

June 9, 2024

Announcements
Larry Wood

Song Leader
Chris Moore

Scripture Reading
Tim McMillin

Opening Prayer
J C Newby (A.M.)
Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Terry Chapman (A.M.)
Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Kevin Shackelford

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (06/12/24)

OUR RECORD

June 2, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 96
Sunday Morning Worship: 111
Sunday Evening Worship: 90
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 85

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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 Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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THE UNIMPORTANT CHURCH MEMBER

Mark Lindley

Have you ever met a member of the church who was unimportant? You know the type—the one who says, “My presence in worship services is really not important. After all, I’m not a preacher, Bible class teacher, or a song leader.” Or someone might say, “I’m just a one-talent man. The service I render to the church is not very significant.”

Are people who say such things right? Are some members of the church unimportant? Paul wrote concerning those who think they are unimportant: “Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary” (I Corinthians 12:22). Evidently, some church members in Corinth felt that they were not as important as others who had certain spiritual gifts (I Corinthians 12:31). Those who had the gift of tongues were thought to be special (I Corinthians 14). Paul told them that just as each member of one’s physical body is important, each member of the church (the Lord’s spiritual body) is important as well.

Though the spiritual gifts of I Corinthians 12 are no longer in the church today, the principle taught by Paul is applicable. There is a place of service for every member of the church, regardless of one’s ability or age. But you might ask, “What can I do?” The following are just some of the things you can do: mail cards to the sick, invite others to services, attend all the services, welcome visitors with a warm smile, visit the ill and those who are shut-in, help distribute tracts, cook meals for those who are ill, call and encourage those who are unfaithful, comfort the bereaved and a host of other things.

Whatever service you offer the church, remember that your work is important. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that **your labour is not in vain** in the Lord” (I Corinthians 15:58). There are no unimportant church members!

THE STORMS OF LIFE
by Roy A. Crutcher

"For affliction does not come from the dust, neither does trouble sprout from the ground, For man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upward." Job 5:6-7 (NAS) Man lives in a world filled with troubles, as is indicated in the above passage. Because man lives in a trouble-filled world, he will naturally encounter troubles, obstacles, etc., of various kinds from time to time. Even Christians are not immune to such problems. As Christians we do have some special blessings from God. Likewise, God cares for His own in a special way. Unfortunately, though, we are not immune to all the problems of life. And when problems arise in our lives, we usually tend to think that our troubles are worse than anyone else's. But as Christians, we are admonished to "think so as to have sound judgment." [Rom 12:3]. Sound judgment tells us that usually there is always someone worse off than we are. I am reminded of the poem that tells of the man who complained because he had no shoes until he saw a man who had no feet. Several examples are mentioned in the poem, each concluding with, "Lord forgive me when I whine." I read some time back of some devastating cyclones which had hit India. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ lost everything. One brother lost his wife, two children and his parents. Another lost his wife, four children, five grandchildren, his mother - a total of 31 family members [16 were members of the Lord's church]. This kind of devastation puts us in mind of Job as described in chapter one. But Job survived, and so can we. Regardless of the extremity of any problems you might be facing, rather than feeling sorry for yourself, just remember a few basic facts: [1] Others have worse problems [2] Things could be worse [3] Usually the good in our lives outweighs the bad [4] Count the blessings that you do have. In every tragedy you can look at what you've lost and be hateful, or you can look at what you have left and be grateful. May God help us to have a grateful, trusting disposition regardless of our station in life.

Focus
By Andrew Beasley

Leaving the past behind frequently is among the greatest challenges a Christian may face. I imagine for the Apostle Paul, leaving the memories of his former life behind were a challenge as well. Think, for a moment, of what Saul of Tarsus was guilty of. He is the authority figure responsible for the murder of Stephen (Acts 8:1) as well as for the persecution of countless other Christians (Acts 8:3). It would be no surprise if his past actions weighed heavily on his soul. Yet as a Christian he recognized the significance of leaving that all in the past.

In the same way, we cannot dwell on the former things either. Sometimes Christians are guilty of romanticizing the life that they used to live. Others are guilty of allowing the disappointments of their past to become stumbling blocks for their future. Paul seems to recognize the significance in leaving the glorification of our past, or the wallowing in sorrow over our past, behind and instead focusing on what matters: Christ, and the prize that accompanies following Him. Just a few verses earlier Paul said he desired to know Christ, the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering that he might attain the resurrection from the dead (Phil. 3:10-11).

One thing Paul did, and one thing we must do, is focus on what lies ahead. Focus on the goal of going home to heaven. In order to do so, we must leave the past in the past.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 23-26, 2024

10 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
2 PM Evening Service
(VBS after Evening Service)
Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY
JUNE 30, 2024

NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL
2 PM Evening Service

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

SICK SUNDAY: Mickey Chandler

HOSPITAL: Sarina Tigrett - Parents: Kane & Anna (LeBonhuer- heart. 5 months old), Keith Hatfield (Tupelo), Lesa Franks (Booneville, Malone Hurt's Mother-in-law)

TEST/SURGERY: David Koon (Tupelo)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER:) Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab: Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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