

The Lord Deserves Our Devotion

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“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 6:1). I realize this Scripture goes beyond human nature and human understanding because it seems goodness & kindness will only be served when in the presence of seeing eyes. And I am the first to admit that I fell into this thought process. It wasn't done intentionally, but subconsciously ... not that this behavior excuses Matthew 6:1's application! It is far better doing things for the Lord when done for his glory, honor, and praise than for the reward or attention of men. Why? One doesn't last and no help is given, whereby the other has greater rewards in heaven. Plus God will help in the accomplishment when to his glory! Make no mistake about it!

I was recently reading an inspiring story about the solemn, magnificent simplicity of the “Changing of the Guards” at the “Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers” at Arlington Nation Cemetery. The careful choreographed event is a moving tribute to our soldiers whose names and sacrifices are “known only to God.” Equally moving are the private moments of steady pacing and dedication when the crowds are gone. They paced back and forth, hour after hour, day after day, year after year, and in all kinds of weather. They do this proudly and with much honor. In fact, they count this responsibility as one of the highest privileges afforded them.

Hurricane Isabel came bearing down on Washington, DC in September of 2003. The guards were told they could seek shelter during the worst of this terrible hurricane. The guards all refused, surprising hardly anyone! (Brings a tear just thinking about the dedication of these guards). They unselfishly stood their post to honor their fallen comrades even in the face of a hurricane. They would not be deterred by anything!

According to Matthew 6:1-6, Jesus' desire for us is to live with unrelenting, selfless devotion to Him. The Bible calls us to good deeds and holy living. These are to be acts of worship and obedience and not orchestrated acts of self-glorification. The apostle Paul endorses this teaching of Jesus. We are to present ourselves “a living sacrifice.” (Romans 12:1).

May we renew our commitment to our Lord that no matter what distractions come our way, we will never falter in our service to our gracious God. The more we serve the Lord, the less we will serve self! Our Savior deserves nothing less from us because He gave His best to us ... His life!

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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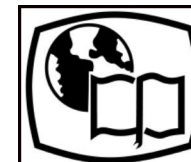
There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.



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Condolences to family friends and loved ones of Peggy Knowles. She passed away Aug. 22 at the age of 78. She was a friend of Mark & Audrey when they were in Nashville, TN. The funeral was held yesterday in TN.

Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Dennis & Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Sonny & Linda Stine, Brenda Nelson, Carol Jones, Diane Mellott, and Wilma Patterson.

People in other places: Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Frank's niece, Betty & Dennis Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Mary Lou, Susan Barrett & family, Tony & Eglia Grana, Karen Anstee, George Beckwith, Cindy, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Cheryl Wheeler, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Gloria, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Irene Jurek, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Williams family, Mary, Jean Fitzgerald, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Gary, Malissa Layton, Th'alise Robinson, Ashley, Noreen Andrews, Emily Sestack, Keith Marten, Debbie, Paul (Becky Torres' father), Paul Orton, Minnee, Holly Leistner, Leonard Amanatey, Dennis Leistner, Martha, Denise and Darlene's brother Dale, Michael Highway, the Rogers family, Eric Kauffman, Belinda Porter, Ivey Shoemaker, Vanessa Lewis.

Updates:

Butts Sumner had surgery Aug. 8 and seems to be doing better.

Wilma Patterson continues to see the doctor about her eye problem.

Mildred Lynum Let's continue to pray for her.

Peggy Golias She is back home from the hospital. Let's continue to pray for her.

Jada Grubbs, Wayne & Sherry's youngest granddaughter, had tests Aug. 7 to check out a lump in her neck. It turns out the lump in her neck isn't a problem but she has a blocked sinus and has to go see an ENT doctor. The ENT appointment is scheduled for tomorrow.

Carol Jones is asking for prayers for the following acquaintances of hers dealing with health problems, **Dean**, and also **Jim & Edith Faery**.

B. J. Boyle Maria Swindlehurst is asking for prayers for him for a good recovery from recent surgery. He is Maria's niece's father-in-law.

Randy Heller, a friend of Diane Mellott, who will be starting dialysis treatments.

Lynn Gomez We recently had visitors from Xenia, OH. Lynn is an acquaintance of our visitors. They requested prayers on Lynn's behalf. Lynn lives in California and recently had back surgery.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Also

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those who may be traveling.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Book of James

Sermon Topic Today: *Who Are You?*

Scripture Reading: *Acts 4:1-7*

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Samuel

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Sep. 03 Labor Day

Sep. 04 Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class resumes. 10 AM here at the building.

Sep. 16 Men's Business Meeting

Sep. 23 Congregational Meeting (to nominate men for trustees)

Sep. 30 *Day of Prayer & Giving For Children* for Potter Children's Home

Sep. 30 Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by LaSalle church of Christ 3 PM

Oct. 07 Congregational Meeting (to elect two trustees from men nominated Sept. 23)

Ladies Bible Class

The 10:00 AM Tuesday morning ladies Bible class resumes on September 4th with '**Gems in Genesis**' from the Christian Woman magazine. Please join us as we start the coming year of study with a worship and praise session. We pray spirits will be lifted and minds prepared to readily receive God's messages.

See Audrey Dailey to obtain a copy of the lesson so you can be prepared to join the bible study discussion. Lessons are \$3.

Ongoing Events

Personal care items for the vets at the V.A. Hospital in Buffalo and also non-perishable food items for Casey House on Cedar Ave. in N.F. are being collected. If you can help in this matter it is greatly appreciated.

Zambia Baby Fund - Several members are contributing financially to this.

Sept. Birthdays

04 Maria Swindlehurst 16 Ron Cameron
08 Marissa Stine 22 Yolanda Davis
13 Joan Nair 24 Matthew Nichols

Sept. Anniversaries

02 Charles & Heather Bennett

TODAY

Announcements	Mark Dailey
Song Leader	Rodney Jones
Direct Communion	Wayne Carter
Serve	Mark Dailey
Serve	Ron Cameron
Serve	Doug Flanagan
Clean Trays	Diane Mellott



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