

Nobody's Friend

My name is Gossip.
I have no respect for justice.
I maim without killing.
I break hearts and ruin lives.
I am cunning and malicious and gather strength
with age.
The more I am quoted, the more I am believed.
My victims are helpless. They cannot protect
themselves against me because I have no
name and face.
To track me down is impossible.
The harder you try, the more elusive I become.
I am nobody's friend.
Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the
same.
I topple governments and wreck marriages.
I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights,
heartaches, and indigestion.
I make innocent people cry in their pillows.
Even my name hisses.
I am called Gossip.
I make headlines and headaches.
Before you repeat a story, ask yourself:
Is it true?
Is it harmless?
Is it necessary?
If it isn't, don't repeat it.

What Do You Do When You Get Married?

Last week, on the campaign trail for his wife in South Carolina, on a day filled with sparring with reporters, former president Bill Clinton was asked the most imposing (and ironic) question of the day, not by a seasoned reporter, but by a 5-year old. McKenna Chance asked Clinton, "What do you do when you get married?" In light of the many known "indiscretions" by Clinton, the room erupted with laughter- a sad commentary within itself. However, the question is indeed most profound...and vitally important.

*When you get married...*you make a vow to God, your spouse, yourself and all others. You pledge your life to your mate. You vow that you will have no other in an intimate way. You pledge that you will keep yourself for your mate alone, providing his/her needs in every avenue. You promise your allegiance to one, and only one, as long as you both shall live. (cf. Mt. 19:3-9; Rom. 7:1-3).

*When you get married...*you declare a separation from mother and father (Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:31). This is not to say, of course, that you have no more association with them, stop loving them, stop asking for occasional advice from them or refuse to care for them in their old age. It does say, however, that a new home has been formed and that it must survive on its own. The confidences of the new home should remain as such. Father and mother have no authority over the home of son or daughter. The authority of the home is first Christ's (I Cor. 11:3), and then the husband's (Eph. 5:23). If one is not prepared to leave the home of mom and dad, he/she is not yet ready to form his/her own.

*When you get married...*you promise to think of another more than of yourself. Paul's message in Ephesians 5 emphasizes this very thought. Wives are to submit to and reverence their husbands (Eph. 5:22, 33). Husbands are to love, sacrifice for and be willing to lay down their loves for their wives (Eph. 5:25, 28, 33). Selfishness is at the center of most marital problems.

*When you get married...*you pledge a life of love, devotion, care and concern for a lifetime, regardless of the troubles that come your way. Most wedding vows include the traditional "for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health." However, for far too many marriages that is all these are- tradition! Regardless of whether these or similar words are in one's wedding vows, the pledge made by these is inherent within marriage itself. Trials and troubles will come our way in life (cf. Job 14:1). - cont.

Teens

January Dates:

January 27—Afternoon Movie

Winter Youth Devos:

February 2—Christiansburg

March 8—Lake Drive

Remember our special series of studies on Sunday evenings (February 3-March 9). These are being advertised in the upcoming issue of "House to House." Our subjects will be:

February 3

"Why Jesus Christ is the Messiah and Only Savior of Man"

February 10

"Why the New Testament of Jesus Christ is the Only Authority Today"

February 17

"Why God Does Not Approve of Denominationalism"

February 24

"Why the Church of Christ is the Only One God Approves"

March 2

"Why Baptism in Water is Essential to Your Salvation"

March 9

"Why the Use of Mechanical Instruments of Music in Worship Is Sinful"

...Married? Cont. -

But, within the marriage relationship these troubles must be gotten through, lived with or overcome. With but one exception (Mt. 19:9), marriage is for life...including all the troubles it may bring.

These and a host of other things are what you do "when you get married."

Team Events

Team 3 (Brown) will be having a fellowship on February 10 after evening services. Bring your favorite dish and copies of the recipe to share!!

Team Leaders be sure to get your events to the office by Friday, 8AM. Email is best!!
office@westsidecofc-salem.com

WOW GROUP

The next meeting will be on February 12, 2008.

If you would be interested in coordinating the WOW Group functions, please see one of the elders.

Note of Thanks:

I want to express appreciation to all who turned in Gleaner cans for Potter Childrens Home. All of that extra change you saved came to a grand total of \$383.07. A THANK YOU from Potter.—Jerry Anderson

Nathan Anderson has started his job with the Missile Defense Agency. He will be residing at (Removed), Huntsville, AL 35806.

