

Courage, Strength, Compassion

Standing for what you believe in,
Regardless of the odds against you,
And the pressure that tears at your resistance,
...Means Courage.

Keeping a smile on your face,
When inside, you feel like dying,
For the sake of supporting others,
...Means Strength.

Stopping at nothing,
And doing what's in your heart,
You know is right,
...Means Determination.

Doing more than is expected,
To make another's life a little more bearable,
Without uttering a single complaint,
...Means Compassion.

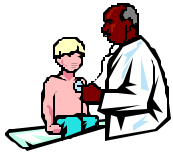
Helping a friend in need,
No matter the time or effort,
To the best of our ability,
...Means Loyalty.

Giving more than you have,
And expecting nothing, but nothing in return,
...Means Selflessness.

Holding your head high,
And being the best you know you can be
When life seems to fall apart at your feet,
Facing each difficulty with the confidence
That time will bring you better tomorrows,
And never giving up,
...Means Confidence.

Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:
**Marguerite Charles, Lyn Anderson,
 Martha Keith, Miriam Majors,
 Betty Jenkins, WJ Wood, Cynthia
 Angelotti, Roy Doss, Jonnie
 Charles, Jim McCray, Sandra
 Wood, Peggy Paxton.**



Larry Phillips will be having cataract surgery on Tuesday.

Kathleen Soliday, Sandy Garby's mother, had a heart catheterization to determine damage.

Ray Stricklin, Jo Ann Edwards' father, had a heart catheterization on Thursday to fix blocked arteries.

Happy Birthday this week to:

- Claire Gray—4/14
- Grant Oldham—4/15
- Mike Durham—4/16
- Lisa Valentine—4/18
- Kirk Gilpin—4/19



Happy Anniversary this week to:

Jason & Melissa Oldham—4/15



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APRIL ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Kashi Go Lean cereal, All Bran Yogurt Bites cereal, regular non-microwave popcorn. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

Congratulations!!

Ben Nikkel was awarded the Environmental Science Senior Scholar by Roanoke College. He received a pewter Jefferson Cup for his achievement. Ben also received Deans List Honors for the Fall 2008 Semester.

Ben will graduate from Roanoke College on Saturday, May 2.



Upcoming Events:

Team 2 (Garby) will be having a cook out at Herb & Shirley Baker's home on April 25. Sign up sheet coming soon.



Teens

April Dates
 4/19—TBS



Have you contacted Luke yet? Email at lukeguard@gmail.com or call him at 540-556-8855. Let him know what you want to study and what you want to do!!

WOW

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, at 10:30.

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Virginia Christian Camp will be on June 21-27 and will be here before you know it. Plans are being made for another great year at camp!



Applications are in the foyer. Deadline is May 15 so hurry and get your application sent to Curtis!! If you are interested in volunteering see one of the board members who are members here at WS— Danny Guard, Lyn Shrader, Jerry Anderson, and Jeff Reed.

Donation Boxes located in the foyer!!
Kitchen Needs—West Side is to supply 20 8 oz. bottles of mustard.

Craft Needs—Old dishrags and towels (to be used for clean up), 409, hand soap & dish detergent, disposable plastic tablecloths, 5 ounce plastic cups, paper towels, ready made cake-frosting bowls w/lids, small frozen dinner trays, pencils & pens, Ziplock baggies, Sharpie Markers (all colors)

For Your Information

Weekly Reminders

AREA WIDE PREACHERS MEETING

There will be 2 different area wide preachers meetings in April. On April 13 at 10:30 Winford Clairborn will be speaking and on April 20, Keith Kasarjain will be speaking. Make plans to be here if you have a chance.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

April Ladies Night Out will be on April 27 at 6:30. Details will be available soon.

TURN, TURN, TURN

The next T3 planners meeting will be on May, 3 at 4:30.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Leadership Workshop at West Side, May 15, 16, with William Woodson and Tom Holland (details to follow). These sessions are for both men and women. Make your plans to be here to hear both of these great men of God. (Brother Woodson will also be teaching a class and preaching to us on Sunday, May 17.)

GOSPEL MEETING

West Side's Spring Gospel Meeting will be May 24-27 with Wade Webster, of Southaven, MS. Make your plans to be here and be praying and preparing for this effort.

