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## Lessons Learned

Here is my first bulletin article from home post surgery. Words fall short of expressing how much your prayers, call, notes, encouragement and most of all your prayers have meant to me over the last week. This is my first go around as a patient, and so many of you have helped me along the way. My family and I thank you for all your support at this time. During the next few weeks I want to share some facts that have come to mind during this last few days.

### 1. We are so blessed.

Before a surgery they ask a number of medical questions about anything that could be wrong with a person. I answered no, no, no, and no, and stopped in the middle of the questions and just said, "I have been blessed". I would encourage each of you to focus more on ways you are blessed than on the challenges you face in life. I believe Paul encourages this in **Philippians 4:6** when he tells us to make supplications with thanksgiving.

### 2. We all need help.

Nothing humbles you more than realizing you don't have the ability to take care of yourself, and learning to ask for help. Once you realize this fact and are willing to ask for help things start to work out much better in life. So many people are willing to help if we will just make our needs known.

### 3. Many times the only thing we can control is our attitude.

Many of us love to be in control. The problem is that there are many times in life that cause us to realize how little we have control over. Sickness, death, a bad economy, or how others decide to treat us are out of our control. During these times all we can control is our attitude, but this can make all the difference. The most important attitude is one that trusts in God to see us through any hardship, pain or trial. This approach to life is apparent in **James 1:2** when the brother of our Lord tells us "*My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials...*" Christians ought to strive to find joy in life because we know who is really in control. Have a great week!

John

## Taking Pains

II Corinthians 8:21 For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.

Paul was responsible to deliver the collection taken up at Corinth and the Macedonian area. The collection was for the purpose of helping the poor saints in Jerusalem. From Corinth to Jerusalem was a several hundred mile journey. Traveling in that age was dangerous with thieves hiding behind every rock. Paul was concerned about getting the offering there safely but his greater concern was that no one question his motives. Titus was also well known to the church and he would be part of this trip. Another brother praised by various congregations was also sent. Paul allowed the local congregation to also choose men to carry the offering. Paul had several concerns as the gift was about to be delivered. First, he wanted the Lord to be honored. Second, he wanted to help the saints in Jerusalem and third, he wanted his integrity to not be questioned. He made his decision based upon many factors, not simply what was easy or what he wanted to do.

Paul took pains to do what was right. Any misunderstanding would be detrimental to him and his work. He wanted no questions to arise. He did not want his motives to be challenged. Paul did some things that he did not have to do but for his peace of mind as well as the givers he went above the necessities. Do we take pains to do what is right? Do we keep things out in the open so that no false charges can arise? Let's strive to do all for the glory of the Lord and keep our fellow man from questioning our actions as well.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Iris Anderson - radiation
- Mike Andrews
- Ann Brady
- Alice Bolton - back at worship on Sunday
- Roberta Bolton
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC Hillview, Rm. 217
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Danny Lasater - recovering from surgery
- Linda Luna
- Teresa Lyle - recovering from surgery
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- James Ed Pollard - NHC Hillview, Rm. 227-A
- Ned Pollard - home
- Jimmy Quirk - undergoing chemo
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101-B
- Ethel Spears - NHC Hillview, Rm. 111
- Melissa Stutts - recovering from surgery
- John Thomas - recovering from surgery
- Elaine Whitehead

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Betty Lentz, Jessie Sisk Chacon - cancer, Debbie Spears, Alex Rector - cancer, Shannon Jones - grandson of Reba recovering from shoulder surgery, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Billie Andrews, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Dora Bolton - mother of James, JoAnn Anderson - mother of Katherine Nicholson, Ginger Chesnut - cancer, Jay Morgan - father-in-law of Kim, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, 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, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle - 1305 Old Mill Road, Moore, OK 73160, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker - home.

**The Primetimer's Red Carpet Event is Saturday, February 20 at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. Dress for your red carpet premier or as your favorite movie star. If you need a ride, let us know.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 14, 2016**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Richard Farris  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Donnie Davis  
     Charlie Willis                      Dave Coleman  
     Jerry Ballard                        J.W. Gilliam  
     Terry Burgess                       Cheyenne McNeese  
     Ed Johnson                          Larry Nicholson  
 Read: Revelation 1:12-20.....John Massey  
 Sermon: In The Midst.....Joe Macer  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Trent Thomason  
 Prayer.....Chris Mobley  
 Read: I Timothy 1:12-16.....DeWayne Hickman  
 Sermon: Blessed Are The Merciful.....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Byran Farris  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Kevin Mick

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Rhonda Farris in the death of her aunt, Wilma Hill, whose funeral was today in West Tennessee.

Ushers: Blair Keeling, Brennan McNeese, Jerry Barber  
 Greeters: Dennis, Jan & Emily Thomason, Alice Williams  
 Audio/Visual: Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Alice Williams, Debbie Massey  
 P.M.....Angie Massey, Marisa Massey

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader .....Joe Macer  
 Prayer.....John Allen Thomas  
 Announcements/Sppeaker.....Jim Pollard