

Down in the Dumps

Are you feeling alone? Forgotten? Neglected? No one seems to come around anymore? Well, then quit wasting your time brooding and do something about it! Get up and call someone on the phone. Inquire about their health, offer a word of encouragement, or just chat for awhile. If you can drive, get up and go to the hospital and visit our fellow Christians who are sick. Go to the nursing home and lift the spirits of those who are too often forgotten. Go visit someone who is shut in at home.

Don't wait for others to think of you. Think of them first! They will show more interest in you as a result of this than you ever imagined. Don't knock others for doing as you have done in the past—nothing. Don't judge their motives. If you want a particular person to come see you, call and invite them.

A mistake we often make is to leave everything up to the other fellow. He has to **speak** first. He has to **call** first. He has to **come by** first. He has to **invite** me first. What ever is done in the way of showing mutual love, the other person has to take the lead. WHY? Why not me? Many people expect others to do all the giving and doing and get hurt if they fail to measure up to our expectations. How childish!

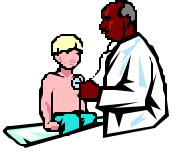
We need to quit worrying over the actions of others, over which we have no control, and consider our own actions over which we do have control.

- Author unknown

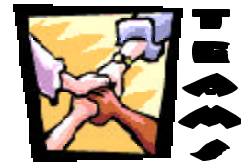
Continue to remember in prayer:

Sick

Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Miriam Majors, Betty Jen kins, Jim Dorsett, E.V. Wimmer, Lynn Anderson, Peggy Paxton, Martha Keith, Emily Richey, David Platter, Heather Reynolds, Kara Vansandt



Upcoming Events:



Team 2—Garby—will be having a cookout at the Janney's home on August 22 at 5:30. A sign-up sheet and directions are on the board. Please sign up ASAP for planning!

Also mark your calendars—Team 2 and the WOW Group will be traveling to Safari Park on September 19. More details to follow.

Happy Birthday this week to :



Madolia Rosette—8/16
Roger Mays—8/20
Melissa Marshall—8/20

Bridgette Bush—8/21
Sondra Tyler—8/22



Happy Anniversary this week to:

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AUGUST ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:



Instant sugar-free chocolate pudding and Dream Whip. Give your items to

Teens



Check the Youth Board for any information you may need about upcoming events..

WOW

~Upcoming Events~

Next WOW meeting will be Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30 am.

Trip to Safari Park— September 19

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THANKS!

Thanks to Don Pettit for filling the pulpit during Eddy's absence

Weekly Reminders

For Your Information

2009 SUMMER SERIES

Our annual Summer Series will feature Jim Harrington this Wednesday. The Summer Series is winding down, so don't miss the next two Wednesdays featuring special guest speakers.

COLLEGE SENDOFF

We will be sending off our college kids with the Hudgins/Whitlock Scholarships this evening after services. Make plans to stay and send them off with best wishes.

POLISHING THE PULPIT

PTP will be starting August 28. Details are on the board if you would like to attend. Some from our congregation will be going down.

Prayer list:

- Marguerite Charles
- Lyn Anderson
- Martha Keith
- Miriam Majors
- Betty Jenkins
- WJ Wood
- Margaret Kratz
- Jonnie Charles
- Jim Dorsett
- E.V. Wimmer
- Sandra Wood
- Emily Richey
- Peggy Paxton
- Mary Rose Michael
- David Platter
- Charlie Puckett
- Dee Riteer

Activities:

College Send off—8/16

Team 2 (Garby) cookout

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August 2009

“If Any Man” (15)

Announcements Bob Garby
Song Leader (AM) Charlie Gwaltney
Opening Prayer (AM)
8/2 David Brown
8/9 Wayne Dixon
8/16 Gene Benefield
8/23 Jerry Anderson
8/30 Paul Mays
Preside at Communion Squeaky Valentine
Serve Table Bob Martin Jason Oldham
Tom Rogers Ethan Rogers

Closing Prayer
8/2 Richard Simms
8/9 Mitch Jearls
8/16 Don Pettit
8/23 Eric Earnhart
8/30 Glenn Gabbard
Song Leader (PM) Sam Valentine
Opening Prayer (PM)
8/2 Luke Guard
8/9 Bradford Durham
8/16 Jim Harrington
8/23 Greg Edwards
8/30 Herb Baker
Scripture Reader Jimmy Harrington

Closing Prayer (PM)
8/2 AC Janney
8/9 Glenn Hartman
8/16 Charlie Maness
8/23 Collin Gregory
8/30 Cameron Brown
Serve Table (PM)
Mark Brooks Nathan Pelfrey

Song Leader (Wed) Garrett Durham
Prayer (Wed)
8/5 Charlie Maness
8/12 Jerry Anderson
8/19 Danny Guard
8/26 Eric Earnhart

Open/Close Bldg Greeters Tom Rogers
Laplante/Jearls

Nursery Attend Amanda Brown Sandra Altizer
Ushers Norris Gearhart Curtis Oakes
Handouts Chandler Jearls Dylan Tyler
Caleb Reed Tanner Reed

Alternates Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion
Gloria White Madolia Rosette
Cards & Pencils
Olivia & Natalie Valentine

Last weeks attendance 8/9&/12

Bible Class—158 Worship Service—178
Sunday Eve.—123 Wednesday Eve.—146153
Contribution—\$4,901

As we have noticed, the repetition of a word or phrase in Scripture often provides abundant material for study and profit. Much insight can often be obtained by examining passages and contexts in which the same word or phrase is used. This week we resume our look at the phrase “if any man,” which appears 62 times in the New Testament.

Second Thessalonians 3:14 states, “And *if any man* obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.” Discipline in any respect is fast becoming a vestige of the past in our modern society. Discipline in the realm of religion is virtually unseen. And, within the church it is being practiced less and less. However, church discipline is just as much a command as any other in God’s great Book. Earlier Paul had made the statement, “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us” (II Thes. 3:6).

In II Thessalonians 3:14 we note: 1) The person (“any man”- any child of God); 2) The problem (“obey not our word”); 3) The procedure (“note that man”); 4) The punishment (“have no company with him”); 5) The purpose (“that he may be ashamed”). Church discipline is to be entered into with the proper attitude of genuine concern for the individual and constant awareness of our own frailties (Gal. 6:1). It is something that is done for the benefit of the individual and not in opposition to him. Paul emphasizes this fact in the next verse: “Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother” (II Thes. 3:15). The purpose of making that individual “ashamed” is perhaps what took place with the wayward brother of Corinth (I Cor. 5; II Cor. 2:1-8).

Church discipline will work; not in every case, but it will work. Whether it brings about the desired results or not, it still must be practiced by God’s people. Any man who turns aside from serving God faithfully deserves to be loved enough to be disciplined by God’s people.

-Eddy

August 16, 2009

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