

# South Gate Church of Christ

2700 Pulaski Highway  
Columbia, TN 38401  
office@sgcoc.org  
www.southgatechurchofchrist.org  
Office: (931) 388-7334

## Listen, and share our lessons

Listen to Podcasts— South Gate  
Watch at southgatechurchofchrist.org

**Radio Broadcast on WMCP 1280 AM**  
**each Sunday at 7:15 a.m.**  
**Joe Macer - Speaker**

# Informer



Volume 62

July 5, 2017

26

## I am a child of the King

Last week I began a series of articles looking at the importance of how we identify ourselves. We know how we identify ourselves can have an affect on how we view ourselves. If you were asked to identify the greatest thing about you what would you mention? Would it be your family, your current talents, your job, or your successes in this world? These would be common answers to this kind of question, but I want you to consider one aspect of these types of answers. They are all temporary and fleeting. All of these things are important to us, but none of them are guaranteed to always be around. The one I want you to consider today can be carried through this life and into the next. I am a child of the King!

**Romans 8:14** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God... you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*<sup>16</sup> *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*<sup>17</sup> *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,*

When we identify ourselves based on our relationship with God it changes everything. I am His child! He is my Father! I am an heir of God! He believes I am valuable, and my inheritance is coming! He loves, cares, and wants what is best for me. As his child, he will look out for me, protect me and save me! Nothing in this world can take away the fact that I am a child of the King!

John

## Advancing the Gospel

**Philippians 1:12** *Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.*

What had happened to Paul? On the occasion of this writing Paul was in the Roman prison. He often was thrown into prison including once in Philippi. This prison has possibly been uncovered. If it was the same that Paul was in then it was just a small cave with iron bars across the front. Metal rods were driven into the rock to which chains were attached. Paul and Silas were chained and shackled in prison at Philippi after being beaten. Numerous other situations arose in Paul's life that no one would ask for or desire to happen. How did Paul view these situations?

Everything that happened to Paul, whether good or bad, was used to further the gospel. In Rome, Paul was able to talk to the palace guard. He explained that he was in prison because of his belief in Jesus Christ. He told them about the Lord and some listened. In Philippi, the jailer was converted and baptized because he talked about Jesus. When shipwrecked on the island of Malta, the sailors and the islanders were able to learn about Jesus and souls were saved. We can say that Paul did not like to be beaten, stoned, shipwrecked or imprisoned but he still used these circumstances to talk about Jesus. The question to ask ourselves this day is this: "Am I advancing the gospel in whatever state I find myself in?" Life can have some hard twists to it. This will often bring new people into our lives. Do we share the message of the gospel? By sharing the gospel people will have the opportunity to believe the message but it will also provide encouragement to our fellow Christians to always speak up for the Lord. Are we looking for some opportunities? They are there if we will just open our eyes.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- Bill Carroll
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 113A
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
- Vera Daniels - MRMC, Rm. 667
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - treatments
- Debbie Massey - pneumonia
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Kenny Jones, son of Reba, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Helen Deen - mother of Sharon Davis, Barbara Skelley, mother of Tommy, Tony Rummage - brother of Ray, Linda Hanback, friend of the Mobley's - cancer, Linda Collier - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry, Alene Cox - sister of JoAnn Coleman, Stacey Brown - niece of Cindy Hargrove double lung transplant, Ricky Harrington - uncle of Kaye Beard's grandson, Jean Posey - sister of Jean Sims, Natalie Kuykendall - undergoing chemo, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barber's - now home under hospice, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Clarence Weaver, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8

Baby Tea for Karen Grice  
It's A Boy!  
Sunday, July 9, 3:30  
In Fellowship Room  
Registered: Walmart, Target and Babies-R-Us

**WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 9, 2017**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome..... Greg Lusk  
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson  
 Prayer.....Eric Hixson  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Gary Boyd  
     David White                      Blake Daniels  
     Boyd Wood                        Brennan McNeese  
     Benny Bolton                     Cheyenne McNeese  
     James Bolton                    Daniel Thomas  
 Read: Psalm 89:11-17.....Ryan Massey  
 Sermon: Finding Joy of the Lord.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Lenny Davis  
 Prayer.....Greg Gray  
 Read:.....Charlie Willis  
 Sermon:.....Young Men  
 Presiding.....Donnie G. Davis  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Joe Macer

Ushers: Jim Anderson, Barrow Brown, Terry Burgess  
 Greeters: Greg & Kelley Lusk, Angie & Ryan Massey  
 Visual: Lee Winchester, Jimmy Quirk  
 Security Team: A.M.& P.M. - David Thomas, Alex Jones

**If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)  
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Kim Morgan, Reba Jones  
 P.M.....Sharon & Jennifer Davis

**VBS—WEDNESDAY, July 12, 2017**

**6:15-6:30 Registration  
 6:20 - Singing Begins  
 6:35 - Dismiss to Class**