

"herald the good news" Romans 10:15

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Where I want to see you next time!

Recently while eating in a restaurant I overheard a conversation among some men. I don't recall the specific words but as one of them prepared to leave he mentioned that he hoped to see them again. One of them responded by saying that he hoped the next time he saw him it would be right here at the same place. Well as you know it got me to thinking about a possible article that I could write so here it goes.

We meet people in a wide range of places under a variety of circumstances. We meet them during times such as illness, loss of loved ones, dealing with some emotional stress, a party, at school, at work, and during worship. I know you can think of other times and places but I think you get the picture. Some of those times of being together are wonderful and we certainly would want to see others again in similar situation. There are however those times when I wouldn't want to see that person again in the place I left them. (1) If I had spent time with someone who was not a Christian, I would like to think by the next time we met they would have obeyed the gospel. Better yet, I would hope that I had taken time to teach them and encourage them in the way of the Lord. (2) If I last saw someone struggling with their health I would hope to see them next time well and happy. (3) I would not like to repeat a visit to a funeral home to see you again because you had lost another loved one. (4) If I had parted ways with someone on bad terms I would hope the next meeting we had would be to mend our differences. (4) I would not want to see or be seen in a wrong place or doing wrong things again. Some of those we meet we will never see again on earth or in heaven. Life is so uncertain as most of us have experienced so it is important to make the best of the moment we have. What would we do before parting if we knew we would not see one another again? Paul, the apostle, and some elders of the church faced this dilemma. "And when he had thus spoken he kneeled down and prayed with them all. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see him no more..." (Acts20:36-38a). All of God's faithful can say, "I hope to see you again here on earth but if not then we will meet in a far better place." Just a thought: **Where would you like to see (name) again?** Gary Puryear

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. I MUST BELIEVE

"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

2. I MUST REPENT

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)

3. I MUST CONFESS

"And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37)

4. I MUST BE BAPTIZED

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

5. I MUST LIVE RIGHT

"We should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Bible Class at 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class at 7:00 pm

ELDERS

Fred Barnett, Mark DeLong,
Rodney Newton, Ray Poston, Stephen Stilwell

DEACONS

Micah Busbey, Karl Dawson, Bob McIndoo,
Jeff Morris, Juan Nunez,
Mark Springer, Leland Steely, Tim Tapp

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THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church family, Irby Lapington and family thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during his recent hospital stay. We appreciate more than words can say how a "caring" church family you are. May God's blessing be on each and everyone of you. In Christian love, Irby/family

Thanks for the prayers and thank Bro. Gary for visiting me while I was in the hospital. Also thanks to all those who have sent cards. Nina Barfield

What Will Make the Church Strong?

Not sensationalism! Not gimmicks! Nor more committees, or mere programs, or a "fun and games" emphasis! These things may be "right on" for civic clubs, social clubs, and country clubs, but not for the Lord's church. What does it take to build a strong church?

- 1. Strong Bible Preaching and Teaching!** God's word, when it is disseminated plainly, forcefully, uncompromisingly, and yet kindly, will build up! Paul said it would (Acts 20:32).
- 2. Exemplary Leadership!** Men who make themselves "examples to the flock," and who are careful in tending it (I Pet.5:2-3).
- 3. Christian Living on the Part of Every Member!** Unimpeachable conduct clearly evidenced in the lives of Christians will illuminate the way for many in the realm of darkness. Read (Matt. 5:16; Phil.2:15).
- 4. An Atmosphere of Happiness, Friendliness, Cordiality, and Hospitality!** No stranger should ever come into the midst of the Lord's church without being graciously greeted and welcomed by a happy, friendly membership.
- 5. Compassionate Hearts!** The church of Christ needs to be known as the most tender hearted bunch of people in all the world...ready and willing to help all, and especially those of the household of faith (Gal. 6:9-10).
- 6. Evangelistic Fervor!** The emphasis of the early church was soul-winning! The church will grow when we cease not to "teach and preach Jesus as the Christ" every day, wherever we have opportunity. Read Acts 5:42.
- 7. An "I want to Serve" Attitude Permeating the Congregation!** People serving the Lord because they love Him, and they want to serve, and not out of a spirit of drudgery.
- 8. Congregational Warmth and the Fellowship** of the Lord's church should be so sweet and precious that the whole community takes notice and observes, "See how they love each other!" Without this, a congregation will never be what God would have it be!

Author Unknown

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY (8/5/09)

| | |
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| Opening Prayer: | John West |
| Closing Prayer: | Bud Simons |
| Devotional: | Gary Puryear |
| Song Leader: | Glenn Lewis |

SUNDAY (8/9/09)

AT THE TABLE

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| *Brad Carter | Ray Poston |
| Barry Green | Josh Fletcher |
| David Hust | Alan Carter |
| David Leigh | *Glenn Lewis |

*Denotes those to serve communion Sunday night

AM Worship

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| Announcements: | Rodney Newton |
| Opening Prayer: | Mark Springer |
| Scripture Reading: | Jerry Burrough |
| Closing Prayer: | Wm. Ray Jr. |
| Ushers: | Micah Busbey John Heldreth |

DOOR GREETERS

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| Mark Springer |
| Michelle Springer |
| Bud Simons |

PM Worship

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| Opening Prayer: | Juan Nunez |
| Scripture Reading: | Jim Burke |
| Closing Prayer: | Ray Poston |

FOR THE RECORD (July 26)

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| Sunday Morning Worship: | 236 |
| Sunday Morning Bible Study: | 163 |
| Sunday Evening Worship: | 198 |
| Wednesday Bible Study: | 128 |
| Contribution: | \$6650.84 |

NEWS AND NOTES

Prayer Request: Tommy Jenkins (surgery this Wed.), June Bollinger (dismissed), Laken Fletcher, Ariana DeLong, Jenny Revlett, Carolyn Clevenger, Vera Sue Pleasant, Debbie Newman, Kathy Riggs, Irby Lapington, Lori Hill, Joann Hayes, Wayne Moore, Gene Thomason, James Thomason, Carole Bass, John Kavanaugh, Deborah Polly.

Rejoice-Another baptism: Courtney O'Nan confessed her faith in Jesus and was baptized this past Monday evening. We are so thankful for her desire to make her calling sure. She and her husband Stuart now live at 10040 Hwy. 41 S. City.

Sympathy: To Sherry Rashidian and family in the passing of her 24 yr. old niece. The baby that was taken a few days before her death is doing well.

Give-Away: You can bring items for the give-away any day this week. We would like for you to wait and bring large items on Saturday morning due to limited space. If you have questions talk to Juan Nunez or Becca Barker.

V.B.S. We have had a very good bible school with our best attendance in recent times. I am so grateful to the many who gave of their time and talent to serve the youth and adults during the week. As usual Neal did a good job of organizing and implementing this good work. Let's keep up the good attendance for Bible classes in the future.

G.P.