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Jesus for our Community

Jesus came to earth in order to change lives. He came to convict man of sin, lead them into truth and in doing so would enable them to be able to once again live in the presence of God. This is the gospel message! This is what those around us need. It saddens me that so many in our country no longer understand or want to acknowledge this truth. However, I still believe Jesus would tell us the same thing He said in Samaritan country side. "Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." John 4:35 I believe there are many that would be receptive to the gospel message, but we all must improve our efforts to reach them.

In John 4 Jesus gives us a few pointers to help improve our efforts. The first thing He said was to look. Jesus is instructing us to focus our attention on the fact that there are lost people around us. We can walk thru life only focused on self, or we can walk thru life with our focus on the lost around us. Secondly, He said "lift up your eyes". Once the lost have our attention, we need to focus on specific individuals with whom we can share the saving message. Make a list. Start praying for them. The final thing he tells us is that we need to start the harvest. We need to start doing our best to help those that are receptive to make the decision to put on Christ in their lives. Ask them if they need to study. Ask them about their desire to follow Jesus. If they are ready we will be thrilled by their answer. He is the answer, lets do our best to let our community know.

John

The Lord's Servant

Luke 1:38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

An amazing character in the Scriptures is Mary the mother of Jesus. Not much is known about her but she certainly played an important role in history. Mary was a young girl and she was a virgin. She was pledged to be married to Joseph when an angel appeared to her and announced that she would give birth to a son. His name would be Jesus and God would give him the throne of his father David. What an amazing announcement and yet it seemed impossible to Mary. She had not been with a man. How could this happen? Another thought that had to be running through her mind was how she could tell Joseph and what will family, friends and the people of Nazareth think. The questions were answered by the angel. As the angel is leaving, Mary declares she wants God's will to be done and she is God's servant to use however he wished.

Do we have the deep devotion to God that Mary had? When we discovered what God expected of us in order to receive salvation, did we do it and quickly? When we learn the Lord's expectations in the Sermon on the Mount, do we respond "I am the Lord's servant."? The most difficult problem for most people to overcome is the desire to do what pleases self. When we want something different than what the Lord wants, then what do we do? Jesus has asked us to die to self and to live for him. Even if what God wants is life altering, will we do his will? May we be willing to submit and to serve our Heavenly Father.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Myrna Jett-broken ankle
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Melissa Stutts
- Barney Roland
- Donald White - recovering from surgery
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Alene Cox-sister of JoAnn Coleman, Ronald Mayberry - brother of Eldridge Mayberry, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Little Natalie Kuykendall, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, Ann Lamar, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad, 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, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219 - 901-0280, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, 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 OCTOBER 23, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Greg Lusk
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jeremy Britt
 Max Ballard Jacob Pollard
 Tracey Wilkins Jerry Thornton
 Jerry Barber Lee Winchester
 Rhett Heflin Greg Gray
 Read: Matthew 16:13-17.....David Thomas
 Sermon: Jesus Will Challenge You.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
 Prayer.....Dennis Thomason
 Read: Psalm 126.....Boyd Wood
 Sermon: Men Who Dreamed.....Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....John Massey
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie G. Davis

AREA WIDE SINGING AT SOUTH GATE

October 21, 7 P.M.
 Refreshments Served

Please sign up in the foyer to bring finger foods.

Ushers: Tommy Hight, Gary Boyd, Brennan McNeese
 Greeters: Jerry, Christa & Max Ballard and Linda Mabry
 Visual: Chris Mobley, Jacob Pollard
 Security Team: A.M. and P.M.—Greg Lusk, Jeremy Britt

**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

Wednesday, Oct. 26 - Fall Series - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Juaneese Perdue, Jennifer Winchester
 P.M.....Katie Hixon

Song LeaderNathan Hixson
 Prayer.....David Morgan
 Announcements.....John Thomas
 Speaker.....Ben Diles