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## *As I See It. . . . By Brian Gregory*

Last week, as I taught the combined Bible Classes on Wednesday, I continued the discussion of loving God and loving others (Mt. 22:36-4). As part of this broad discussion, I talked about the people Jesus literally invited to the table (e.g., the tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners). For each of us to love God and love others, I challenged us to do the same by inviting everyone to the table and making it known what Jesus has to offer.

The great challenge I set forth was the fact we can never truly love others outside the church and bring them to the table if we don't first love those within the church. Each of us need to take the time, opportunity and efforts to speak to engage others, especially those who are not part of our immediate group. It only takes a few seconds to stick your hand out, say hello and begin a conversation. It is amazing how many things you find you have in common with others just by talking with them for a few minutes.

Another aspect of this is how we make our visitors feel welcomed and how long. Each of us should take it on ourselves to greet every visitor. Imagine the welcome and sense of belonging this would produce. Additionally, we need to greet each other. Make it known you are happy to see them. When we all do a little it helps a lot.

Everyone likes to know they are wanted and included. Many responded so readily to Jesus because He made them feel this way. Imagine what will happen if we did the same here at South Gate to visitors and each other?

## *I Am Unworthy....Joe Macer*

Genesis 32:10 I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown to your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two groups.

Where did it all come from? Jacob had to stop and consider one day what God had done for him. When he left home all he had was the clothes on his back and a staff in his hand. Now fourteen years later he had two wives and several sons as well as a large flock of animals - cattle, donkeys, sheep, goats and camels. He had gone from nothing to a large family and great wealth in his flocks and herds. He rightly recognized that all of this was from the hand of God. He also knew he was unworthy and undeserving but was very appreciative of the Lord's blessings.

What do you have at this time in your life? Each one of us came into this world with nothing. We may have had numerous blessings due to our parents but these should also be considered gifts from God. Have you received an education? Do you own a vehicle? Do you have a job? Do you have a spouse? Do you have children? Do you have grandchildren? Do you have a house, property or money? God has blessed every one of us in many ways. Surely we all can say God has been good to me. When thinking about our blessings do not forget the spiritual blessings found in Christ as well. What God has prepared for us in heaven will surpass all the blessings of this life. Thank him regularly and often for what he has done in our individual lives. We are unworthy of all God's blessings but thankful for his faithfulness.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:****SOUTH GATE MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress
- Mary Chumbley
- Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Dorothy Johnson - back at worship
- Andy Kelley
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Libby Moss
- Frances Petty - Sterling House, Rm. 403
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim Wilson

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Deak Waldrum, cousin of Blair Keeling, Mike Bryan, Mary Elizabeth Dodson, cousin of Reba Jones, Gerald Boyd, father of Gary, Dennis Thrasher, father of Lisa Kelley, Jim Ganaway - friend of Cheathams, Charles Stofel, Joan Van Hooser, Aaron Way, 12 yr. old great nephew of Barry Brown - undergoing chemo, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Rm. 205, Clara Totty - Poplar Estates, Rm. 102, Jackie McPeak - liver cancer, Travis Jett - NHC Hillview Rm. 100, Tristen Kelley, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Jennie Evans, sister/Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Dorothy Rea, sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Little Gatlin Macer, Jennifer Fetters (friend/Lasater's), Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon (not doing well) - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister/Kaye Beard, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Alfred & Irma Pagel, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Bella Huey

**SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to William Carroll in the death of his sister, Rachel Raulins. The funeral was held today in Clinton, Iowa.

Sympathy is also extended to Mackenzie Boyd, Matt's wife in the death of her 50 year old mother who died from cancer. The funeral will probably be Friday in Knoxville.

**WORSHIP LEADERS SEPTEMBER 14, 2014****SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Donnie Davis  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Joe Macer  
 Serving:

Barry Cross	Jason Kelley
Blake Daniels	Mike Lyle
Bill Fuller	Jonathan Macer
John Massey	Jim Anderson

Read: Luke 19:9,10.....Tyler Brown  
 Sermon: Jesus' Love For the Lost.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Byran Farris  
 Read.....Duane Allen  
 Sermon: .....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Jim Pollard  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Ryan Massey

We're proud of all the young men who conducted our afternoon worship service on August 31! We're also proud of all the other young boys and girls of our congregation!

**You're fantastic!!!**

Ushers: Danny Lasater, Benny Bolton, Larry Nicholson

Greeters: John, Debbie, Angie Massey & Alice Williams

Audio/Visual: Jim Pollard

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014****NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Paula Gilliam & Rachel Farris  
 P.M.....Cindy Hickman, Jadonna Hight

Song Leader .....Blair Keeling  
 Prayer.....Tim Raines  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Alex Jones