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Good morning from New Zealand! It is 12:40 AM Thursday morning here and luckily thanks to the international time line I can still meet my Wednesday deadline for the bulletin! It has been a great trip. Here are a few thoughts as I reflect on 5 days in the Southern Hemisphere.

1. The Family of Christ is the most precious collection of people on the planet. Thousands of miles from home, we are home. Thousands of miles from my family, I have family. I am amazed at the bonds we have with those that we have only been with for a few days because of the church of Christ. The Christians in Palmerston North would do anything for us.

2. People everywhere need the truth of God's word. It is heartbreaking at times seeing face after face answer the door with no real knowledge of God's love for them. While some interactions while door knocking are discouraging every door gives new hope in God's ability to change lives.

3. There is no greater work than for each of us to do our best to reach others with the gospel of Christ! While we would all agree with this statement, we must constantly remind ourselves of this fact, and make daily efforts to focus on the lost.

4. There is no place like home. While I am thoroughly enjoying Palmerston North and the church here, I can't wait to be home. I am so thankful for my family and their support, but I am also so thankful for South Gate. We have so much going for us right now, and I believe God has great plans for His work in Columbia. I am excited to be back home with each of you and to see how we can continue to grow in 2017 and beyond!

John

And Do Not Grumble

I Corinthians 10:10 And do not grumble, as some of them did - and were killed by the destroying angel.

Paul used a reference from the book of Numbers to make a point with Christians. Grumbling is not often considered to be a serious sin with men but it is seen so differently by God. In Numbers, a group of men spoke against Moses and his leadership. Because of this rebellion 250 men lost their lives. The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. These two godly men were accused of killing the Lord's people. The Lord was angry and sent a plague among the Israelites. In all, 14,700 people die from the plague and the number would have been much higher if Moses had not stood between the living and the dead. People died because of grumbling. Grumbling is a serious sin. We would do well to learn from this account.

Some Christians grumble against the leadership within a congregation. Some grumble about the preacher or about what is preached. Others grumble about the programs or lack of programs within the local congregation. Grumbling and complaining would fall within the same category. It is interesting that a few verses talk about the Israelites grumbling within their tents. Grumbling within our homes is heard by the Lord. If children are in the home then they also hear and are affected by it. Grumbling also leads to a poorer attitude the more that it is done. When we find ourselves unsatisfied then discuss the situation, strive to improve what bothers you and help to make changes. Don't just sit back and complain. Grumbling unleashed the destroying angel then and is harmful to the Christian life today.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown - MRMC, Rm. 270
- Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 104
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman - undergoing chemo weekly
- Athaleen Cox
- June Crigger - 108 Riverside Dr.
- Clyde Farris
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Emma Kate Hill - recovering from shoulder surgery
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Reba Jones - recovering from surgery
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna- NHC Maury Reg. Transition Care Rm.1501
- Eunice Oliver - Life Care, Rm. 2178
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Elaine Pope - home
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White
- Suzanna White - therapy
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Natalie Kuykendall, 3 yr. old granddaughter of Linda - undergoing chemo, Heidi Mabry - 214 Pinehurst Dr., Allen Brown, Aaron Way - great nephew of Barry Brown - 5934 Ash Hill Rd., Spring Hill 27174, Adella Gray - mother of David, Claire Miller, Hannah Haywood, Lori Phillips, Josh Garner, Edith Haney - sister of Elizabeth Hargrove, Shawn Skelton - brother-in-law of Roberta Bolton, Maddox Jackson - nephew of Clyde Farris - Vanderbilt Hospital, Shannon Buchanan - friend of Abby Smith, Beatrice Baker - sister-in-law of Lorene Hickman - NHC Walnut Ln., Rm. 104-B, Edith Sharp - sister of Betty Lentz, Carter Sexton - friend of Boyd & June Wood, William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Jennifer Coble - friend of Ashlea Bermudez, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barbers - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Ctr., 3333 Burnett Ave., Unit A5S, Rm. 5541, Cincinnati, OH 45229, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Clarence Weaver, Ann Graham, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS MARCH 5, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson
Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
Prayer.....Kevin Mick
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jim Pollard
 Trent Hill Terry Burgess
 Barry Cross Eric Hixson
 John Massey Mike Kinzer
 Barrow Brown Dustin Stutts
Read: Philippians 1:12-18.....Blair Keeling
Sermon: The Expectations of the Christian Life....Jody Pritchett
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

SUNDAY 12:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
Prayer.....Donnie G. Davis
Read: Acts 18:24-28.....Randy Jones
Sermon: The Learning Never Ends.....Joe Macer
Presiding.....Richard Farris
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Charlie Willis

Ushers: David White, Bill Fuller, Brennan McNeese
Greeters: James & Roberta Bolton, Ed & Joyce Johnson
Visual: Lee Winchester, Chris Mobley

Security Team: A.M. & P.M. - Cheyenne McNeese, Jeremy Britt

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Libby Moss, Jan Thomason
P.M.....Sharon & Jennifer Davis

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderJacob Pollard
Prayer.....Jerry Wilson
Announcements/Speaker.....Jerry Ballard