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Encouraging

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

I Thessalonians 5:11

Encouraging words can be refreshing like a cool drink of water to a wanderer in the desert. They can warm a heart like a roaring fire on a snowing day. They can revive a worker like a good meal after a hard day of work. Encouragement is a key ingredient to any successful effort. Without its presence weariness, apathy, and discouragement will creep into any endeavor. I believe this is why the Lord through Paul reminded the Thessalonians to encourage one another. He said this is a way to build others up.

This coming Sunday our young men and ladies will take the courage to step out and use their talents to glorify the Lord. It is not an easy thing to do. Nerves will be strained, and it will take courage, but they are prepared and well directed, and it will be a great day. Here are two things we need to focus on during this day. First of all, we need to take in the opportunity to worship the Lord and offer praise to His name. Secondly, we need to take advantage of this opportunity to encourage the young people of South Gate. We need to plan on giving many pats on the back, firm handshakes, hugs. We need to send notes of appreciation and thanks for their hard work. When we do, we are taking a vital role in the development of future leaders, and that encouragement will pay off for years to come. May we all be encouragers every chance we get. See you Sunday!

John

Something Worse

John 5:14 *"Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "see you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."*

At a pool called Bethesda in the city of Jerusalem, Jesus came across a man who was an invalid. This man had for the last 38 years been unable to walk. Imagine how life would change if you could not walk at all. This man was a beggar. His survival was dependent upon the generosity of other people. He could not work or take care of his own physical needs. This man was extremely blessed to meet Jesus and he was healed. Immediately he was cured but questioned by the Jews for violating the Sabbath. Later he saw Jesus at the temple and was cautioned by him.

Jesus had two thoughts for this man and his future. The first was to stop sinning. There is no indication that his problems were due to sin. Sin can bring about disastrous results. There are plenty of diseases and handicaps that are a result of sin or sinful activity. However, most situations are not due to sin. By avoiding sin we will prevent some terrible consequences of sin. The second thought from Jesus was that there are things worse than these handicaps. What could be worse than never walking or being blind or paralyzed? Being lost and apart from God eternally is far worse. Suffering in the flames of hell is worse. Today whether you are very healthy or struggling, remember to turn from sin and glorify God every day on this planet.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
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- Dorothy Johnson

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- Bill Harris** - father of Melissa Jones - NHC Walnut Lane. Room 129
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- Sherry Schroeder** - Daughter of Charlie Willis's sister in law.
- Derrick & Breena Carroll and new born son**
- Carolyn Macer** - mother of Joe Macer

WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 15, 2018

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader: Youth For Christ
 Prayer:.....Jim Pollard
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jody Pritchett
 Mike Kinzer Greg Grey
 John Massey Andrew Sullivan
 Benny Bolton Jim Anderson
 Bobby Daniels JW Gilliam
 Read: Youth For Christ
 Sermon: Youth For Christ
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
 Prayer.....Ryan Grice
 Read: Luke 2:41-52.....Charlie Willis
 Sermon: The Growth of a Child.....John Thomas
 Presiding.....Jerry Ballard
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Joe Macer

Ushers: Blair Keeling, Gary Boyd, Jesse Gilliam
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NURSERY CARE FOR APRIL

A.M.....Alice Williams & Hillary Caldwell

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 6:30 P.M.

Song Leader:Shaun Townsend
 Prayer:.....Dennis Thomason
 Announcements/Speaker:.....Trent Hill