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Assembly Assignments for March, 2009

The Lord's Supper

Andrew Moorer / Isaac Sanders / John Frost / Jim Johnson

Announcements

Dale Sanders

Building Duties

Steve Sanders

Greeters

Steve Sanders
Darrin Sanders

Nursing Home Duties

Jace Sanders
Robb Sanders

Lord's Supper Preparation

Jean Sims

Scripture Reading

Reed Kilcrease

Privileged to Serve on March 1, 2009

Morning Prayer

Ray Frost (opening)
Guy Blakeman (closing)

Evening Prayer

Larry Hoffman (opening)
Larry Wyrosdick (closing)

Song Leader

Ross Sanders

A/V Equipment

Russ Kilcrease

Please notify Mike McDougald if you are unable to serve.
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

Elders

Ray Frost
Larry Hoffman
Darrin Sanders

Deacons

Dale Sanders
Steve Sanders
Frankie Sims

Services

Every Sunday

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

Every Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 PM
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The Messenger



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THINGS THAT DRAW US NEARER TOGETHER

Raymond Elliott

Several years ago as I was leaving a place of business a friend engaged me in a conversation regarding the difficulties that were facing our nation at that time. He mentioned that during the depression years people were closer together as friends and neighbors. He emphasized the need existing in the hearts of people for one another. There seemed to have been a closeness prevailing among the citizens of our nation during those trying years.

This brought to my mind a lesson relative to those things that tend to bring people nearer together. First of all, it might be good to mention those things that do not necessarily contribute to a closer relationship with others. Whenever money, material and physical blessings exist in abundance people are apt to feel self-sufficient, self-reliant and become very selfish. A person who has everything feels no need of leaning on others for assistance. The tendency is not to be close to neighbors, friends and even family at times. Even in a marriage relationship, husbands and wives who both have professions may feel so independent that there is not the need of inter-dependence. Many are often prone to stay ahead of neighbors regarding the obtaining of the material and physical. Such blessings can become a curse if an individual feels no need of God and others.

Much to the surprise of many, it is during periods of trials, tribulations, sorrows and adversities that we are drawn nearer to one another. Consider the early years of marriage when the abundance of money was indeed a rare commodity. It may have been during those college years or while in the military but the memories linger concerning those lean years. But, you would not trade those years for anything. Why? It is because such difficulties brought you nearer to one another as husband and wife. Think of the times when a baby was sick or a mate was confined to bed for a lengthy period of time. It was then that the family felt the need of one another. It is when a loved dies that the family leans heavily on one another for strength. Even during a national crisis like the destruction of the Trade Center Buildings, there is good to be found. There is the tendency for people to feel the need of others for strength and comfort.

The Lord has taught in the Holy Scriptures that members of the church should feel the need of one another. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 12:26, "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it..." He also stated "that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another" (I Corinthians 12:25). The Hebrew writer spoke of a time when Christians "endured a great struggle with sufferings" and others "had compassion on them that were in bonds" (Hebrews 10:32-34). The Jerusalem church suffered persecution but such adversity caused the members to be "of one heart and soul" (Acts 4:32). We are taught to "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). It is when the odds are terribly against us that we should be strengthened and stand together.

Finally, the admonition is given in James 4:8, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." This involves all of a person's relationship with God. When we trust in God and obey Him He will surely be with us. He will never fail us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).



In Our Prayers

- Rita Blakeman – pain from disk deterioration
- Ruby Bush- increased medication to correct heart rhythm; still has terrible cold
- Charles' Box's mother – broken hip
- Doug Brown – cancer treatments
- Marie Clemmons – nursing home; rehab for broken hip
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Ken Helms – cataract surgery
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Chris Kyser – a little better, still serious condition
- Rita Lewis – cancer; kidney removed
- Maggie Marshall – to be able to come off ventilator soon
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Teresa Parker – health problems
- Weaver Robinson – problems with his legs
- Linsey Gilmore Sanders – loss of her baby
- Lindsay Turner – continuing recovery

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Frances Burgans Margaret Hall Allene Mount
- Fanny Nichols Charles Phillips Edwina Rolling

- *Pray for those who have lost loved ones.*

- *Pray for soldiers overseas.*

Kevin Singleton

-*Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.*

FUN FACTS – Bible Trivia

Copied from Christian Parenting : Bible Facts

► The word Bible comes for the Greek word *Biblia*, which literally means "books." So, reading the Bible is like reading 66 books. Think about it...the Bible was written by over 40 different authors.

► The Bible contains about 773, 692 words! It would take you approximately 70 hours to read the whole Bible out loud.

► The Old Testament was written in Hebrew. The New Testament was written in Greek. Now the Bible has been written in over 6,000 different languages around the world!

► The word Christian is first mentioned in the Bible in Acts 11:26. The word Christian is found in only two other places in the Bible: Acts 26:28 and 1 Peter 4:16.

► The oldest person in the Bible was Methuselah. He died when he was 969 years old.

► Two men in the Bible never died. They were Enoch and Elijah. God brought them right up to heaven.

► Isaiah prophesied most about the coming of Jesus. Isaiah 52:13-53:12 lists more than 20 things about Jesus, all of which have proven to be true.

► The first book of the Bible tells of a serpent tempting Eve. The last book of the Bible calls Satan "that serpent of old, who is the Devil." (Genesis 3; Revelation 20:2).

Announcements

- A training class for young men is planned to begin the **third Sunday in March**. There will also be a **Young Ladies Training Class** beginning at the same time.

- A new quarter for Bible Classes begins **March 1**. Teachers for this quarter are:

Nursery: Shauna Sanders

Kindergarten: (If you would like to teach this class, let Dale Sanders know)

1st - 2nd Grades – Freda Wilson

3rd -5th Grades – Lisa Kilcrease

6th – 8th Grades – Andrea Vardaro & Chrystal Sanders

9th – 12th Grades – Steven Frost; John Frost; Josh McCartha

Literature may be picked up from the office.

- **Gospel Meeting – Cedar Grove church of Christ – March 8-12, 2009**. Speaker will be **Jerry Hodge** of Shreveport, Louisiana.

- **Over-the counter medications** are being collected to ship to **Panama**. Needed by **March 7**. More will be collected later for our group to take down on their trip.