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Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to our 5th Sunday Contribution.

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Blesses (2) . . . By Joe Macer

Revelation 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

This is the second blessing given in the book of Revelation. It does not say blessed are the dead but rather blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. How are Christians blessed by their death? Isn't death a terrible thing? Isn't it something we try to avoid? Doesn't it bring great pain and suffering? Death for a Christian is a beautiful occurrence. Death ushers us into eternity. For the Christian this means being in the presence of the Lord, being around the throne of God and being in the perfect Paradise. In heaven, the Scriptures inform us there will be no more death, mourning, crying or pain. This location is a precious place of beauty and is full of love and joy.

This passage also supplies a reason. Christians will rest from their labor. The Christian life can be a struggle. It is a labor of love but we struggle to overcome sin; we struggle to overcome temptations and we struggle to proclaim Jesus to many who do not want to listen. Sometimes we have to overcome persecution from those who despise Christians. At times these can seem overwhelming. It can be tiring work, but good work and well worth the effort. In heaven we will rest from this labor. What we have done during this life will not be forgotten. The Lord knows what we have done; he knows what we have been through and it will not be forgotten. Will your death be a blessing? It will be a blessing if you belong to the Lord.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown,
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - Poplar Estates, Rm. 204
- Mary Chumbley
- O.G. Church - home
- Sarah Churchwell - Home
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Corrine Goetz
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- Charline Gossett
- Andrew Hardison - recovering from surgery
- Clifford Johnson - recovering from knee surgery
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - Brookdale, Rm. 403
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- Barney Roland - Hillview NHC, Rm. 101-B
- Betty Roland
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Donald White - recovering from shoulder surgery
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Patricia Wauford, cousin of Patsy Tyree - MPMC, Rm. 568, Tommy Hemphill, Robert Baker - home- brother of Lorene Hickman, Carolyn Hickerson - sister of Larry Nicholson, Lucy Guthrie - aunt of Beverly Ledford, Sharon Hardison Terry - daughter of Edna Hardison, Tony Rummage - brother of Ray, Billie Andrews - sister of Lorene Hickman, Clara Harvey, Life Care, Rm. 225B - aunt of Ray Rummage, Chris Allen - friend of Richard Farris, Kristy Carroll - friend of Jessica Daniels, Hope Drake, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Mike Zeigler, Kristy Keaton, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Margarite Neil and Carolyn Curtis, friends of the Warfs, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Little Gatlin Macer, Joan Kittrell, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Evan Rector, Patsy Loveless, Gerald Boyd, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Jackie McPeak - liver cancer, Travis Jett, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Clara Griggs-cancer-aunt of Donna Altobell - 202 Nowlin Court, Columbia, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Allen Brown, Hunter Cates, 10 year old great-grandson of Faye Blocker

Tweens Devo June 7 after evening services at Trent & Lori Hill's home. All Tweens Families are invited. Children going into 3rd thru 5th grade in fall are welcomed. Families attending, please bring finger food.

WORSHIP LEADERS JUNE 7, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Alex Jones
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Duane Allen
 Terry Burgess James Bolton
 Dave Coleman Johnnie Johnson
 Byran Farris Jonathan Macer
 Lee Winchester Ryan Massey
 Read: Acts 20:32.....Trent Hill
 Sermon: Good Bye For Now.....Brian Gregory
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Mike Lyle
 Read: II Timothy 1:11-14.....Tommy Hight
 Sermon: God's Spirit Lives In Us.....Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Benny Bolton
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

Ushers: Johnny Smith, Charles Bassham, Jim Anderson
 Greeters: Ed & Jessica Hargrove, J. B. Hickman & Linda Rochelle
 Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam 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.....Cecelia Willis & Edith Burgess
 P.M.....Jackie Hargrove & Leigh Anna Pollard

VBS - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.

Announcements/Speaker.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Trent Hill