



Notes From The Preacher's Desk....

There's a tv commercial for an attorney that I see periodically over the local TV channels. The ad is geared towards people who are owed money, but the funds are tied up in some longer form of repayment. All the people in the commercial keep saying "Its my money and I need it NOW!" Although just a commercial, I think we could apply this to a lot of areas of life: we don't have much patience. We want fast food, fast deliveries from Amazon. We want the quickest route possible from A to B. We want the summary of the story and the main points instead of reading the story. If we don't watch ourselves, we can let this "my...now" attitude creep into our spiritual walk. We want to grow quickly in our faith. We want to do one thing and have massive evangelistic results. We want big results with minimal effort. And we want them fast. Yet, doing so ignores that frequently we are called to be patient, learning to wait on God. (Psalms 27:14, 37:7, Isaiah 30:18, Hosea 12:6). Sometimes that means slowing down, removing our agenda, and learning to keep silent before God (Habakkuk 2:20)-*Matt.*

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Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship Svc. 5:00 p.m.*
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
(Attended Nursery at all svcs.)

*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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Lord, Please Change Me

If you could change yourself, where would you start? Would you want to be slimmer, taller, better looking, would you change your eyes, hair, or teeth? If you could wave a magic wand would you go for an extreme make over? I think all of us at some time or another have wanted to change something about our appearance. But, what about change on the inside? Where would you start? Would it be a judgmental spirit? Would it be a quick temper? Would it be profound discouragement? Would it be an inability to appreciate life? Would it be an ungrateful spirit? Would it be a disorganized life? Would it be an inability to say no? The list could certainly be longer and there may be something that you have thought about that was not listed.

Change is not an easy task because we are creatures of habit, honestly we like things the way we like them because we love the routine of life. But, if we are going to change the culture and perception of the Woodland Hills church we each must start with the person who looks at us in the mirror each day. We must pray the prayer "Lord, please change me." We cannot pray that God will change others, but we must pray that God provides what others need to make the necessary changes in their own lives. The only thing that you can control is you. Again, change is not easy, just look at the self-help section of any bookstore there will be hundreds of titles to help you in your quest to change. Change is a personal thing and requires a change of mind and a change of will. "Lord, please change me," Must be our daily prayer.

In Romans 12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and the perfect will of God." This is the key that unlocks the door to change. In society it gets easy to conform, but if we are ever to break through this barrier we must be "transformed" a word that is closely related to the word "Metamorphosis" which is gradual change on the inside that results in a profound change on the outside. It is what happens on the inside of the cocoon that causes the beautiful butterfly to emerge to the sun-kissed day of spring. We must be transfigured on the inside. Yes, we need to pray "Lord, please change me."

We must re-program our minds. Look at the verse in Romans 12:2 "..by the renewing of your mind..." I ran across this illustration from Dr. Charles Ryrie that will help us in our quest to change. "T + HH = SG which means Time plus Habits of Holiness equals Spriritual Growth." But then he added another component to the equation "T + HH + GE = SG" stands for Godly encouragement and that is where each member of the church comes into play in the lives of others. We all need encouragement from one another to make it in this life. As we pray, "Lord, please change us into the greatest church that we can be and into Christians who reflect Christ in all that we say and do.

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Woodland Hills Members:

Stan Adams (Magnolia Creek NH Covington), Clemmie Allison, Eli Anderson, Ron Barker, Kathy Betty, Jim Brown, Jeffie Dacus, David Dement, Ernie Embrey, Robert Jones, Debbie Knight, Larry Knox, Freddie Milligan, Jane Nolen (hospice), Barbara Rea, Viktor Tretiakov, Louise VanSickel

In Assisted/Senior Living or Homebound:

Stan Adams, Clemmie Allison, Wilma Barfield, Janet & Billy Brown, Jackie Greene, Pat King, Elaine Martin, Raymond McClendon, Mary Ann Morrison, Jane Nolen, Osby & Martha Riley, Clara Shipman, Linda Thompson, Mary Ann Watson

Family and Friends:

