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Welcome



- ◆ We pray God will be glorified, and you edified, by our time together this evening.
- ◆ We ask all cell phones be set to **silent** or **vibrate**.
- ◆ **Hearing devices** are available for those who could benefit from their use. Check with the sound room.

New Address



If you would like to mail **Kristin Moseley** while she's at Harding University, her address will be HU 11116, 915 E. Market St, Searcy, AR 72149-1116. Keep all our college students in your prayers.

Visitation



Visitation Group 1 (Frank/Gloria Buce) will pick up their assignments **Sunday, Aug. 30**, following **evening** worship, in the **old** multipurpose room. All team members are asked to be present.

Open Forum Questions



The **Question Box** for our **Open Forum** is on the table under the tract rack in the foyer. If you have a question you'd like the panel to answer, you can use the forms provided and submit it now.

Religious Survey



As previously announced by the elders, there will be a door knocking effort **this Saturday, Aug. 22**, at **2 pm**. We will meet at the building before canvassing the area around our church building. The purpose of this effort will be to conduct a religious survey from our neighbors, and hopefully to set up a Bible study with those interested. We encourage everyone interested to come and take part in this endeavor.



See you in Bible Class and Worship Sunday!

Remember in Prayer



Information available when the bulletin was printed. Listen to the announcements for updates.

- ◆ **Ailene Barnes**, **Judy's** mother, was being moved to a nursing home today. She is better.
- ◆ **Dorisa Wheeler** will have surgery **Friday, Aug. 21**, at Longview Regional to get a feeding tube.
- ◆ Continue to keep **Myrtie Findley** in your prayers.
- ◆ **Arnold Krueger** is dealing with difficulties from back pain.
- ◆ **Terrell Mayall**, visitor to our services and known to several of our members, is having kidney and heart problems.
- ◆ **Louisa Palacios**, the mother of a friend of **Lynn Hickey**, has been diagnosed with a malignancy.
- ◆ Also keep in prayer **Janet Ryman**, **Leslie Stovall**, and **Jay Bunt** as they deal with cancer.

Please continue to remember in prayer our **shut-ins**, **whether home bound or in nursing facilities**.

2009 Lectureship



Our lectureship begins next weekend! Are you ready?

- ◆ **Invite** someone to attend. Brochures are available in the foyer.
- ◆ **Pray** for the safety of our speakers as they travel back and forth to be with us. Pray for them to boldly proclaim the truth of the gospel.
- ◆ Make plans to **be present for each session**. We all need to be encouraged in the word of God.
- ◆ We still need a few volunteers to **greet our visitors** during our lectureship. This involves sitting at the main table, getting them to register, offering them a name tag, and assisting them if they have any questions. Please fill out the sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help.
- ◆ **All classes except the nursery class** will meet with the adults for Sunday Bible class (**Aug. 30**).
- ◆ We will have a **potluck noon meal** following Sunday morning worship (**Aug. 30**). The meat will be provided by the church. We ask everyone else to bring vegetables, bread, desserts, etc. Please plan to stay and enjoy this time together.

WHAT CAN I DO?

“What can I do?” It’s a question that’s often raised, either in sincere inquiry or more as a statement of inability. It’s not a lack of ability that usually keeps one from being involved, as much as it is a lack of desire. There is no one specific ability or talent that God wants in service to Him, as the talents He has blessed us all with, whatever they may be, all have a place of service in His kingdom. To the congregation in Corinth that exalted certain gifts above others, Paul reminded them of everyone’s importance when he wrote, “*But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired*” (1 Cor. 12:18). Whether those abilities need maturing, or have changed or diminished with the passing of time, they still are valuable to God and His kingdom, they still can be used to His honor and glory.

So what can we do? Well, for starters, we all can pray! Can you think of anything more relevant, more powerful, than approaching the throne of God to seek His help and presence? There is no one greater than our Creator and Sustainer, nothing more significant than petitioning the Father through the Son for our needs, for guidance and direction, for His will to be done. Paul knew what a source of strength prayer was, as he asked of the Ephesian Christians, “*Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints*” (Eph. 6:18).

We all can speak words of encouragement! There are times when all of us need to hear a friendly voice, when we need a sympathetic ear. What help it is to hear from someone who can understand what we’re going through, who can offer support and love, to help whatever we are dealing with be a little easier to bear. With as many people having cell phones in use in so many different ways anymore, surely we can use them for the glory of God and to build up the body of Christ! And while no substitute for the sound of the human voice, text messages, emails, cards, and other communications to let people know we care and are there for them can be greatly appreciated and helpful, too. “*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing*” (1 Thess. 5:11).

We all can spend time in the word of God. We might find fewer problems in life and more solutions to problems if the spiritual was front and center in our existence. God’s word goes with us, from being a babe in Christ to maturing in the faith. It addresses our needs from youth through old age. It deals with being single and married, having children and grandchildren, being employed or employing others. It covers every area of life and how to let Christ mold our conduct so we are always in His will. We will find a better quality of life if the word is in us, and better advice to help others as well. “*I will meditate on Your precepts and think about Your ways. I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word*” (Psalm 119:15-16).

What can I, you, we all do? Much in every way, according to all God has blessed each one of us to have. It’s not that we can’t, it’s whether we will. And if we will, then what a difference we can make for others, for ourselves, for the world in which we live. What will you do today for the glory of God, for the work of His kingdom, for the sake of others, for your own soul’s salvation? “*Finally then, brothers, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received from us how you must walk and please God—as you are doing—do so even more*” (1 Thess. 4:1).

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