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I Thessalonians 4:11,12 *Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, 12 so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.*

Last Saturday I had the honor of conducting the funeral for Natalie's Grandfather Jeff Porter. He was a man I had been sharing life with for the last 25+ years, and I counted him as my own grandfather. He was a member of what has been termed the "Greatest Generation". He served our country in WWII as he literally walked across France from Omaha beach to Hitler's vacation home in Berchtesgaden, Austria. He came home and married Ms. Marguerite Hooten Porter and was a committed husband for over 70 years. They lived in the house they built (which he wired himself) for 65 years. He worked into his 80s always fixing anything that was broken.

Granddaddy Jeff was a very quiet man all the years I knew him. He was not a vocal leader or one to stand before a crowd. He didn't teach a class or deliver a sermon, but those who knew him were taught many lessons. It has often been said "I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day." His life was a masterpiece of this adage. He taught me about duty, honor, commitment, hard work and humility without ever saying a word.

God's will for each of us is to use our lives to His glory. For some of us this may mean teaching, preaching, taking leadership roles, or going into the mission field. For others it may be that we faithfully live out our faith in a way that honors our creator. I pray each member at South Gate will grow to bring glory to God by the way he or she live out their days. I am thankful to have been around a life that was well lived.

John

Abraham Is My Father

Matthew 3:9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

Mankind has a number of ways that it convinces itself that it is right with God. On this occasion, the Jews believed that they were just fine with God because they were descendants of Abraham. Abraham was indeed the father of the faithful and all Jews could trace their ancestry back to Abraham. These facts do not make one right with God. John the Baptist went on to say that God could raise up faithful children from anywhere including the stones on the ground around them. This false way of thinking is prevalent today as well.

One may have very dedicated and committed parents. Does this guarantee your salvation? Your spouse may be striving daily to serve God. Does this mean heaven will be your home? You may watch religious programming on TV or listen to religious programming on the radio for hours each day. Does this save you? Your entire community may be believers in God and most go to church on Sunday. If those around you are religious, then does this make you right with God? John's message to the Jews is the same for today. We will each stand on our own before God at the judgment. John's message was for people to repent and to get ready for the kingdom. Today each individual must be a part of God's kingdom. Each must repent of their wrongdoing. No one can slip into heaven on someone else's coattails. Are you right with God? Each of us must be dedicated to serving God and all decisions made with the purpose of pleasing God.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 240
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman - Begins chemo Jan. 18
- Athaleen Cox - recovering from a fall
- Clyde Farris
- Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Danny Lasater - recovering from surgery
- Libby Moss - at home recovering from surgery
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Melba Pollard - recovering from surgery
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Melissa Stutts - recovering from surgery
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead
- Peggy Wilson - recovering from cataract surgery

Congratulations to Anthony Kintz who was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. His address is 686 Comstock Rd., College Grove, TN 37046. His phone number is 615-495-0664.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Jennifer Coble - friend of Ashlea Bermudez, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barbers, Polly O'Bryant - Life Care, Rm. 240, Pam Burgett, Jeanne Nicholson - chemo, JoAnn Posey, Alene Cox, Ronald Mayberry - brother of Eldridge & John Mayberry, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage - Life Care, Rm. 114, Clarence Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea, Evelyn Felker, Ann Graham - Belvedere Commons of Franklin, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS JANUARY 8, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
Prayer.....Erick Hixson
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Sam Quirk
 Tommy Hight Barry Cross
 Blair Keeling Ed Johnson
 Conner Arnett John Massey
 Jeremy Britt Brennan McNeese
Read: Ephesians 4:14-16.....Jerry Ballard
Sermon: Come Grow With Us.....John Thomas
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 12:30 P.M.

YOUNG MEN CONDUCT SERVICE

Ushers: Benny Bolton, Bobby Daniels, Sonny Hargrove
Greeters: Richard & Rhonda Farris, Gary & Tonya Boyd
Visual: Chase Thomason, Ryan Massey
Security Team: A.M. & P.M. - David Thomas, David White

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Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

NURSERY CARE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Melissa Stutts, Juaneese Perdue
P.M.....Jackie Hargrove

Song LeaderMike Kinzer
Prayer.....Jim Pollard
Announcements/Speaker.....Trent Thomason