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Are you prepared?

In **Matthew 25:1-13**, we read of the parable of the ten virgins: five who were wise, five others who were foolish. The five wise virgins brought lamps and extra oil, while the five foolish virgins brought lamps but no oil. When the bridegroom arrives at midnight, the five foolish are unprepared and shut out when they return from buying oil (**v. 10**). The lesson for us is about personal readiness; will we be ready for Jesus’ return?

Be ready: We cannot neglect preparation. In **v. 10**, Jesus says, *“Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding.”* Heaven is a prepared place, for a prepared people. If we’re not prepared, we will not be allowed to enter. It’s as simple as that. The five who were denied entrance were unprepared. The difference between the wise and foolish are the wise take time to plan and prepare. They see what lies ahead. I believe we all want to go to heaven. Are you making the proper preparations?

Do all you can do to be ready: The thinking in the religious world often is this: being a part of a denomination makes you ready. Just being good makes you ready. Or, just being a member of the local church makes you ready. But those ideas are not found in Scripture. Jesus prayed for unity in **John 17:20-23**. There is one faith (**Eph. 4:4-6**). There is one gospel (**Gal. 1:6-10**), and that one gospel must be obeyed if you desire salvation. The religion of the Bible is a doing religion. Jesus says in **Matt. 7:21**, *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”* Talk is cheap. We must do it.

There are some things we can’t borrow: We can’t borrow someone else’s faith (**Heb. 11:6; John 8:24**). We can’t borrow someone else’s obedience (**John 14:15, 15:14**). We can’t borrow someone else’s character, conviction or conduct. *“So then each of us shall give account of himself to God”* (**Rom. 14:12**).

Time is running out (**Matt. 25:10**). When that door is shut, it’s not opening again. But as long as the door is open, it offers the greatest opportunity of all—the opportunity to go to heaven.

Steve Matthews, Tidewater Church of Christ bulletin, Chesapeake, VA

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)

Pray for our Church family:

Those who mourn: Leo and Wanda Goodenough and Jerry Munn. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Ray & Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry & Camelia Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, Lorenzo Serrano, and Joyce Winings.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Stuarts’ cousin Joanna, Kathy’s husband Kevin and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friend Marie, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

First responders: Please remember to pray for those who are serving their communities during this difficult time. Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

Military:

Jeff & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Jodi Keeth’s brother-in-law Tony Cairo, Glenn Fields and T. Burgess.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Dear Lord, give us a spirit of unity so that we can become one with You as You are one with the Father. Help us to understand love and forgiveness. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: William T. McCaughan; 12/11/2017

Read: John 17:20-23

News:

*We have individually wrapped **communion supplies** available. If you would like to pick some up, please contact Kathy and they will be bagged and ready for you when you arrive (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).*

Community Food Bank needs our support. They are averaging 200 people per week during this time, and are especially in need of canned meats/protein. Thank you for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

“May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other.” (Genesis 31:49)

**Scripture readings:
Matthew 25:31-36**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’”

Sermon topic:

“Jesus tells about signs and times”



Birthdays:

Jasmine Fuentes:	8/1
Michelle Mercer:	8/2
Marito Fuentes:	8/5
Luis Olea:	8/11
David Winings:	8/21



Anniversaries:

J & M Mercer:	8/30
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I know Love abounds among us but unfortunately we will not have worship at the building during this challenging time.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:
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(Checks or money orders - do not send cash)

God bless us all during this time and bless our families too.

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Tri Lakes Church of Christ in Monument, Colorado