

## How Quick Are We To Give Up?

Most of us have seen times when everything seems to go wrong, and we are ready to quit or as the world may say just 'throw in the towel'. The sad thing is, we let this attitude affect our spiritual lives also. Some have gone to the extreme of blaming God and this is tragic: It is a great blessing that God doesn't operate as we humans do.

We have many examples of men of old who had hardships that made them closer to God. Should not this be our attitude and goal? One who comes to mind is Joseph, son of Jacob, recorded in the great book of Genesis, chapter 37 to the rest of the book is the life of Joseph. He was envied and hated by his fleshly brothers even some of them wanted to put him to death. But instead they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver (Gen 37:28), as they were traveling to Egypt, which in turn sold Joseph to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, (Gen 39:1). We could say in capacity of a slave. Later he was put in prison for a crime he didn't commit due to a falsehood of Potiphar's wife (Gen 39:7-20). Still Joseph kept his faith in God and refused to commit sin against God, which would be wonderful if all of us would do the same as Joseph.

God so blessed Joseph that after all the hardships he suffered finally he was given a position of second only to Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Joseph's trust and faith in God enabled him to overcome and withstand the trials and hardships he faced.

God will also see us through, if we will only do what is commanded of us in His Holy Word. God has promised to "never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5).

Paul wrote to the Philippians, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). "If God be for us, who can be against us" (Rom. 8:31).

We can be victorious over trials and hardships. Matt. 10:32 says, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

May God bless us to do so.

- The elders

## "If Christ Be Not Risen..."

They're at it again! Hollywood is once again hot on the trail of disproving Christianity. Filmmaker James Cameron claims to have irrefutable evidence that two stone caskets found in 1980 in a Jerusalem suburb contain the remains of Jesus, Mary Magdalene (whom He supposedly married- remember "The Da Vinci Code?"), and Judah (a son the two supposedly had). Cameron's documentary is set to air on the Discovery Channel on March 4.

Commenting on the impact of the "discovery," a Hollins University professor ignorantly stated that even if these are the remains of Jesus that would in no way discredit His life and teachings, and that people could still view Him as the Son of God and as Savior. Paul plainly stated that "if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (I Cor. 15:14). He added, "Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not" (I Cor. 15:15). "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (I Cor. 15:17). Thus, if the bones of Jesus are indeed in that stone box discovered in 1980, the preaching and writings of the apostles are false, there is no basis for Christianity and man is still in his sins and has no hope. The very foundation of Christianity rests upon this one matter- the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Simply stated, if He was not raised from the dead, He was a fraud, Christianity crumbles and no part of it is plausible.

However, His body was raised from that tomb! He was "declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:4). After His resurrection He was seen by well over 500 credible witnesses (I Cor. 15:6). Neither James Cameron nor any other man shall ever be able to prove otherwise! Those stone boxes may contain bones, but they are not the bones of Jesus. He has been raised from the dead to die no more (Rom. 6:9), and ever lives to make intercession for His own (Heb. 7:25). Praise our God, "He is not here, for He is risen" (Mt. 28:6)! -Eddy

## Teens

Congratulations to **Chelsea High** for qualifying for the state indoor track meet in the 55 meter hurdles and the high jump.

**Caleb Guard** will be doing an internship at **Apologetics Press** this summer. He will be working with all of the staff but his immediate supervisor will be Caleb Colley.

### Events for March:

March 10—Winter Youth Devo at Lake Drive—6:00

March 11—TBS—Teen Bible Study—7:00

March 18-21—Gospel Meeting—7:00 each evening

March 23—Youth Game Night—7:00

### Dates for Teens:

June 17-23, 2007 VCC

July 1-6, 2007 Horizons Senior Week

July 8-13, 2007 Horizons Junior Week

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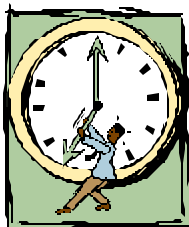
The Pearsons now have a family website with pictures of the baby:

<http://russanderinarnold.home.comcast.net>

Eddy is out of town this weekend so we will enjoy hearing from Don Pettit this morning and Tom Duff this evening.

We will no longer be washing the communion cups to be sent to Tanzania. We will order them to be shipped direct to Africa. If you prepare the communion please dispose of the used cups.

Don't forget!! The time changes next week, March 10. Don't forget to spring ahead and set your clocks up 1 hour before going to bed next Saturday.



## West Side's Older Workers

The next WOW meeting will be Tuesday, March 13 at 10:30 here at the building.

Send a Note: Levi & Essie Graves, 6800 Lucy Corr Blvd. #19, Chesterfield, VA 23832

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We appreciate your prayers, the beautiful flowers, your coming to the funeral home and cards that have been so many.

In Christian Love,  
Luetta, Collin and the McNeil  
Family

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## Team Events

New Team events are going on!!! Check here every week for activities your team will be doing!

### Team 1 - Tom Duff

Trash pick up has been rescheduled for March 24. Team 1 will be sponsoring the quarterly Fellowship Dinner on March 18 after morning services. Everyone plan on bringing your favorite dish for pot luck.

### Team 2 - Bob Garby

Team 2 will have a trash pick-up on May 5. Mark your calendars.