Jim Adams (Brother of Tom Adams), Kris Alexander (Sister of Julie Grantham), Andrea Bartley (Sister of Linette Baker), Aaron Cadden (Nephew of Dee Close), Eleanor Daugherty (Mother of Betty Barker), Jacqueline Ferrell (Sister of Ina Story), Phyllis Gilbreath (Sister of Judy Brown), Phil Hubbert (Cousin of Jim Hubbert), Kevin Knight (son of Debbie Knight), Donny Long (Bro-in-law of Diane Hinton), Archie May (Father of Kerwin May), Russell May (Uncle of Kerwin May), Debbie McCoy (Friend of Hintons), Leah Morgan (Daughter of Sharon Estes), Jesse Murah (Friend of Kerwin May), Kesha Owsley (Friend of Daphne Jenkins), Mark Paschall (Brother of Brenda Renner), Randy Pinckley (Brother of Robi and Rhonda), Misty Pinckley, Beverly Renner (Sister-in-law of Brenda Renner), Jonathan Riley (Friend of Pam Sanders), Mike Robison (son of Barbara Rea and brother of Ken Robison), Tammy Roschell (Sister of Bill Estes), Jennifer Schneider (Cousin of Jason Knight), David South, Pat Thomas, Jason Voyles (Brother of Kim Watson), Doris Watson (Sister of Wilma Barfield and Mother of Bob Watson),

We hope to see you in Bible Class Sunday!



Trick R Trunk-Sunday, October 30th 330-530. There will be an inflatable slide, hay ride, and Southern Roasted Coffee Truck will be on our parking lot serving drinks. (there will be no meal served this year.). Please remember there will be no PM services the evening of Trick R Trunk.

SHOE BOXES FOR SOLDIERS

Rebecca Karr is helping with a project call "Shoe Boxes For Soldiers." If you have any empty shoe boxes that you could donate, please place them in the grocery cart in the foyers. The deadline for collection is Sunday, October 17th. Thank you. For further info, ask Rebecca.

TO SERVE THIS WEEK - October 9

Welcome & Announcements:

Ron Barker

Opening Prayer:

Rafael Barrantes

Closing Prayer:

Mike Kilmer

Serve Communion:

Ryan Hubbert, Lon Maynard,

John Waddell, Mark Mitchell

AM Nursery: **Renee Brittain/Connie Amar**

--5 PM Service --

Opening Prayer: **Mark Mitchell**

Closing Prayer: **Matthew Mitchell**

PM Nursery: **Joy Adams**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10 Janelle Jones

11 Clemmie Allison

11 Keith & Carla Loveless

11 Viktor & Lynn Allison Tretiakov

15 Larry & Myrtice Knox

19 Kim Watson

19 Judy Williams

22 Chance Jenkins

26 Rafael Barrantes

27 David Dement

29 Van Jones

TEACHER NEEDED

We are looking for a teacher for the 1-6 grade classes. Would you be willing to teach one quarter? If you are interested, please see Ken Robison.

BIRTHDAY CARDS

Clemmie Allison will be 100 years old on October 11th. Let's send her a lot of birthday wishes! You can give the card to Lynn by Sunday, 9th or mail to: 1730 Dorchester Dr #703, Southaven, MS 38671-5723.

PUZZLE CLOSET

The puzzle closet is now accepting donations of complete jigsaw puzzles. Leave a puzzle and/or take a puzzle! See Laura Brown or Addie Mitchell with questions. The closet is located on a bookshelf in the library.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Wayne Close we have received memorials from Jim and Judy Brown, Jerry and Brenda Brown and Mary Rigney, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Embrey and Mr. & Mrs. John Oveerbeck. In Memory of Jason Voyles and Jane Nolen a gift from Mary Rigney.

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGE

Regina Brittain is gathering supplies to create care packages for our undergraduate college students. Please write a note of encouragement, donate money, and/or see Regina for a list of items that are the students favorite treats. Please have all donations in by 10/23. Give donations/cards to Regina or Matt Mitchell. Our college students are: Isaac Amar (FHU), Matthew Close (FHU), Emily Grantham (MsST), Riley Hubbert (UMem), Aysia Jenkins (UTChat), Dawson Maynard (UMem), Tessa Maynard (UTKnox), Matthew Robison (UTKnox), Noah Robison (UTKnox), Kiersten Stokes (UTChat) (*please see Matt if any undergrad students have been accidentally omitted*)

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Jane Nolen. Jane died on Friday, September 30th after a brief battle with lung cancer. She has only a few cousins remaining: Nolen (Carol) Street of California, Joe Verser of Arkansas, Penny Stephens of Florida and Ed Lewis of Indiana.

Jane and her sister Janice were secretaries for the mission department at Union Avenue church for many years. Funeral services were held at MFH on Wednesday, Oct 5th with Bill Srygley officiating.

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