Corrections:

Please up date your plan of works with the following corrections:

Madolia Rosette— (Removed)

On page 27—Gospel Meeting Schedule—Caleb Colley will be here instead of Miles Mayo in the fall of 2010

SICK

Hazel Maness will be having surgery on Feb. 6.

Betty Jenkins may have to have gall bladder surgery soon.

Steve Jenkins, **Betty & Walter's** son, is in the VA Hosp.

Keith Angelotti, **Sandy Garby's** brother, had back surgery in Florida.

Ronnie Wertz, nephew of **Peggy Paxton**, is in ICU in a Florida hospital with a ruptured appendix.

Remember the following in prayer: **Betty Jenkins, Collin Gregory, Marguerite Charles, Betty Buckner, Effie Wimmer, Mary Anderson, Margaret Kratz, Crawford Keith, Madolia Rosette., Tirzah Cook.**

Happy Birthday this week to:

Fred Altizer—1/30
Hazel Maness—2/2
Lori Whitlow—2/2

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Tom & Melissa Rogers—1/30



MILITARY

Ty Stricklin—Stationed in Iraq

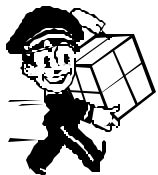
John Duran—overseas.

Kyle Nester— in Iraq

Erich Felps—in Iraq.



JANUARY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Pepperoni & assorted fruit flavors of Crystal Light. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



TURN,TURN,TURN

There will be a T3 planning session on Feb. 3 at 4:00 in the fellowship hall. Any ladies interested are welcome.

DIAPER/BABY SHOWER

Diaper Shower for Yvette Mays will be held on Feb. 10 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring diapers (size 2 and up). Hosted by Amanda Brown, Kristie Jearls, Sandy Garby and Michelle Earnhart.

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY CLASSES

For the five Wednesday evenings of February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 12 the Jr. High, Sr. High and Adult classes will be viewing the video series "The Silencing of God" in the auditorium. You are asked to make a special effort to be present for this informative series.

PRIMARY TEACHER MEETING

The next Primary Teachers Meeting will be on February 24 at 4:30. 4/K teachers in charge of snacks!

TANZANIA MISSION TRIP

Anyone interested in going on a campaign to Tanzania on September 15-29, 2008 is asked to see Eddy or Jeff before Jan. 31.

LADIES SPRING QUARTER CLASS

Jeanny Gilpin will be teaching a Sunday Morning Ladies class starting in March. If you are interested, sign up soon to receive a book!

FREED-HARDEMAN ADMISSIONS

There will be a meeting at West Side on Feb. 17 with FHU admission counselors. If your High School student is interested in more information for FHU – please sign up on the teen board. Parents are included and pizza will be served.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Education Banquet—2/23
Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat—2/14&15
SWVA Bible Bowl—3/1
Men's Study Weekend—3/14&15
MSOP Lectureships—3/30-4/3

January 2008

Announcements Jerry Anderson
Song Leader (AM) Eric Earnhart
Opening Prayer (AM)
1/6 Richard Simms
1/13 Squeaky Valentine
1/20 Barry White
1/27 Jeremy White
Preside at Communion Tom Duff
Serve Table Jim Bush Willard Campbell
Jim Cooke Preston Duff

Closing Prayer

1/6 Ethan Rogers
1/13 Tom Richardson
1/20 Paul Mays
1/27 Adam House

Song Leader (PM) Paul Mays

Opening Prayer (PM)

1/6 Don Pettit
1/13 Roger Mays
1/20 Charlie Maness
1/27 Crawford Keith

Scripture Reader Cameron Brown

Closing Prayer (PM)

1/6 Jim Harrington
1/13 Charlie Gwaltney
1/20 Collin Gregory
1/27 Bob Garby

Serve Table (PM) Glenn Gabbard Charlie Puckett

Song Leader (Wed) Josh Whitlow

Prayer (Wed)

1/2 Greg Edwards
1/9 Mike Durham
1/16 Jeff Durham
1/23 Garrett Durham
1/30 Eddy Gilpin

Open/Close Bldg Jerry Anderson

Open/Close Sun PM David Wilcox

Greeters J. & L. Cooks J. & R. Bush

Nursery Attend M. Earnhart G. Earnhart

Ushers Curtis Oakes David McFalls

Handouts John Black Herb Baker

Alternates John Black

Prepare comm. Kay Anderson Jean Argabright

Cards & Pencils Sydney Durham Chandler Jearls

Last weeks attendance 1/20&23/08

Bible Class— 146 Worship Service—177

Eve. Worship— 156 Wed. Service—142

Contribution—\$5173