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Time to Take Off the Masks

Our fall family get together was a wonderful event! I am so thankful for the leadership of Blake and Jessica Daniels as they helped lead a great committee of people in making sure that it was a great success. One of my favorite aspects of the night is seeing all the young people presented in their costumes. They love to dress up, and become someone or something else for a night, and watching them enjoy themselves is such a thrill.

Masks can be a lot of fun, but there comes a time to take them off, and get back to normal life. If someone wore a mask every day we would all be concerned wouldn't we? Jesus warned against wearing masks when He called the religious people of His day hypocrites in Matthew 23:1-29. Jesus compared them to actors in a play that would switch from mask to mask based on the role they were playing. They were only worried about their outside appearance and not the heart, and Jesus called them on it.

We must always consider ourselves in light of the Lord's teaching. Are we more caught up in appearances than in who we are on the inside. Are we just going through the motions? Are we allowing Satan to have his way with our hearts while we put on a good show? It can happen to any of us if we are not careful. Let's dedicate ourselves to be genuine, sincere, and faithful disciples that live our lives from the inside out.

John

A Lost Word

Job 27:5 I will never admit you are in the right;
till I die I will not deny my integrity.

Job faced many difficult situations that turned his life into chaos. Nearly everything about his daily activities was changed. He lost his children, his workers and the vast majority of his possessions. Sores covered his body and made life miserable as well. Three friends came by and spent some time with him. These men then began to discuss the reasons behind all of Job's tragedies. They blamed Job for his own troubles. These men called upon Job to admit his sins. Job did not believe that he had done anything to cause God to respond to him in such a way. They pressed him to declare his unrighteous acts that had caused his consequences. Job declared that he would do no such thing. In reality they wanted him to tell a lie. He refused. Job tried with every fiber of his being to obey God in every aspect of his life. Job believed himself to be a man of integrity. God said he was "blameless, upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." Job would lose his integrity if he were to lie by agreeing with these men.

Integrity is a rare word today. Do you have integrity? Let's ask a more important question. Since you became a Christian, have you had integrity? Are you honest? Do you tell the truth? Are there skeletons hiding in your closet? Are you really the same on the inside as you appear on the outside? May we always strive to serve God correctly in every aspect of our lives. Somehow the American philosophy has become to win at any cost - lie, cheat, steal, slander or a multitude of other things. This is evident from grade school sports all the way to high stakes political offices. Let's pray and let us work to change the American people back to the way of integrity and may it begin with us as God's people.

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
- Barney Roland - Surgery November 3
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Jeff Porter - grandfather of Natalie Thomas, JoAnn Posey - sister of Jean Sims, Alene Cox - sister of JoAnn Coleman, Ronald Mayberry - brother of Eldridge Mayberry, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, 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 & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, 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 - NHC Columbia Rm. 106, 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 NOVEMBER 6, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
 Prayer.....Barry Cross
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Benny Bolton
 Donnie G. Davis Jason Kelley
 John Massey David Morgan
 Sam Quirk Larry Nicholson
 Boyd Wood Tommy Skelley
 Read: Romans 5:6-11.....Eric Hixson
 Sermon: Jesus Saves You.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Randy Jones
 Read: Mathew 25:31-36.....Tracey Wilkins
 Sermon: The Value of a Visit.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Max Ballard
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....David Thomas

Ushers: Bill Fuller, Ed Hargrove, Bobby Daniels
 Greeters: Jimmy & Anna Quirk, Linda Weaver
 Visual: Chris Mobley, Ryan Massey

Security Team: A.M. and P.M.—Cheyenne McNeese, David White

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NURSERY CARE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Sharon & Jennifer Davis, Cecelia Willis
 P.M.....Lisa Kelley

Song LeaderDennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Barry Cross
 Announcements/Speaker.....Nathan Hixson