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Notes From The Preacher's Desk....

There is a lot of phrases we use that are "church language." Examples include: ministry, fellowship, propitiation, "guide, guard, and direct us." Very rarely do we use these outside of a church context, and because of that they are filled with spiritual meaning. Another one of those words is "evangelism." Simply bringing up the word evangelism brings up a lot of feelings. You probably can think of evangelistic successes you've had. You probably also feel guilt when thinking about evangelism; we should be doing more of it or that we aren't very successful in doing it (as compared to older days). Didn't evangelism seem so simple years ago in the days of door knocking and Jule Miller film strips? Didn't it seem like culture was more receptive to talking about God and/or was not so hostile towards things of the Church? People debate these sorts of things, with a wide variety of opinions. But, there is one thing that is not up for debate: People in our culture still need God. We serve a God of the living (Mark 12:27), who's Word is still living and active (Hebrews 4:12). Are we willing to evangelize, in a way modern people understand? -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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Can Everyone Sing?

Do you believe that everyone can sing?" Does any and everyone who has a voice possess the ability to sing a song? This question is well worth investigating because it has such bearing on our worship and spiritual well-being.

The Bible says, "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20). It is a well-established fact that singing is to be a part of our worship to God. But time and time again we hear some say, "Brother, you don't want me to sing to you, I couldn't carry a tune if I put a bucket on my head!" Then others will say, "I don't sing out loud during the worship because I don't have the ability, but I do make melody in my heart." The American humorist, Charles Farrar Browne who was popular in the mid 1800's said, "I am saddest when I sing. So are those who hear me." However, we must ask, "Why would God demand we do something that everyone doesn't have the ability to do?"

The following excerpt is from the *Columbia Encyclopedia*:

"Not only is the voice the principal means of human communication, but it was undoubtedly the first musical instrument. The instrument is within the performer, and the condition of the vocal apparatus, and thus the quality of the voice, is strictly dependent on the physical and mental condition of the singer. Since the vocal impulse cannot actually be described, the teacher's task is to provide the pupil with concepts, usually systematized into a vocal "method," that will free the vocal apparatus from restrictive tensions and lead ultimately to the complete coordination of all the faculties involved."

Surprising, there is an absence of articles or explanations on why people have an inability to sing. It is true that some natural ability comes into play and some of us don't have the vocal range that others have but it would seem to reason that development of your singing voice is no different than learning to ride a bike, play tennis, or shooting a gun, it just takes practice.

Can everyone sing? Yes, if you have the ability of speech, you also have the ability of song. Isn't that exciting? Isn't it a comfort to know that God hasn't placed a command upon us that we all can't comply with? I want to encourage you to sing in our worship together. You'll receive such a blessing while actively participating in the worship of our Heavenly Father. You can now comply with the Psalmist when he said, "I will declare Your name to my brethren, in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You" (Psalm 22:22; Hebrews 2:12).

Jay Launius
Maud church of Christ

Maud, TX

Bulletin Digest

OUR PRAYER LIST

Woodland Hills Members:

Stan Adams, Clemmie Allison, Eli Anderson, Ron Barker, Kathy Betty, Jim Brown, Jeffie Dacus, David Dement, Debbie Knight, Larry Knox, Judy & Freddie Milligan, Barbara Rea, Vicktor 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), Jessee 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!



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.

Rebecca Karr

TO SERVE THIS WEEK - October 16

Welcome & Announcements:

Mark Hillis

Opening Prayer:

Jim Hubbert

Closing Prayer:

Kerwin May

Serve Communion:

Ryan Hubbert, Lon Maynard,

John Waddell, Mark Mitchell

AM Nursery: **Kerry Mitchell**

No 5 PM Service (devo following noon meal)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**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.

MEMORIALS

We have received memorial contributions from Ruth Laverne Baxter and Ron and Betty Barker in memory of Wayne Close and a memorial from Ron and Betty Barker in memory of Jane Nolen.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS

The annual Out of the Darkness fundraising walk for thie American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be Saturday, October 22nd. Registration will be a 9 am and the walk at 10 at the Memphis Botanic Gardens inside Audubon Park. We will be walking in memory of our son, James. Please join our team, James' Journeyemen16 at AFSP.org/Memphis walk. Thank you. Mark and Kerry Mitchell

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 sympathy is extended to Jim Hubbert and family in the recent death of his brother, Tommy Hubbert, of the Sikeston area. The Hubberts have recently lost an aunt and another one of Jim's brothers.

3rd SUNDAY MEAL

This Sunday, October 16th will be our next 3rd Sunday meal. Menu is chicken and dressing with gravy, baked sweet potatoes and turnip greens with chocolate pie for dessert! Yum! Plan to stay following the worship service for the meal. Tickets are available, see John Waddell.

YOGA CLASS SCHEDULE

November 12 & December 17th at 1 pm – 1:45 chair yoga and 2:15-3:15 for mat yoga. Sign up sheet in the foyer.

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