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First Day

Today, Natalie and I sent our first born off to his first day of school for the very last time. It has been quite a ride from Tuesday/Thursday school till now. He has changed, and so have we. He is excited and ready, and I am excited for him. At the same time, I am obviously struck by how fast it has all come and gone. The one thing that I know will be a constant, as long as he lives, is there will continue to be first days in his life. First day of the week, of the month, first day of the year, first days of college, work, marriage, and retirement. Life is always full of firsts. Some are happy and some are sad, but first days keep coming. The question is what will we do with them?

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Firsts will come and go. We must remember that how we handle these moments collectively will determine the value, success, and direction of our lives. I pray that my children will use every first as an opportunity to bring glory to God and seek His will. I pray they will trust in Him, and submit to His will. Verse 14 of the same chapter tells us that "He has made everything beautiful in its time." I pray today will be beautiful, but even more importantly, I pray they will face every first as an opportunity to walk with the One who can and will make every day beautiful in its time. May we use each day as an opportunity to be a step closer to a beautiful existence with Him. See you Sunday!

John

Arguments

Philippians 4:2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.

Few things can bring harm to a congregation than the argument between two of its members. The disagreement begins and then the talk begins. Often insults and name calling are thrown at each other. Eventually sides are taken for the two individuals and the whole congregation gets involved. Lost in all of this battle is the proper Christian attitude. Paul is not referring to some doctrinal issue here but rather two different opinions have been offered and neither person is budging. Paul was sitting in a prison in Rome and yet he was aware of an argument in Philippi. The Apostle was pleading - yes begging - for these two women to come to an agreement. The church does not need this divisiveness. It was a poor example that was being provided by these two ladies.

Were these evil women? No, these women have worked alongside of Paul in the cause of the gospel. They loved the Lord and they wanted to see the church at Philippi grow. Some issue caused them to take a stand that they would not back down from. Selfish ambition was destroying their relationship and harming the church. If each would think more of the other, then this argument would disappear. This is exactly what was discussed previously in the second chapter. When Paul talked to the Corinthians about lawsuits, he condemned this attitude of having to have my way. He asked if it was not better to be wronged in our own eyes than to have this battle going on in the church. The church needed its peace restored and brotherly love needed to be prevalent once again. There was too much work to do for it to be destroyed by an argument.

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
- 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

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, 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, 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

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 6, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Jim Pollard
Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
Prayer.....Charlie Willis
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Byran Farris
 Gary Boyd Dustin Stutts
 Lee Winchester Trent Thomason
 Eric Hixson Jim Anderson
 Ryan Massey Conner Arnett
Read: John 19:5-16.....Danny Lasater
Sermon: A Decision To Make.....Jody Pritchett
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
Prayer.....Barry Cross
Read: Psalm 133:1-3.....Blake Daniels
Sermon: The Unity of the Lord.....John Thomas
Presiding.....Corey Smith
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie G. Davis

Sympathy is extended to Alice Bolton and her family in the death of her aunt Jennie Ruth Holder, whose funeral was Sunday in Cornersville.

Ushers: Jacob Pollard, Benny Bolton, Lenny Davis
Greeters: Ryan and Karen Grice, James and Roberta Bolton
Visual: Chris Mobley, Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. & P.M. - Cheyenne McNeese, Ryan Grice

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Jennifer Winchester, Katie Hixson
P.M.....Jackie Hargrove

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:30 P.M.

Song Leader:Nathan Hixson
Prayer:Joe Macer
Speaker:Mike Lyle