

**Noteworthy**

**Prayer Requests:** Joe Brown (*ongoing medical*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), the Day family (*Robyn's father, Ricky, cancer*), Linda James (*At Valencia Hills Rehab Center, Rm. 326B*), Yvonne Jordan (*illness, doing much better*), Paul Lloyd (*rehabilitation in Toledo, Ohio*), Cindy Hicks and family (*with recent passing of Cindy's aunt, Lyndell McReedy*), Kirk Marschall, the Marschall family, Linda McKenzie (*with recent passing of her mother*), Bonnie Meagher (*sick*), Butch Morgan (*shut in*), Dottie Reynolds (*ongoing medical*), Sadler family (*sickness*), Arlene Turner (*her sister recently passed*).

*Family and friends:* Marvin Brown (*from Plant City, cancer*), Ruth Fogel (*Jill Boyette's mother, cancer*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), Rowena Lawson's mother (*Ms. Lourdes, health issues & pain management*), John Marschall (*Bob's father*), Alan Turner (*illness*).

**Out of Town:** Ed Lawson, Bob & Stef Marschall.

**Men's Bible Study:** The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (**Today**).

**Fourth Sunday:** Keith Marschall is scheduled to preach during the PM assembly tonight.

**Group Meeting:** Group 2 will meet tonight after the PM worship service.

**Area Meetings:** The Henderson Blvd. church of Christ is having a summer series of lessons every Thursday night during June 6th-August 1st. Please see bulletin board for details.

**Remember and encourage** others who are struggling physically and spiritually.

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 6/26/19**

Song Leader: Joe Brown  
 Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson  
 Invitation: Trent Stevens  
 Announcements: Mike Sadler  
 Closing Prayer: David Williams  
 Recordings: Clay Sadler  
 Usher: Mike Sadler

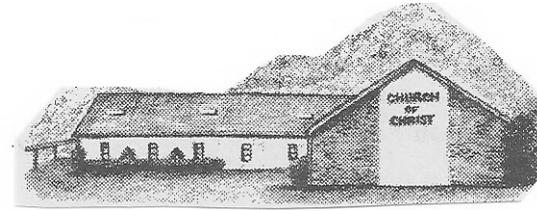
**Sunday Evening: 6/30/19**

Song Leader: Jeff Lanning  
 Opening Prayer: Jimmy Fields  
 Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson  
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
 Closing Prayer: Steve Parker  
 Recordings: Bob Marschall  
 Usher: Gus Johnson

**Sunday Morning: 6/30/19**

Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson (B)  
 Ryan Boyette (C)  
 Serving: Mike Sadler  
 Ed Lawson  
 Song Leader: Colby Sadler

Opening Prayer: Jim Elliot  
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
 Closing Prayer: Logan Lanning  
 Recordings: Bob Marschall  
 Usher: Gus Johnson



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**SERVICES**

Sunday  
 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
 Morning Services 9:50 A.M.  
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday  
 Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

**DEACONS:**

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***“I am Praying for You”***

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men” (1 Tim. 2:1).

Paul wrote two letters to Timothy, as a young evangelist he referred to as “my true son in the faith” (1 Tim. 1:2). Both of the letters are filled with instructions and admonitions that would come under the category of a “charge” (1 Tim. 1:18) that Paul was giving his “son in the faith.” Among other things, Paul charged him to study the Word (2 Tim. 2:15); live the Word (1 Tim. 4:12); preach the Word (2 Tim. 4:2). But as noted from our text, Paul charged him “first of all” to pray for others.

Over four years ago, when I was battling for my life in my fight against cancer, there were no sweeter words than to hear brethren say, “I am praying for you.” I am convinced that I am alive and doing well today because of all the prayers of my brethren from all over the world. I believe this to be especially true in view of the fact that on the day of my surgery, the doctors told Jackie and my sons that I would live 18 months to 2 years.

Prayer is one of the most important duties and privileges of a Christian. And I am convinced that praying for others (“intercessions”) should take up a large portion of our prayer time. There are some valid reasons for believing this.

