

Character: Don't Leave Home Without It

Good character is that quality which makes one dependable, whether being watched or not. The noblest of the arts and capital prize in the game of life is "Character."

Reputation is what men think we are; character is what God knows us to be and what we know ourselves to be. Reputation is the veneer; character is what is on the inside. Reputation is what one has before the footlights; character is what one is in the dark.

Character determines destiny. The fundamental principle in character building is sacrifice. Character is property—it is the noblest of possessions. Among the rarest riches a man may possess is his character.

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, much is lost; but when character is lost, all is lost.

Character, which took a lifetime to build, is often destroyed in a single act. When a renowned banker was asked what he considered the best bank collateral, he replied, "Character." Character is like the foundation of a house—it is below the surface but holds everything else up. No nation can rise higher than the character of its people.

Every man is the architect of his own character. Youth and beauty fade; character endures forever.

-Author Unknown

Birthdays this week:



Shannon Lowe—10/23
Mary Ellen Crowe—10/24
Thomas Kelly—10/25

Happy Anniversary this week to:
Glenn & Sandra Neighbors—10/18
Bobby & Wanda Martin—10/25



WOW

The WOW group will start meeting again in January 2011 with our new leaders, Tom & Nancy Richardson. Let's show them our continued support.

Daniel Ceglowski, Leah Durham's boyfriend, finished basic training for the Army National Guard. He will stay in Missouri for Advanced Individual Training for several more weeks.

Ty Stricklin has received his orders to Afghanistan in November.

Angela Halling is currently stationed in Korea.

Bible Memory Tic-Tac-Toe

Hebrews 4:12 (King James Version)

¹²For the word of God is _____, and _____, and _____ than any two edged sword, piercing even to the _____ asunder of soul and _____, and of the joints and marrow, and is a _____ of the thoughts and intents of the _____.

We will publish a memory verse each week for several weeks to go along with the original version of this. It's for all to use to increase our knowledge of God's word.

OCT. ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

Crystal Lite mixes (strawberry, kiwi, tangerine, orange classic) & Slim Jims.

Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

West Side Youth

10/17— TBS at the Teen Center 7pm
10/31—Young Men Conduct services

UPCOMING TEAM EVENTS

Team 2 will have a "Purple" fellowship on Friday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 at West Side. All food must be in purple color.

CALENDAR DATES



All upcoming events for the November and December calendar need to be in the office by October 27th. You may email them to the office or leave a note in the Secretary's Box on the Audio room door.

CONGRATULATIONS

Luke Guard and Ashton Yenawine have announced their engagement. A wedding date has been set for July 9, 2011.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the family of our dear sister, Marguerite Charles. Family addresses are posted on the hall board.

WELCOME TO WEST SIDE

Meet and greet our newest family at West Side. Jonathan and Brandi Beavers placed membership with us. They have two children, Alan and Annie.

For Your Information

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents continues this week. Bring your dinner and join us for the work!

UPDATED PICTURES

Today after services we want to update members' pictures for our hall board. Herman Lowe will be in the fellowship hall to take pictures of members whose last name starts with the letters **H-K** and any others who want theirs taken today. Please go to this area as quickly as possible.

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

Dale Ridge meeting with Garland Elkins will be October 17-20.

Collinsville meeting is October 24-27 with Steve Canup.

More details for these events are posted on the board.

ROCKY MOUNT LADIES' DAY

A Ladies' Day will be held at the Rocky Mount church of Christ on November 13th with Jeanny Gilpin as the featured speaker. More information is posted on the board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Preachers' Meeting is at West Side tomorrow at 10:30 am with Garland Elkins speaking. All are welcome to attend.

The 14th Annual Cold Harbor Lectures are November 4-7 in Mechanicsville, Va. Flyer is posted on hall board.

Our Gospel Meeting with Miles Mayo will be November 7-10 at 7pm each night. Address labels for notes are on the table in the foyer.

The Men's Planning Breakfast is November 13th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Room. All men need to plan to be here.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Our Ladies' Night Out for October is scheduled for Thursday, 28th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. A sign up sheet is posted.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our next fellowship meal will be October 20th at 5:45. Menu includes chili, sandwiches and dessert. Sign up by Oct. 17 and pay at the door!!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Thanks to the efforts of Herman Lowe there is a nice slotted Question and Answer box on the foyer table. Beginning soon, we will have a regular Q&A session on Sunday evenings. Please be sure to place your questions for consideration in the box. Thank you, Herman, for providing this for us.