### Team 3 - David Brown

Team 3 will be door knocking at 4:00 and a Sing & Sweets fellowship at 5:00 on March 10. Each family bring a 2 liter and a dessert. Sign up sheet on the board.  
Meal with the preacher will be a pot luck on Monday, 3/19, at 5:45 in the fellowship hall.

### Team 4 - Tom Rogers

Team 4 will be having a Spring Get Together on April 1. Mark your calendars.

### TEAM LEADERS: Gospel Meeting Preacher Meals

Team 1—Sunday Fellowship meal; Team 3—Monday evening; Team 2—Tuesday evening; Team 4—Wednesday evening. March 18-21.

## SICK

**Sandy Garby** will be having surgery on March 12.

**Betty Jenkins** will be returning to UVA on March 8.

Bethany Wine, friend of **Shannon Lowe**, will have heart catheterization on Monday at Duke.

Cynthia Oliver, **Betty Buckner's** daughter, had a biopsy and is waiting for results.

Larry Hartman will be having possible skin cancers removed from his face.

Remember the following in prayer: **Effie Wimmer, Betty Dixon, Debbie Johnson, Tillie Dixon, Cline Phillips, Luetta Gregory.**

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### In Sympathy:

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Don Clark** who passed away on Feb 28. He is a former member here. Send cards to Althea Clark, 9507 Park Bluff Court, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

Our sympathies are also extended to the families of **Dan Hudgins, CE Mannon, & Sam McNeil** who passed away last week.

\* CD's of Dan's Memorial are available. See Tom Richardson.



### Happy Birthday this week to:

Barry White—3/4

Jerry Wood—3/5

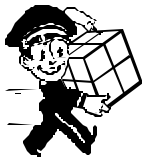
Preston Duff—3/6

Luke Guard—3/8

Dorothy & Sophia Mays—3/11

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**MARCH & APRIL ITEMS FOR STAFFORDS:** Slim Jims & Bacon Bits. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!!



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New Address: Therese Parker  
2200 Stephenson Avenue, SW  
Apt 304  
Roanoke, VA 24014  
Phone: 804-921-8888

## MAKING MARRIAGE MORE MEANINGFUL

There is a sign up sheet on the board for this event. There are also flyer and business card invitations in the foyer. Invite all your married or soon to be married couples to this event.

## HOUSE TO HOUSE LABELING

House to House labeling will be today at 4:00.

## VCC BOARD MEETING

There will be a Virginia Christian Camp Board Meeting on March 8 at 7:00 pm at West Side.

## M4 MEETING

There will be a M4 meeting next Sunday at 5:00 in the auditorium.

## SINGING SERVICE

We will be having a quarterly singing service next Sunday evening during services.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

There will be a ladies night out on March 13 at 6:30 at the home of Michelle Earnhart. See her if you need directions.

## MEN'S RETREAT

The 18th Annual Men's Study Retreat will be March 16 & 17 at Camp Tuk-a-Way. Registration forms are in the tract rack. Lake Drive hosts this event and the speaker will be Gene Burgett from High Springs, FL.

## GOSPEL MEETING

Our gospel meeting will be in two weeks. Start inviting your friends to hear Chuck Webster from Hoover, AL. Flyers are in the foyer.

## WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Erin Leddy (future Mrs. Andy Duran) on Sunday, March 25 at 4:00 here at the building. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Kohl's, and Walmart. See Jeanny if you have questions.

## POLICY NOTICE

The building use policy has been changed to allow for the use of pre-approved, recorded instrumental music for wedding and other approved gatherings. Such music must be approved by the elders and may not include hymns or other spiritual songs.

**March 2007**

**Announcements** Tom Duff  
**Song Leader (AM)** Charlie Gwaltney

**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
**3/4** Greg Edwards  
**3/11** Wayne Dixon  
**3/18** Jerry Anderson  
**3/25** Don Pettit

**Preside at Communion** Collin Gregory  
**Serve Table**

Roger Mays Ryan Simms  
 Fred Altizer Garrett Durham

**Closing Prayer**

**3/4** Paul Mays  
**3/11** Charlie Maness  
**3/18** Crawford Keith  
**3/25** Danny Guard

**Song Leader (PM)** David Brown

**Opening Prayer (PM)**

**3/4** Richard Simms  
**3/11** Murphy Scott  
**3/18** Gary Sartain  
**3/25** Tom Richardson

**Scripture Reader**

Luke Guard

**Closing Prayer (PM)**

**3/4** A C Janney  
**3/11** Adam House  
**3/18** Glenn Hartman  
**3/25** Jim Harrington

**Serve Table (PM)** Herb Baker Tom Rogers

**Song Leader (Wed)** Josh Whitlow

**Prayer (Wed)**

**3/7** Roger Mays  
**3/14** David Brown  
**3/21** Fred Altizer  
**3/28** Charlie Gwaltney

**Door Man** Tom Duff

**Greeters** Puckett Paxton

**Nursery Attend** Susan Duff Evelyn Scott

**Ushers** John Black Norris Gearhart

**Handouts** Bob Garby Shawn Simms

**Alternates** Squeaky Valentine

**Prepare comm.** Peggy Paxton Kay Anderson

**Last weeks attendance** 2/25&28/07

Bible Class— 123 Worship Service—157

Eve. Worship—106 Wed. Service—144

Contribution—\$5511