

UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

This has been the most prominent national issue of 2009. Some politicians tout its pros, while others bemoan its woes. A big vote awaits on it, and we should pray that any country's good, right ideas are advanced and its bad, wrong ideas are defeated.

There is one universal health care plan for which I am very much in support, however. It is the one designed in heaven and implemented on earth. It is not only superior to its counterparts, it is absolutely essential. Here is why I so favor this universal health care.

Its Administrator. No earthly government is in charge of it. It is the product of heaven (cf. Eph. 3:9-11; Gal. 4:4). Jesus is the Great Physician (Lk. 5:31). He provides exactly what is needed (cf. Heb. 11:40).

Its Affordability. Jesus paid the cost at Calvary (Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:7; Ti. 2:14). We could not afford the price to give ourselves proper, spiritual care, but God expended the necessary resources to provide the care full and free (Rom. 3:24; Rev. 22:17).

Its Ability. It addresses man's biggest concern, sinsickness. This spiritual ailment is eternally fatal if untreated. Whereas all earthly medicine ultimately fails (cf. Heb. 9:27; Ecc. 9:5), those who come to the Great Physician will receive eternal life if they continue to submit to His care (Heb. 9:15).

Its Attentiveness. No one gets lost in the system or neglected. There is no long paperwork or waiting process. We have access to healing whenever we pursue. All the benefits (cf. Eph. 1:3) are available when we seek them (Mt. 7:7-8). We have access as often as we seek it (Heb. 7:25).

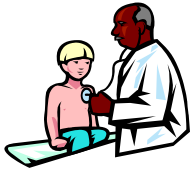
Its Ambitiousness. It is ambitious in scope--it is universal (John 3:16). It is ambitious in the nature of what it treats and covers--sin (1 Jn. 2:1-2). It is ambitious in the durability of the product--it will work for eternity (Mt. 25:46). Whatever your feelings about the health care debate going on in our country, I hope you will feel as you should about the universal health care of which I speak. You need to have it and it is readily available. There is no acceptable, alternative plan (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12). Make sure you are covered (Rom. 4:7)!

-Neal Pollard

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, Elizabeth Hovey



- Isabelle Simmons is home and will continue her treatments.
- Yvette Mays' grandmother, Emmalou, had a pacemaker installed last week.
- Jackie Dixon spent time in the ER last week.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bob Maness, Charlie Maness's brother, who passed away last week.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Gene Benefield—11/24

Glenn Gabbard—11/25

Jessica White—11/26

Greg Edwards—11/27

Harrison Williams—11/27



Happy Anniversary this week to:

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 Jeanny 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 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 is a box in the foyer for the WOW Stocking Stuffer gifts. Please have all items in by December 6!

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow.

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving? ~Erma Bombeck

On Thanksgiving Day, all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment - halftime.

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?"

We don't need more to be thankful for, we need to be more thankful.

Weekly Reminders

For Your Information

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The December LNO will be held at Jackie Dixon's home on December 3 at 6:30. Sign up sheet located on the board. Bring a gift wrapped ornament for the exchange!

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!

SUNDAY MORNING OT CLASS

There is a sign up sheet on the board for the OT outlines.

POTTERS CHILDRENS HOME

The van will be here during the week of December 6 to pick up gleaner cans, wish list gifts and our commodities drive item, Pop-tarts (any flavor).

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!!!

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.

GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK

GBN is now broadcasting the "Good News Today" program on the Inspiration Network on Sundays at 7AM. DirecTV - channel # 364 and Dish Network - channel #259.

CALENDARS

2010 Calendars are located in the foyer. Make sure you pick some up today and use them for our Emphasis: Evangelism! "Tell them their birthday is on it!"

Prayer list:

- Marguerite Charles
- Lyn Anderson
- Martha Keith
- Miriam Majors
- Betty Jenkins
- WJ Wood
- Margaret Kratz
- Jim Dorsett
- E.V. Wimmer
- Charlie Puckett
- Jo Musgrove
- Al Furrow
- Chris Richardson
- David McFalls
- Michelle Earnhart
- Isabelle Simmons
- Jackie Dixon

All of those traveling this week



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

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“When Once Thou Art Angry”

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 11/15&18/09

Bible Class— 160 Worship Service—176
 Sunday Eve.— 126 Wednesday Eve.—120
 Contribution—\$6231

The Bible reveals that “God is angry with the wicked every day” (Ps. 7:11). And, every day wicked people depart this world to face a God Who has been angered by them. For those, the Hebrews writer says it most succinctly: “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb. 10:31).

Psalms 76 is regarded as being a psalm of praise to God for His deliverance of Jerusalem from the Assyrians. The incident is recorded in II Kings 19. King Sennacherib of Assyria had taken Israel with a strong army and by God’s providence as punishment from Him. He then threatened to come against Judah, and in particular Jerusalem. King Hezekiah of Judah prayed to God for deliverance. God assured Hezekiah that Sennacherib would not even shoot an arrow against the city (II Kgs. 19:32). That night, an angel of the Lord killed 185,000 sleeping Assyrian soldiers (II Kgs. 19:35).

Among the things the psalmist recorded regarding this matter are the words found in Psalm 76:7. He stated, “Thou, even Thou, art to be feared: and *who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry?*” Who, indeed, can stand against an angry God Who is “a consuming fire” (Heb. 12:29)? Our own nation should take heed to such Biblical statements. Certainly, “Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Prov. 14:34). Every year in this nation over one million of our children are slaughtered in the abortion mills. Wayne Jackson stated:

“A national magazine polled one hundred thousand American women and discovered that some ninety percent of those not married were acknowledged fornicators. Of those married, two-thirds confessed to either having committed adultery or desiring such! The sin of sodomy is rapidly reaching a “respectable” status, and those who oppose homosexuality are considered freaks of the “religious right.” Drug abuse and alcoholism are major problems—from the elderly to elementary school age. Suicide is at epidemic proportions. America has utterly lost her moral and ethical direction!” (<http://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1499-national-security-the-real-solution>)

Indeed, our nation is adrift on a sea of wickedness and is doubtless incurring the anger of a righteous God. And, as the psalmist stated, “who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry?”

-Eddy