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson

Norma Filler

Betty Rickler

Jim Dorsett

Al Furrow

Walter & Betty Jenkins

Martha Keith

Margaret Kratz

Miriam Majors

Jo Musgrove

Grace Myers

Evelyn Scott

Elsie Smith

Ruth Stanton

Evelyn White

EV Wimmer

WJ Wood

20-00



Willard Campbell's heart surgery has not been re-scheduled yet.

- Lynda Bailey, Floyd's mom, is undergoing tests.
- Betty Jenkins is recovering at home.
- Jim Dorsett is at Raleigh Court for rehab.
- Tammy Stilwell Murphy has tests scheduled soon.
- Glenn Gabbard is better after having a back injection.
- Joan Dorsett, Sandra's sister-in-law, is recovering from a car wreck.

Continue in prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Claude Crowe, Shannon VanRavestain, Lori Whitlow, Brooke Nicholls, Natalie Valentine, Don Pettit, Erica Regester, Annette Shrader, Jan & Kyle Shadix, Melissa & Milton Webster, Cayden Abbott (5), Sarah & Jack Cook, Hazel Maness, Bobby Paxton, Kelly Garby, Wes White, Kelly Railey, Carl Furrow, Tim Six, Abigale Janney

Announcements: Jeff Durham

Song Leader (AM) Eric Earnhart

Opening Prayer (AM)

10/3 Jim Harrington

10/10 Marc Laplante

10/17 Herman Lowe

10/24 Bob Martin

10/31 Wayne Dixon

Preside at Communion: Mike Durham

Serve Table

Jeff Williams, Mitch Jearls

Nathan Pelfrey, Herb Baker

Closing Prayer (AM)

10/3 Mark Brooks

10/10 Jim Cooke

10/17 Squeaky Valentine

10/24 Roger Mays

10/31 Josh Whitlow

Song Leader (PM) Adam House

Opening Prayer (PM)

10/3 Tom Rogers

10/10 Barry White

10/17 Don Pettit

10/24 Glenn Hartman

10/31 Cameron Brown

Scripture Reader: Andrew Gibson

Closing Prayer (PM)

10/3 Charlie Gwaltney

10/10 Jack Cook

10/17 Glenn Gabbard

10/24 Greg Edwards

10/31 Bob Garby

Serve Table (PM)

Ethan Rogers, Sam Valentine

Song Leader (Wed) Josh Whitlow

Prayer (Wed)

10/6 Ron White

10/13 Jerry Anderson

10/20 Danny Guard

10/27 Ethan Rogers

Open/Close Bldg Mike Durham

Greeters R. Mays/Neighbors

Nursery Attend Olivia Valentine

Mary Halling (PM)

Ushers John Black, Norris Gearhart

Handouts A. Gibson, Dylan Tyler

Prepare communion

Lisa Valentine, Jo Ann Edwards

Care of Bapt. Garments- M. Earnhart

Cards/Pencils - Williams/Kevin Mickens

Last week's attendance 10/10 & 10/13/10

Bible Class— 141 Worship Service—160

Sunday Eve.— 125, Wednesday Eve.—145

Contribution—\$5491

The continuation of our study of the phrase “but God” finds us again in Galatians 3, in the midst of Paul’s discussion regarding the promise given to Abraham and the law given through Moses. As noted last week, Galatians 3 contrasts the Law of Moses with the system (gospel) of Christ. The promise made to Abraham (regarding all nations- Gen. 12:1-3) came 430 years prior to the giving of the law by Moses. When the Lord sacrificed Himself on the cross He provided the end result of the promise made to Abraham, a promise that could not be annulled by man since it was based entirely on the sovereignty of God.

Since the law was also under consideration in this context, Paul asked the question, “Wherefore then serveth the law?” (Gal. 3:19). In other words, if the promise made by God to Abraham was the superior of the two, and it was based on His immutability and not man’s faithfulness, for what purpose was the law given? Paul then proceeds to answer his own question: “It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator” (Gal. 3:19). It (the law) was added to the promise (given by Abraham) because sin was in the picture. Man needed to know the severity of sin. The law pointed that out, but provided no remedy for it. That took the blood of Christ, the ultimate fulfillment of the promise to Abraham.

Having introduced the mediatory aspect of Moses in the law, Paul then notes that no such mediator was needed regarding the promise. He stated, “Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, *but God* is one” (Gal. 3:20). As both its author and the One Who fulfills it, God stands alone without need of mediation. His sovereignty, character and integrity stand alone with such a promise. From eternity, then, Christ would serve as the sacrifice for man. Nothing man could do would stop that. All that was needed for that to be a reality was God’s say so, His promise.

- Eddy