

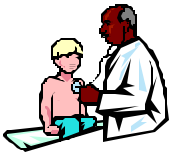
The Name of the Lord

At the peak of his popularity Arnold Schwarzenegger said that he wanted to be the most famous man in the world. He said that he wanted to reach the popularity of Jesus Christ, so that two thousand years from now people will remember him. Arnold was never considered a humble man but when I heard this statement I was astonished. The truth is that in two thousand years from now (if the Lord delays that long) no one will know the name of Arnold Schwarzenegger. He might be in the records somewhere for being governor of California, but his will not be a household name. Throughout history there have been many who wanted to reach the Lord's platform of popularity. We might read about them in history books and some may even know their names. But, as for being remembered as Jesus Christ has been remembered, every one of them has fallen far short. The truth is that two thousand years is a long time to be remembered. The fact that people still know the name of Jesus, believe in him, and know what he did proves that there is something special about Him. Jesus is still a household name and people still debate over his teachings. No one in history has had the effect on mankind that Jesus has had and still has. Two thousand years from now Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, LeBron James, and all those who have reached great popularity today will be forgotten. They may be known by history majors and recorded in history books. But none of them will have near the effect that Jesus has two thousand years from His life. If the Lord delays His return for another 2,000 years He will still be worshiped and followed. He will still be preached about and His name will still be known. Luke recorded for us why this is true. He wrote: " Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). As long as people are searching for truth and as long as people are finding it; as long as people are being saved and being added to the Lord's church then the name of Jesus will be known.

-Garrett Bookout (adapted)

Continue to remember in prayer:

Sick Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Miriam Majors, Betty Jenkins, Jim Dorsett, E.V. Wimmer, Lynn Anderson, Peggy Paxton, Martha Keith, Emily Richey, David Platter, Heather Reynolds, Kara Vansandt, WJ Wood, Kelly Doss, Jonnie Charles



- Charlie Puckett is in Friendship Manor.
- Sammy Simpkins, brother-law of Bob Martin, is now home.
- Michelle Earnhart's neighbors, the Martin's, are experiencing several family challenges.

Upcoming Events:

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



Teens

Got ideas for this fall? Talk to Mike to do some of them!!

WOW

~Upcoming Events~

Next WOW meeting will be Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30 am.
Trip to Safari Park— September 19

Happy Birthday this week to :



**Peggy Grubb—8/26
Jeff Durham—8/27
Kim Brown—8/29
Bobby Paxton—8/29**

AUGUST ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:



Instant sugar-free chocolate pudding and Dream Whip. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

All upcoming events for the months of September and October need to be in the office by August 28, 8AM.



Military

Jay Martin—Afghanistan



Remember our students and teachers as they return to school!!!!



Reminders:

- Lock your car and hide any valuables.
- Turn off your cell phone.
- Last one out—turn off all lights and lock the door.
- Fellowship hall—return thermostat to previous position.

Weekly Reminders

For Your Information

2009 SUMMER SERIES

Our annual Summer Series will feature Glenn Willcut from Rocky Mount this Wednesday.

FALL QUARTER ADULT CLASS OUTLINES

If you would like an outline for this fall quarter's adult bible class on the Old Testament please sign up on the board. Tom Rogers will be teaching this class.

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.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Please have all college kids addresses to the office by September 6. These will be posted in the following weeks bulletin and posted on the board in the hallway!

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Our LNO will begin again on September 10 at 7:00 here at the building. Bring your favorite appetizer and the recipe. Drinks and paper products will be provided. (cookbooks will be made of the recipes and passed out at a later date!!) We will also be scheduling for the months of October thru May. If you cannot be there but would like to schedule a month—see Jo Ann.

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
Sammy Simpkins
Charlie Puckett
Martin Family

Activities:

PtP—Aug 28—Sept 3

Thoughts on Accomplishments

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.

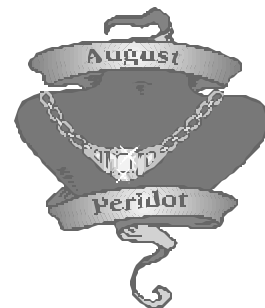
In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins, not through strength but by perseverance.

Well done is better than well said.

All that you accomplish or fail to accomplish with your life is the direct result of your thoughts.

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

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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 8/16&16/09

Bible Class—150 Worship Service—171
 Sunday Eve.—131 Wednesday Eve.—158
 Contribution—\$5690

We continue our study of the phrase “if any man,” which appears 62 times in the New Testament. Much knowledge and insight can be obtained in studying such phrases that appear so often.

James tells us, “*If any man* among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain” (Jas. 1:26). James speaks at length about one of the greatest hazards facing man- his own tongue. He states that man can control huge beasts with well-placed, small devices (Jas. 3:3) and guide huge vessels with small steering mechanisms (Jas. 3:4). However, the small tongue of man must be kept under constant surveillance by its owner lest it control the life of that individual (Jas. 3:5, 6, 8). There are numerous Bible references and warnings regarding its use.

It is of interest to note that one who purports to be a Christian but fails to control his tongue is one who only “seem[s] to be religious.” In other words, he is a hypocrite. He is a play-actor. He claims to be one thing when, in actuality, he is something completely different. Consequently, that man's religion is “vain.” It is worthless, hollow, without significance, reward, or the ability to assist others. Indeed, the tongue is a small item, but one that demands much attention.

Peter stated, “*If any man* speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; *if any man* minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (I Pet. 4:11). One who speaks regarding Biblical matters assumes the responsibility involved with it. Thus, James issues the warning that such a one must realize that he will give account unto God for his teachings (Jas. 3:1). He must understand that his utterances are actually not his, but those of God. As God told Jonah, “Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee” (Jonah 3:2). And thus it must be with any who would undertake to “preach the word” (II Tim. 4:2). “If any man” is going to speak in this realm (whether publicly or privately) he must “speak as the oracles of God.”

-Eddy