out his nail, wrapped it in a handkerchief and put it back in his pocket. Then he served up the soup to all the villagers, it was the most wonderful soup they had ever tasted. They were very impressed with the Nail soup and the lesson that they had learned – that when they each gave a little, they could achieve a lot!

This concept is found several places in scripture:

when Matthew records the parable of the talents (ie: Matthew 25:15 - ...He gave talents To every man according to his ability)

or in Ephesians where Paul relates how the parts of the body work together (ie: . . . the whole body fitly joined together . . . according to the effectual working in the measure of every part).

So our challenge then **is for each of us to contribute** (whether it is a pinch of salt, a couple of carrots or an onion) to the work here at Greensboro so that our work (soup) may have a pleasant aroma rising toward God.

Tit 3:14 “And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

Just a Thought!

I Corinthians 15:50-58

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

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

What and what cannot do what to the kingdom of God? Corruption does not inherit what? Paul was going to show them a what? Paul said we shall not all what? But we shall all be what? This will happen in the what of an eye? It will be at the last what? The trumpet shall do what? The who shall be raised incorruptible? This who will put on immortality? All this will bring to pass that which has been written which said, what is swallowed up in what? Of death, he asked where is thy what? He also asked, "O what, where is thy victory?" The sting of death is what? The strength of sin is the what? Our victory is through our who (three words)? Paul addresses these brethren as my what? Paul called for them to be what, what, and always what in the work of the Lord? You know that your what is not in what in the Lord?

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Boyd Ford remains in St. Bernard's, room 2104. The doctors have found a spot on Boyd's colon and are running tests to determine what it is at this time.

Oleda Ford has been released and is now at home.

Thelma Chapman has returned to St. Elizabeth's, room 306. She still has a staph infection and is in isolation.

Earline Franklin is in Pocahontas for treatment at the Five Rivers Medical Seniors Center, room 132A. She does not need visitors or calls at this time but cards are encouraged. Her address is on the bulletin boards.

Barbara Fleming has been released from St. Bernard's. She is now living at Jonesboro Healthcare Center, room 34 on Southwest Drive.

Alvin Allen (Cathy Hoffman's brother-in-law) is now at home recovering.

We have so many of our number sick at this time, please check the prayer list on the bulletin boards.

Remember the Tucker's as they work in India.

Tonight is our **Soup/Chili Supper** in the basement. The sign-up is on the table in the foyer. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The new **church directories** are ready for pick-up after services. Please only take one per family at this time.

The office still needs past church directories. The years needed are **2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007**. If you have one of these, please bring it to the office to be copied.

Seek The Old Paths are on the tables in the foyer.

***Scripture of the Week: I Cor. 15: 57** "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Wednesday Evening Devotional
January 11, 2012
Scottie Blanchard

Our Record for January 1, 2012

<i>Sunday A. M. Worship</i>	<i>164</i>
<i>Sunday P.M. Worship</i>	<i>142</i>
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>	<i>94</i>
<i>Contribution</i>	<i>\$4767</i>
<i>Mission Fund</i>	<i>\$496.70</i>