Attached is an address label for each of our upcoming speakers. Write a note of encouragement to these men and let them know that we are looking forward to their coming and that we are praying for their efforts.

Tom Holland
P.O. Box 611
Brentwood, TN 37024

William Woodson
229 Capeton Ave.
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

Wade Webster
1483 Brookhaven Dr.
Southaven, MS 38671

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Prayer list:

- Marguerite Charles
- Lyn Anderson
- Martha Keith
- Miriam Majors
- Betty Jenkins
- WJ Wood
- Cynthia Angelotti
- Roy Doss
- Jonnie Charles
- Jim McCray
- Sandra Wood
- Peggy Paxton
- Larry Phillips
- Kathleen Soliday
- Ray Stricklin

Activities:

- Preacher's Meeting—4/13
- WOW—4/14
- TBS—4/19



April 2009

“If Any Man” (7)

Announcements	Fred Altizer
Song Leader (AM)	Charlie Gwaltney
Opening Prayer (AM)	
4/5	Bobby Martin
4/12	Tom Richardson
4/19	Don Pettit
4/26	Herb Baker
Preside at Communion	Marc Laplante
Serve Table	Roger Mays Sam Valentine AC Janney Glenn Hartman
Closing Prayer	
4/5	Mike Durham
4/12	Jim Harrington
4/19	Richard Simms
4/26	Eric Earnhart
Song Leader (PM)	Josh Whitlow
Opening Prayer (PM)	
4/5	Squeaky Valentine
4/12	Bradford Durham
4/19	Tom Rogers
4/26	Jeremy White
Scripture Reader	Cameron Brown
Closing Prayer (PM)	
4/5	Jerry Anderson
4/12	Jeff Durham
4/19	Gene Benefield
4/26	George Mellon
Serve Table (PM)	Mark Brooks Garrett Durham
Song Leader (Wed)	Eric Earnhart
Prayer (Wed)	
4/1	Danny Guard
4/8	Bob Garby
4/15	Greg Edwards
4/22	Paul Mays
4/29	Jim Harrington
Open/Close Bldg Greeters	Eric Earnhart Bakers & Mays
Nursery Attend	Shannon Lowe Wanda Martin
Ushers	Jim Bush Norris Gearhart
Handouts	Paul Mays Mark Brooks Curtis Oakes Nathan Pelfrey
Alternates	Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion	Hazel McFalls Melissa Oldham
Cards & Pencils	Dylan Tyler Chandler Jearls

Last weeks attendance 4/5&8/09

Bible Class—138 Worship Service—171
Sunday Eve.—132 Wednesday Eve.—129
Contribution—\$7845

April 12, 2009

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Repetition is often said to be the key to learning. There are many words and phrases that are used numerous times in Scripture. And, even though something needs to be said only once by God in order to be binding on man, whenever there is a repetition of such man would do well to take heed to it. Such is the case with the phrase “if any man,” which appears 62 times in the New Testament. Let’s continue our examination of this important phrase.

John 12:47 reveals a somewhat confusing statement if viewed without the immediate and remote contexts (which is true of many Bible statements- hence, the need to study passages in context). Jesus stated, “And *if any man* hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.” This statement came near the end of his public response to the unrepentant chief rulers (Jn. 12:42, 43), which began in John 12:44. In that passage Jesus said, “He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.” As is often the case in John’s writings a grammatical figure called an ellipsis is used. An ellipsis is the intentional omission of a word or phrase that is nevertheless understood and essential to the completion of the thought. It is often employed as a means of emphasis. In this particular passage Jesus implied that the one who believes on Him does not believe on Him *only* (“only” being the ellipsis), but also on the One Who sent Him. In verse 47 the thought is that Jesus did not come the first time to judge the world, but rather to save the world (His mission- Lk. 19:10). This verse should not be misconstrued to teach that Jesus will not judge those who do not believe in or obey Him. In fact, the very next verse teaches that He will indeed judge the world. He stated, “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” (Jn. 12:48). Other passages make this abundantly clear (Mt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46; Heb. 5:8, 9; Jas. 2:17, 20, 24). His second coming will involve judging those who fail to obey (Mt. 25:41-46; II Thes. 1:7-9). Thus, “if any man” refuses to hear, believe and/or obey the words of the Lord he will indeed be judged and condemned.

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