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Running for the Prize

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. I Corinthians 9:24,25

It's football time in Tennessee! Many of us look forward to the beginning of a new sports season whether it is football, basketball, baseball, hockey, etc. We love competition and we love to watch individuals that compete at a very high level. To see the best in the world compete after spending countless hours and large amounts of money training their bodies throughout the year is quite impressive.

Why do they do it? Because they want to be champions. They want to hold a trophy up above their head. They watch what they eat. They work out on a daily basis. They practice and practice, for what? They do it all for an earthly crown, that only one team will receive. Paul reminds us in the passage above that we too are in a competition, the race of life. We too must dedicate ourselves to receiving the prize. We must have self-control in all things, but there are major differences. Our crown is eternal in the heavens. In our race, we all have the ability to be winners. In our race, God is on our side and will give us the victory, but we must make the decision to run with all our heart. Let's commit to never stop running. See you Sunday!

John

The Power of Influence

I Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled:
"Bad company corrupts good character."

O that each generation would learn this important bit of wisdom. It matters who you spend your time with. If you spend your time with drug users, then in a matter of time you will also be involved. If all of your buddies use bad language, then it won't be long that you will at least be thinking those words if not saying them. If the one you date has loose sexual morals then it will become easy to follow the individual's lead if you remain in that situation. If you spend any time with those in a gang, then it won't be long until you are in that gang. Being in the midst of bad company will bring us down. This is a strong warning to stay away from this environment.

Sadly, evil has a greater effect on good than good has on evil. A deep commitment is needed to strive to be good, righteous and holy. When that stand is made, then we must look at our surroundings and determine to remove ourselves from evil influences. I heard a man tell his story one time about this very thought. He basically was a good boy that chose to go car riding with three not so good boys. Before the night was over, one of the young men had robbed a store and shot and killed the owner of the store. In a short matter of time, they were all arrested and he was sent to prison for a life time. He was not involved in the robbery and murder but by being with these men he was considered as one of the criminals. Many, many years later he was pardoned. Look at what one thoughtless choice did to his life. To keep good character, let's spend time with good characters and they can be found in the church in the form of God-fearing men and women. Try to influence those of bad company to do right but be very careful as you do it. Bad company corrupts good character.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Donna Altobell
- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 226-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
- Kristi Mick-broken elbow
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, Rm. 6
- Patsy Tyree -treatments
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Jocinda Martin** - friend of Lisa & Jason Kelley
- Patricia Vaughn** - aunt of Lisa Kelley
- Rick Heavner** - friend of the Britt's
- Joyce Crowe** - Debbie Massey's mother
- 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
- Linda Hanback** - friend of Mobley's - cancer
- Linda Collier** - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
- Stacey Brown**-niece of Cindy Hargrove-double lung transplant
- Jean Posey** - sister of Jean Sims
- Natalie Kuykendall** - undergoing chemo

WORSHIP LEADERS SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Patrick Sullivan
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Benny Bolton
 Nathan Hixson Chris Mobley
 Mike Lyle Tommy Skelley
 Blair Keeling Tracey Wilkins
 Jason Kelley Jim Anderson
 Read: Romans 8:9-14.....Charlie Willis
 Sermon: The Holy Spirit in Our Lives.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer..... Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Trent Thomason
 Prayer..... Aaron Sullivan
 Read: Galatians 5:22-25.....Andrew Sullivan
 Sermon: The Fruit of the Spirit-Love.....John Thomas
 Presiding.....Barry Cross
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Byran Farris

Ushers: Corey Smith, John Massey, Barrow Brown
 Greeters: Dennis & Jan Thomason, Jerry & Peggy Wilson
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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Libby Moss, Jan Thomason
 P.M.....Jackie Hargrove

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:30 P.M.

Song Leader/..... Sam Quirk
 Announcements:.....John Thomas
 Prayer:Andrew Sullivan
 Speaker:.....Mike Greene