

News & Notes

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Remember in Prayer: DezaRay Anderson; Robbie Alberson; Mary Bailey; Christian Burns; Blaire Chapman; Freeman Duncan; J.C. Enlow; Sherry Fewell; Shannon Hastings; Lonnie Hurt; Dot Ketchum; Billy Liming; John and Deliah Mann; Curtis Mauney; Diane Mize; Alva Powell; Ann Ray; Brandon Ray; Toni Smith; Calvin Ursery; Joan Wilkerson; Alvie Williford;

Pantry item for the month of April is trash bags.

There is **additional information** on the bulletin boards in the foyer.

Ashland Events: Today: Prayer meeting at 4:00 PM; April 26: Homecoming 2009;

Area Events: Ending today: Lectureship at the Skyline congregation in Tupelo; Beginning today: Gospel meeting at the Southaven church of Christ; May 3: Spring bring at the Chapman congregation; May 16: Ladies day at Southaven;

Sermon in Preview:

AM: Isaac and Rebekah—Not Getting Along (Genesis 27:1-19)

PM: Jacob and Rachel—Working for the Desired One (Genesis 29:15-30)

For the Record (April 12, 2008):

Attendance: 90 Contribution: \$1450.00 Budget: \$1459.00

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Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Shepherds:

Barney King
Jeff Roberson
Carrol Street

ASHLAND ANNOUNCER

“Note Those Who So Walk”

Philippians 3:17

2Thessalonians 3:14

“A Service Greater Than to the President”

Tim Childs

With the inauguration of our new President, we have had another glimpse into the inner workings of the Executive branch of our Federal Government. Including the services of Air Force 1, there are thousands of individuals who, with admirable distinction, serve at the will and pleasure of the President. Upon greeting the President at the beginning of a new day, the aide will ask, “What can I do for you today, Mr. President?” Each staff member, each aide is prepared to give his or her greatest efforts in faithfully executing the orders of the President. For the Secret Service, no effort is counted too great, no expense is too costly to protect and secure the President and his family.

What if you and I approached our service to the Prince of Peace, the prince of the kings of the earth with even equal determination, diligence and care? Isn't the person, who wears the name above all others (Philippians 2:9), worthy of greater loyalty and loving obedience? In the person of Jesus, the Christ, we serve a higher calling with a greater, nobler purpose. Suppose we began our new day, everyday, asking the Lord of lords, and King of kings, “What can I do for you today, my Lord?”

With due respect to our Commander in Chief, what so many of us apparently fail to realize is that everything about Jesus, the Son of God, transcends every facet of the person and the power vested in “the leader of the free world.” For instance, Jesus' message

overshadows any message formulated by the President and his speech writers although it is delivered with precision and the greatest oratorical skill. Jesus' message of peace through righteousness, hope and deliverance is a universal message that transforms lives and makes all the difference both now and in eternity. Jesus declared, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10, KJV). Jesus' message of sanctifying truth, the gospel, is the seed that germinates, breaking forth into life eternal.

Our Lord, and Master, has great work for you and me. The nations and kingdoms of men may rise, fall and return to dust, but the kingdom of heaven endures forever. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Daniel 2:44). Discouraged, down and depressed we have hidden with Elijah in the cave long enough (1 Kings 19). God is asking still, "What are you doing here?" With a renewed mind and higher sense of purpose, it is now time to spring forth in haste and diligence with the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Prince of Peace is counting on you.

"Himself He Cannot Save"

Matthew 27:42

Jay Yeager

There are times in the Bible where the enemies of Jesus unwittingly speak a profound truth, even though the meaning may completely escape them. Such was the case at the foot of the cross. ***"He saved others; himself he cannot save"***.

The chief priests were clueless in understanding that Jesus could have saved himself. ***"Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again***

thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? (Matthew 26:52-53)?

His death was voluntary in every sense of the word, ***"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father"*** (John 10:17-18).

Yet, that death was so essential to man. For Jesus to save himself, would have resulted in the total loss of humanity. To save others, Jesus could not save himself. The profound words of the Hebrew writer states the matter clearly ***"For we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste of death for every man"*** (Hebrews 2:9).

Jesus did not save himself, so that he could be Saviour of the world (John 4:42; I John 4:14), for the blood of Christ would not only go forward from Calvary, but backward to cover the faithful under past dispensations as well (Hebrews 9:15; Romans 3:25).

To bring the matter home for you and I, because Jesus chose not to save himself, we can be saved through him (II Corinthians 5:21), and to make it absolutely clear, we cannot be saved without him! Jesus is the only source of salvation (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

Will you come to him who died for you?

By hearing (Romans 10:17)

Believing (Mark 16:15-16)

Repenting of past sins (Luke 13:3)

Confessing Christ before men (Matthew 10:32-33)

Being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)