

READY OR NOT

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In a cemetery in Hanover, Germany, is a grave covered with huge slabs of granite and marble and fastened with heavy steel clasps. It belongs to a woman who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Yet she directed in her will that her grave be made so secure that if there were a resurrection, it could not reach her. In time, however, a seed began to grow and push its way out from beneath the slabs. As the trunk enlarged, the stones were gradually shifted and the steel clasps were wrenched from their sockets. But the dynamic life force contained in that little seed is only a faint reflection of the tremendous power of God's creative word that someday will call to life the bodies of all who are in their graves. Willing or not, they will be resurrected.

A messenger from God revealed this same truth to Daniel. As this angelic messenger opened the door to the hallway of time, he revealed to the prophet many things: the rise and fall of various kingdoms, the invasion of the army from the North and, ultimately, the resurrection of the dead. For those who are prepared, whose names are written in the Book of Life, it is a resurrection to everlasting life. For those unprepared, it is a resurrection to everlasting damnation.

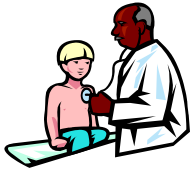
This Old Testament message is also echoed throughout the New Testament. The apostle Paul declared that "the dead in Christ will rise first" (1 The. 4:16), while the apostle John saw the dead who were "judged, each one according to his works" (Rev. 20:13).

There is no way that you can avoid the resurrection, but you can be ready for it. Make sure that your name is written in the Book of Life. Only a fool fails to prepare for what he knows is coming. Have you believed in Christ (Jn. 3:16), repented of your sins (Lk. 13:3), confessed the name of Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), and been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)? If not - you are not prepared for the Judgment!

Continue to remember in prayer:

Sick

Margaret Kratz, Miriam Majors, Betty Jenkins, Jim Dorsett, E.V. Wimmer, Martha Keith, WJ Wood, Al Furrow, Lyn Anderson, Marguerite Charles, Jo Musgrove, Bob Maness, Wes White, Elizabeth Hovey



- Isabelle Simmons is home and will continue her treatments.
- Mitzi Pettit fell last week but has no broken bones.
- Michelle Earnhart has been having back problems recently.

Sympathy is extended to Velda Gearhart in the death of her nephew, Chris Wright, who died in a car accident last week.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Herb Baker—11/17
Shirley Baker—11/20



Happy Anniversary this week to:

Eddy & Jeanny Silpin—11/20
Jim & Rosemary Bush—11/22



Military



Jay Martin—Afghanistan

NOVEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Microwave kettle corn and packets of seasoning (taco, fajita, stroganoff). Give your items to Jenny and she will ship them over!



Upcoming Events:



The Potters Christmas Wish List is posted on the board in the hallway. See your team leader for details. All gifts must be ready to go by December 6!

We will be having an All Team Holiday Fellowship on December 13. More details to follow next month!

Teens

November Dates



November 15—TBS
November 21—WS Youth Rally
November 29—Young Men Conduct Services

Bible Bowl is set for March 6
Study Guides are available!

WOW

The next regular meeting will be on December 8 at 10:30.

There will be a special meeting tonight after services for the WOW group and anyone who is interested in helping out the WOW group work on a holiday project for the shut ins.

80th Birthday

Rose Shoulders will be 80 years young this Tuesday, November 17. You can send her a card to the following address:

Address removed per congregation privacy policy. See hard-copy or contact the office.



Weekly Reminders

For Your Information

DISCOVERY CLUB

The Discovery Club will be holding it's last meeting until spring to-day at 4:00 in the large classroom.

PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

The Primary Teachers Meeting will be today at 4:30. 4/K teachers are in charge of snacks. Please bring any items you purchased during the teachers workshop to share with other teachers!

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The December LNO will be held at Jackie Dixon's home on December 3 at 6:30. More details to follow.

FAITHFUL FINANCES 101

Jeff Durham will be teaching a class in December on Faithful Finances 101 in the fellowship hall. Please sign up for this class if you are interested so appropriate amounts of material will be available. Also if you have any specific questions/topics you would like to see addressed during this class let Jeff know!

POTTERS CHILDRENS HOME

The Potters Van will be here during the week of December 6 to pick up gleaner cans. You can pick up a can from the foyer and fill it up! They will also be here to pick up any gifts from the Wish List. The list of gift items is located in the foyer.

MARRIAGE RETREAT

The Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat is scheduled for February 17-20, 2010 at the Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn Conference Center. Guest Speakers include Phillip Hines of Hartselle, AL and David Shannon of Mt. Juliet, TN. Details are on the board and make your reservations soon!!!

