

News & Notes

Sunday, February 12, 2006

Remember in Prayer: M. B. Anthony; Al Alberson; Sandra Albertson; Dorris Billingsly; Debbie Byrd; Carrol Cherry; Diane Cox; Sally Etta Crawford; Lawrence Dawson; Tommy Dawson; Flora Estes; Randy Hobson; Carrol Holmes; Bryson Kennedy; Dot Kethum; Deliah Mann; Howard Moody; Shirley Ortiz; Janet Rooker; Lillie Mae Shelby; Austin Simpson; Jayme and Trucilla Spence; Calvin and Ollie Ursery; James Williams; Alvie and Louise Williford;

Pantry item for the month of February is spaghetti.

The **Freed-Hardeman University Associates** of Tippah and Benton Counties will host their annual benefit dinner Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 PM at the Beech Hill Dining Hall.

The next youth **devotional** will be next Sunday night after the evening service at the home of Jeff and Wendy Roberson.

The church has a new **website** that can be viewed at www.ashlandcoc.org.

Sermon In Preview:

AM: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6)
PM: Philemon

For the Record (February 5, 2005):

Attendance: 69 Contribution: \$1220.00 Budget: \$1352.00

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Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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"I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14)

Take Heed...

Garry Martin

The word, "**heed**," which is found at least 80 times in the King James Version of the Bible, is indeed an interesting word.

One familiar place it is found is 1 Corinthians 10:12 — "**Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.**"

The English word "heed" is translated from the Greek word *blepo*, [a primary verb; to look at (lit. or fig.): behold, watch, beware, lie, look (on, to), perceive, regard, see, sight, take heed.] It means the opposite of thoughtlessness, apathy, carelessness, indifference, inattention.

Christians are told to take heed lest they fall from believing (1 Corinthians 10:12; Hebrews 3:12). God also states in His word— "**Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.**" Moffatt translates this verse as follows: "We must therefore pay all the more attention to what we have heard."

Because God has spoken unto us by His Son, we are to give special attention to God's message as it is revealed in Christ (Hebrews 1:1-2, 2:1). The biblical warning was given because there would be enemies of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus taught, "**Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves**" (Matthew 7:15).

The apostle Paul taught the following in Acts 20:29 — **“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.”**

Christians must take heed to **what** they hear and **how** they hear. Some things should not be heard, and what is worth hearing should be **heard** and **heeded**.

Attention should be given to any truth — keeping out minds on any truth that comes from God’s word is vital.

In conclusion, we would do well to hear and heed these words of our Lord in Luke 21:34 — **“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time you hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.”** In other words, Christians should guard against anything which would prevent them from being ready when Jesus comes for the faithful of God.

Ten Good Reasons Why Every Respectable Thinking Man Should Swear

Edgar W. Work

1. Because it is such an elegant way of expressing one’s thoughts.
2. Because it is such a conclusive proof of one’s taste and breeding.
3. Because it is such a sure way of making one’s self agreeable to his friends.
4. Because it is a positive evidence of acquaintance with good literature.
5. Because it furnishes such a good example and training for our boys.
6. Because it is just what a mother enjoys having her son do.
7. Because it would look nice in print.
8. Because it is such a good way of increasing one’s self-respect.
9. Because it is such a help to manhood and virtue in many ways.
10. Because it is such an infallible way of proving one’s chances in the hereafter.

The Little Things

Tom Moore

A few years ago, a Thanksgiving Day editorial in the newspaper told of a school teacher who asked her first graders to draw a picture of something they thankful for. She thought of how little these children from poor neighborhoods actually had to be thankful for. But she knew that most of them would draw pictures of turkeys on tables of food. The teacher was taken back with the picture Douglas handed in... a simple childishly drawn hand.

But whose hand? This class was captivated by the abstract image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one child. "A farmer," said another, "because he grows the turkeys." Finally when the others were back at work the teacher bent over Douglas's desk and asked whose hand it was. "It's your hand, Teacher," he mumbled.

She recalled that frequently at recess she had taken Douglas, a scrubby, deserted child, by the hand. She often did that with the children. But it meant so much to Douglas. Out of all the things he could he been thankful for thanksgiving, he was most thankful for his teacher's hand!

Sometimes it is the little things that make a big difference in the life of others. Jesus said, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Mt. 10:42). You see, sometimes the little things can make a very favorable impact in the life of others. It has been said, "People do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care." We can show others how much we care by doing the little things that make a difference.