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Let's Jump In

Yesterday, I went to the funeral of Tommy Hemphill. What a special man and a well-deserved celebration of a great life of service. My first memory of Tommy was as a camper at Maury Christian Camp. While we were swimming, a camper jumped off the diving board, and struck his head on the board. Those who saw it seemed to freeze in their tracks except for Tommy. Without hesitation, before many of us could process what was happening, Tommy jumped into the water and pulled the boy out to safety. As a young person, I was amazed and in awe at what he had done. That was my first memory of Tommy.

As I reflect on this memory, I think of our response to those who are injured and sinking in the waters of sin. Many that day were shocked at the tragedy, but never jumped in to help. Some may have thought the child should have been more careful and could have avoided the accident. Others may have been having too much fun playing, and never even recognized someone else was in trouble. I am sure there were many reasons that no one else jumped in to help, but I know one thing. Tommy knew what was needed and didn't hesitate before he jumped in to help. Spiritually speaking, isn't that what those who are lost in sin need? Someone who's first reaction is simply, "What can I do to help." They are hurt, sinking in sin or because of sin, and need our help. Let's all commit to being a church who is willing to jump in to help. See you Sunday!

John

Strengthened With Power

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.

Have you ever considered the numerous Scriptures that tell us that we can have power and strength? Paul prayed three times for a thorn in the flesh to be removed. The answer was no and the explanation was that my power is made perfect in weakness. Paul then stated, "For when I am weak, then I am strong." Meditate upon this question: If we Christians have this strength and power then why do we not exhibit this in so many areas of our lives? We as God's people are often heard using the phrase "I can't." Now honestly answer this question. Is it that we can't or is it that we won't? Are we tapping into the power?

Consider these questions. We know what God wants. What is our attitude towards doing that which God desires?

I can't get along with my wife. (or won't?)
I can't get out of bed to come worship. (or won't?)
I can't find the time to pray. (or won't?)
I can't teach the lost. (or won't?)
I can't find time to read my Bible. (or won't?)
I can't stop telling lies. (or won't?)

Are we willing to own up to the fact that we are not fulfilling our responsibilities? Let's ask God to forgive us for our weaknesses and start using the power that he provides.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Donna Altobell
- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 313-B
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- Bill Carroll
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 113A
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman-treatments
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
- Vera Daniels - NHC Columbia, Rm. 135-A
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - treatments
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Patsy Tyree
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Jerry Wayne Holder, JoAnn Coleman's brother, Minnie Morrow, Janet Seiber, friend of David & Rita Gray, Johnny Andrews, friend of Kim Fitzgerald, Doug Wilson - brother of Peggy Jones, Georgia Cook - mother of Jennifer McNeese, George Ervin - Angie Massey's dad, 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, 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, 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 20, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Lenny Davis
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....
 Danny Lasater Chase Thomason
 Jeremy Britt Jerry Thornton
 E.J. Hill Benny Bolton
 Corey Smith James Bolton
 Read: Colossians 1:15-22.....Bobby Daniels
 Sermon: The Preeminence of Christ.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Donnie G. Davis
 Prayer.....Mike Lyle
 Read: Colossians 2:20-23.....Byran Farris
 Sermon: Self-Made Religion.....John Thomas
 Presiding.....Charlie Willis
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

Ushers: David White, Austin Winchester, Chris Lewis
 Greeters: Chris & Angela Mobley, Libby Moss, Katherine Nicholson
 Visual: Alex Jones, Jacob Pollard

Security Team: A.M. & P.M. - Chris Mobley, Jim Anderson

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NURSERY CARE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Angie Massey, Cecelia Willis
 P.M.....Sharon & Jennifer Davis

Song Leader:Trent Thomason
 Prayer:Conner Arnett
 Speaker:.....Nathan Hixson