LADIES CLASSES

There will be 2 different ladies classes offered in 2010. Spring 2010 will be taught by Jeanny Gilpin and Winter 2010 will be taught by Rebecca Durham. More details later!

FELLOWSHIP HALL/BUILDING USE

Please check the calendar in the fellowship hall before scheduling events for the building. If you have an upcoming event and wish to use the building you can reserve it by writing it on the calendar and letting the office know of your plans! Please remember other groups use this building also.

Prayer list:

Marguerite Charles
Lyn Anderson
Martha Keith
Miriam Majors
Betty Jenkins
WJ Wood
Margaret Kratz
Wes White
Jim Dorsett
E.V. Wimmer
Charlie Puckett
Jo Musgrove
Al Furrow
Chris Richardson
Bob Maness
David McFalls
Mitzi Pettit
Michelle Earnhart
Isabelle Simmons

Activities:

Discovery Club—11/15
PRIMARY Teachers—11/15
TBS—11/15
WOW Meeting—11/15



This week's □□□□□□□□
Emphasis: Evangelism

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Tackling Our Own Players

Announcements	Danny Guard
Song Leader (AM)	David Brown
Opening Prayer (AM)	
11/1	Jerry Anderson
11/8	Richard Simms
11/15	Don Pettit
11/22	Squeaky Valentine
11/29	Mitch Jearls
Preside at Communion	Wayne Dixon
Serve Table	Adam House Greg Edwards Jeremy White Jason Oldham
Closing Prayer	
11/1	Eric Earnhart
11/8	Bob Garby
11/15	Gene Benefield
11/22	Bob Martin
11/29	Fred Altizer
Song Leader (PM)	Josh Whitlow
Opening Prayer (PM)	
11/1	Jeff Durham
11/8	AC Janney
11/15	Jim Harrington
11/22	Barry White
11/29	Roger Mays
Scripture Reader	Sam Valentine
Closing Prayer (PM)	
11/1	Ethan Rogers
11/8	Tom Rogers
11/15	Glenn Hartman
11/22	Collin Gregory
11/29	Herb Baker
Serve Table (PM)	Garrett Durham Cameron Brown
Song Leader (Wed)	Tom Rogers
Prayer (Wed)	
11/4	Mike Durham
11/11	Tom Richardson
11/18	Marc Laplante
11/25	Tanner Reed
Open/Close Bldg	Fred Altizer
Greeters	Hartman/Argabright
Nursery Attend	Sarah Cook Becky Cooke
Ushers	Norris Gearhart Curtis Oakes
Handouts	Andrew Gibson Nathan Pelfrey Mark Brooks Jimmy Harrington
Prepare communion	Pat Gwaltney Martha Wood
Cards & Pencils	Garrett Laplante Chandler Jearls

Last weeks attendance 11/8&11/09

Bible Class— 141 Worship Service—169
 Sunday Eve.— 135 Wednesday Eve.—114
 Contribution—\$7625

Perhaps you saw the highlight clip on ESPN this past week of a semi-pro football game involving the Las Vegas Cobras in which a player tackled his own teammate. The opposing team punted to Las Vegas. The punt returner picked up the ball on his own 15 yard line and appeared to be making his way through much of the opposition toward his own goal line, until one of his own players tackled him on the 40 yard line. Immediately, the player knew what he had done, but it was too late. The runner was ruled down and the play stopped.

While the blooper itself made it on ESPN and other outlets and was humorous, it serves to illustrate a point that is not so funny. There are times when, as Christians, we are guilty of “tackling our own players.” We are guilty of impeding our own progress, stopping our own good works, hurting our own cause. At times through our actions we negate the good that others are doing. Because of our attitudes, actions or inactions, we prevent others from seeing the truth. Jesus accused the Pharisees of hypocrisy in some of the sternest of terms: “And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness” (Lk. 11:39). Perhaps we should examine our lives (II Cor. 13:5) to make sure we are not living hypocritically. Little causes greater harm for the Lord’s Cause than those who claim to be Christians but whose lives reveal otherwise.

Do you participate in dancing, gossip, using vulgar language and telling vulgar jokes, pornography, alcohol use, tobacco use and other such things? Do you fail to assemble with the Lord’s people at appointed hours, or speak badly of the church before others? If so, your influence in doing such things speaks much more loudly than do your actions or words in attempting to bring someone to Christ. James tells us that friendship with the world is enmity with God (Jas. 4:4). The Lord said we “cannot serve God and mammon” (Mt. 6:24). If you are living in such a way as to bring reproach on the Lord’s church, you are guilty of “tackling your own player.” Your life is a powerful force; but, sadly, not for good. Why not come back to the Lord and ask Him and His people to forgive your wayward life? He is pleading with you (Mt. 11:28).

-Eddy