In our text, Paul is giving a command to intercede by prayer for all men. In the next verse he mentions some in particular— “for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (1 Tim. 2:2). **Ephesians 6:18 and James 5:16** also commands us to pray for others. Thus, it is a duty commanded by God for every Christian to pray for others.

Our prayers for others manifest brotherly love and an unselfish attitude. These two areas are so important in the life of a Christian. The Apostle Paul said, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:3-4). This being true, the requests we make for others are just as important as the requests we make for ourselves. When the Lord answers our prayers for others, no doubt, our faith is increased. Jesus said loving our neighbor as our self is the second greatest commandment (Mk. 12:31).

The Apostle Paul prayed for all the churches where he labored. For example, in his letter to the Ephesians, he assured them of his prayers on their behalf. He said I “do not

cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him” (Eph. 1:16-17). The list of things he asked God to do for the Colossians was similar (Col. 1:9-12). Epaphras offered fervent prayers for the Colossian brethren. Paul told them, “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God” (Col. 4:12).

I have no doubt that Christians enjoy many blessings from God because some brother or sister in Christ prayed for them. May we not forget that praying for others should be a big part of our lives. What encouraging words when some faithful brother or sister tells us, “I AM PRAYING FOR YOU.”

~ R. J. Evans

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### *The Book of Revelation: A Book of Contrasts*

“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it...” (Revelation 1:3, NRSV). It’s a shame what some have done to the Book of Revelation. They’ve turned what was intended to be a practical book into a playground for all sorts of wild theories and

speculation. To help us see some of the practical value, let’s point out some of the contrasts in this book.

#### **Contrasts in People**

Those whose “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb” (7:14) vs. those whose robes remained “filthy” (22:11).

Those who belong to God (3:12; 7:3; 14:1, 4-5) vs. those who belong to Satan (9:4; 13:14-18; 14:9).

Those who “dwell in heaven” (12:12; 13:6) vs. those who “dwell on the earth” (3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 12:12; 13:8, 12, 14; 14:6; 17:8).

Those whose names are written in the “Book of Life” (3:5; 21:27) vs. those whose names have never been written there, or have had their names blotted out (13:8; 17:8; 20:15; 22:18-19).

Those who give “glory” to God (4:9-11; 5:11-13; 7:11-12; 11:13; 15:3-4; 19:1) vs. those who “blaspheme” God (13:5-6; 16:9, 11, 21), which includes those who will not repent (9:20-21; 16:9, 11).

Those who worship and obey God and the Lamb (14:4, 6-7, 12; 15:4; 19:10; 22:14), who live forever and ever (4:8; 5:12-13) vs. those who worship and obey the beast, who will be destroyed (13:4; 19:19-21).

Those who keep themselves pure from the world (“not defiled with women”—14:4) vs. those who become corrupted by the world (join themselves to the “great harlot”—17:1-2, 5; 19:2).

Those who are brave in the midst of persecution (2:12-13; 6:9; 12:11; 20:4) vs. those who are cowards (13:11-18; 21:8).

Those who hate false teaching (2:2, 6; 14:5) vs. those who either love it (22:15) or tolerate it (2:14-15, 20).

#### **Contrasts in Rewards**

Those who drink from “living fountains of waters” (7:17; 21:6; 22:1, 17) vs. those who “drink the wine of the wrath of God” (14:8-10).

Those who dine with the Lord (3:20; 19:9) vs. those devoured by the Lord (19:17-21). Those who “rest from their labors” (14:12-13) vs. those “who have no rest day or night” (14:11).

Those who stand victoriously on the “sea of glass” (15:2) vs. those cast into the “lake of fire and brimstone” (19:20; 20:10, 15; 21:8).

Those who never experience pain and anguish again (21:4) vs. those who suffer forever and ever (14:10-11; 20:10).

Those who “enter through the gates” into the heavenly city (21:24-27; 22:14) vs. those who are left “outside” (22:15).

#### **CONCLUSION:**

It’s not real hard to see WHO receives WHAT, is it?

~ Bryan Gibson