

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Joe Brown (*ongoing medical*), the Day family (*Robyn's father; Ricky; cancer*), Linda James (*ongoing medical*), Linda McKenzie, Ahrea Miller (*recent fall*), Butch Morgan (*Ongoing medical*), Suzette Stevens (*health struggles*), Mary Stevens (*with recent passing of her brother, last week*).

Family and friends: Marvin Brown (*from Plant City, cancer*), Ron Daly (*Evangelist in Indiana; still recovering from injuries in severe accident*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*); James, MaryAnne and Lyla King (*Zachary King's parents & daughter*), Rowena Lawson (*health struggles*), Paul Lloyd (*still at rehab facility in Ohio*), John Marschall (*Bob Marschall's father*), Dorothy Trice (*Carla Moore's mother is back home*).

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

Kids' Review: There will be a short kids' review class following the evening service tonight.

Area Meetings: The Trilacoochee Church of Christ has a Gospel Meeting with Basilio Munoz that begins today and continues through Friday evening (*Oct. 13th-18th*). Let us be an encouragement and attend, if possible.

Ladies' Bible Class: Resumes October 14, 7PM (*tomorrow*); at Paula Sullivan's home. Please study lesson number 2 on page 10, "The Trouble With Worry" in the book "Troubled Over Many Things," by Connie Adams.

Men's Bible Study: The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*Oct. 27th*).

Remember and encourage those who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 10/16/19

Song Leader: Logan Lanning
 Opening Prayer: Leon Miller
 Invitation: Trent Stevens
 Announcements: Bob Marschall
 Closing Prayer: Clay Sadler
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 Usher: Leon Miller

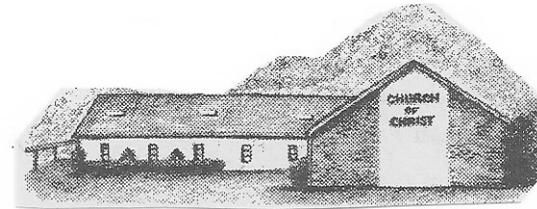
Sunday Evening: 10/20/19

Lord's Table: Bucky Day
 Song Leader: Joe Brown
 Opening Prayer: Clay Sadler
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall
 Recordings: Bob Marschall
 Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 10/20/19

Lord's Table: Bucky Day (B)
 Mike Sadler (C)
 Serving: David Williams
 Jeff Lanning
 Song Leader: Keith Marschall

Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Ryan Boyette
 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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"A Comparison of Efforts"

Persistence, diligence, loyalty, passion, devotion are all characteristics, along with many others, that describe effort and receive almost universal praise. But the virtue of such characteristics depends entirely on the direction in which they are aimed. God finds many cases of such character to be disturbing. In Isaiah 57 God speaks much of the idolatry that Israel has been involved in. Then in verse 10 he points to the great effort they put forth in pursuing wickedness. "You were tired out by the length of your road, Yet you did not say, 'It is hopeless.' You found renewed strength, Therefore you did not faint." Again, through Malachi He compares the effort of the people in pleasing the governor to their efforts in pleasing God. "But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts" (Mal. 1:8).

We often see someone who lacks devotion, diligence, passion, etc. for God and think that such a person lacks those qualities altogether. This is not always the case. In many cases we find people who are very successful in other facets of their lives and yet fail-ures in their service to God. As we see in the examples above, it is clear that Israel knew how to push through diffi-culty to achieve their desires and to give of their best, what they lacked was the proper aim for their effort.

What about you? Have you pur-sued success in your professional car-er and through great effort achieved a success that will rust, decay, and be burned up? Put the same effort into pursuit of treasure that can never be destroyed (Matt. 6:19-20). Have you pursued athletic skills which have some profit but at their highest level can on-ly reward you with a perishable crown? Put that same devotion into exercising your faith which will lead to an eternal crown (1 Tim. 4:8; 1 Cor. 9:25). Have you been a good friend and opened your heart up to people of the world even as they draw you away from the greatest Friend we have in Christ? Use your personal skills to develop rela-tionships with God's people and there-

by be drawn toward Him and not away (2 Cor. 6:12-7:2).

There is surely a time and place for building up character where it is lacking. But sometimes we need to simply take what we have and point it in the right direction. The one talent man didn't need more talents to make him a good steward. What he needed to do was use his one talent well. Then more talents would have followed (Matt. 25:14-30). Are you using your qualities (whatever they are) in the pur-suit of the only thing that will eternally matter? Will you give your greatest ef-fort to God or squander it elsewhere?

~ Stephen Russell

“Why Do You Doubt?”

Our God does not fail (Josh. 21:45; 1 Cor. 1:9).

God is faithful; do not let your soul doubt this certain truth (2 Tim. 2:11-13; Psa. 46:1-2).

God has prepared solution amid one's crisis (Rom. 8:28).

He has prepared a way out, though every-thing seems to be surrounded (2 Cor. 4:8-10, 16-18).

God has prepared victory, though defeat seems inevitable (Psa. 22:1-31).

He has prepared a table in the presence of our enemies (Psa. 23:1-6).

God has prepared deliverance, though we do not yet see (Rev. 19:11-16).

He does not fail, does not lie, and nothing is impossible for God (Tit. 1:2; Heb. 6:17-20).

Do you believe (Cf. Matt. 14:30-33; Mk. 9:23-24)?

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

9 The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

10 All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, And Your saints shall bless You.

11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,

12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,

And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all gener-ations.

~ Psalm 145:8-13

*“For with God nothing will be impossible.”
~ Luke 1:37*

*Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”
~ John 20:27*

*But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
~ James 1:6*

*3 Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithful-ness.*

*4 Delight yourself also in the Lord,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

*5 Commit your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.*

~ Psalm 37:3-5

(Passages above are from the New King James Version of the Holy Bible)

~ Ian Rice