

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:

Euin Barrier, Bernice Beeson,
Terry Cantrell, Ora Cash,
Dickie & Joann Crouch, Emily Devereux,
Richard Faulkner, Jimmy Hall,
Eva Lee, Ken & Mabel Lock,
Melvin & Ruth Messer, Bobby Mills,
Bill Parr, Sophia Sears,
Earline Smith, Linda Smith,
Barbara Staten, Joann White
Jimmy, Elizabeth, Katie & Laura Thompson,
Darlene Wilson, Geneva Wortham,
and those engaged in teaching the lost.

If you notice someone's absence from the assembly pray for them, and call to see if there is some additional way you can help.

A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health (Prov. 13:17).

MIDWEEK NEWS UPDATES AT:
www.HarrisburgChurchOfChrist.com

PRAYER LIST UPDATES:

Mary Weston has had a recurrence of her digestive difficulties and has been returned to the liquid diet.

JoAnn Crouch has been kept down with symptoms related to fibro-myalgia.

OTHER NEWS:

FOUL WEATHER POLICY: In view of recent confusion and questions the elders announce the following policy: On those occasions in which there is any question of

our meeting in the building for worship, the building will be open as usual. **Worship assemblies will not be cancelled** for ice, snow, thunderstorms, power out-ages or the like. It is understood that some may not be able to travel at such times, but for those who are able there will be a meeting.

POT LUCK: Plan to take your noon meal next Sunday with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Invite a guest to join us and learn about the Lord's church as well.

GROUP OUTING: See Greg Biggers for details on a group trip to the Memphis Redbirds game Friday night this week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

25 - Glen Holmes
25 - Maudine Horton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

28 - Landon & Tona Crawford - 5 years
29 - Ken & Mabel Lock - 67 years

THE RECORD SPEAKS (week of 5-16):

Sunday Bible Class 63
Sunday AM Worship 75
Sunday PM Worship 55
Contribution \$2,150
Wednesday PM Bible Class 61

WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT YOU?

Next Week's Lessons:

AM: The Lesson of Job
PM: Your Questions Answered

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Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00
Worship 9:45; 6:00

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00

Elders:

Ray Blanchard 578-2559
Bill Mears 578-9650
Mark Weston 931-2790

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Al Parr 578-9154
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World Evangelism:

- ◆Cape Town, S.A.;
- ◆Int'l Bible Academe;

Benevolence:

- ◆Children's Homes, Inc.;
- ◆Southern Christian Home

★REMEMBER★

Pot-luck Dinner
next Sunday afternoont

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Let's Talk About Your Attitude

We are rightly exhorted to mind our speech and behavior in order to ensure that we are walking in righteousness. Nevertheless, Jesus made it clear that sin comes from the *heart* of man. It's what you really *are* that makes the difference between Heaven and Hell. Paul spoke of those doing right things for wrong reasons (Philippians 1:12-18), and Jesus of those having the right mind and the wrong application (Matthew 7:21-23). I found in my files the following by an author unknown to me. It makes a great point. *Al Parr*

The Real Dangers

Homosexuality is not what threatens the fabric of society. It has been with us for thousands of years. When homosexuality is considered normal, not wrong, an alternative lifestyle – then society is threatened.

Divorce is not the great threat to our country and the church. It has been with us almost from the beginning, but when there is no stigma, when divorce is acceptable, for every cause rather than a godly cause (Matt. 19:5-9, then we are in trouble.

Fornication and promiscuity do not threaten us. They are as old as mankind. Yet when fornicators become our role models we need to ask ourselves what direction we are going.

Unscriptural teachings or bad attitudes will not destroy the church, but when those who are loose with the Scriptures are accepted as our defenders of the faith, then we had better take inventory of the future of the church. 📖

STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE

Bob Winton

When Joshua took over the leadership of Israel following Moses' death, he needed, above all else, to be admonished to "be strong and of good courage." This indeed was what God told him: "...Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses....There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee....Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua. 1:1-9).

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He needed to be courageous for several reasons: *First*, there was a very important vacancy he must fill. *Second*, there was a swollen river to be crossed. *Third*, there were enemies to be conquered and driven from the promised land. *Fourth*, there were many divine commands to be obeyed.

For the same reasons, we need courage today. Faithful saints are daily passing from the scene of struggles here; their vacancies must be filled. We have rivers of difficulties and problems we must cross. We have foes to conquer in this world. Without courage none of these things can be done. Today, there are still many divine commands to be obeyed. Without courage, we cannot obey God fully. The coward will not be loyal and obedient when problems arise, but the courageous soldier of the cross will.✍

...INTO ALL THE WORLD: Copies of spoken and written Bible lessons are occasionally requested by members for distribution to acquaintances locally or far away. Whom do you know who needs to hear or read a lesson that has caught your attention recently? We have extra copies of the bulletin almost every week. Carry some to neighbors, mail to correspondents or leave them in reading rooms everywhere (doctor's office, etc.). Ask for back issues

A SHORT COMMENTARY FROM AL on Numbers 11:4-15 – Read in this passage the result of living with complainers. Ignoring the blessings they had from God, Israel constantly complained to Moses. It drove even that meek one to turn an accusing tongue toward God. We all have more blessings than we can count, but many see only what they *don't* have. Do you want to be the cause of someone condemning God? Don't be a whiner!

"Never Give Up"

Tom Moore

From the many true and fictional stories about the life of Winston Churchill comes the report of a singular commencement address. After enduring a lengthy introduction, Churchill is reported to have risen from his seat, strode to the podium and stared fixedly at his audience of new graduates. "Never give up!" he pronounced solemnly. Churchill then turned, walked back to his chair and sat down. As the stunned students momentarily sat in silence, Churchill, with perfect timing, once again rose from his chair, returned to the podium and again announced, "Never give up!" Now, terrified they might respond improperly, the audience never uttered a squeak as their speaker once again returned to his seat. Sure enough, Churchill returned to the podium again and again and yet again - five times each time delivering his single-minded message, "Never give up!" At last, feeling he had exhausted his audience and driven home his point, Churchill himself did give up and returned to the podium no more. But you can be sure that every graduate in that audience never forgot that speech and never forgot the Churchill commencement: "Never give up!"

Christians need to learn this lesson – NEVER GIVE UP! This is why Paul declared, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58). Remember, "the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8). This is why Peter declares, "Be sober, be vigilant... Whom resist steadfast in the faith" (I Peter 5:8-9). Friends, we must never give up!✍

Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction:

but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured

(Proverbs 13:18):

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