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As I See It . . . By Brian Gregory

Yesterday, I along with millions of others, took the opportunity to exercise my right to vote. For all the attack adds and disagreement between many people on different sides of issues and campaigns, it is great to know our nation is still strong and still stands despite the outcomes. America is still America and we should all be thankful for that. We enjoy this privilege of voting because of freedom. No matter where stand on any issue, we all can agree we love freedom. However, the funny thing about freedom is it is never free. It always costs something.

Consider this, God offers each us of us freedom from sin (Rm. 6:15-23). God paid the price by sending His Son and allowing Him to die. We pay the price and enjoy the benefits by dying to self and sin (Mk. 8:34-38) and living for God and righteousness.

God has made an incredible offer of freedom. If God forced it upon us it wouldn't really be freedom after all. As it stands, we all are free to chose for ourselves if we will accept it or not.

Brian

The Tree Of Life . . . By Joe Macer

Genesis 2:9 And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground - trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

An amazing tree was found in the Garden of Eden. This tree was the tree of life. Can you imagine a tree that if you ate of its fruit that you would never die? Man was placed in the garden and allowed to eat of this tree. The original intention was that man would never die. One tree was in the garden that men were not to eat from - the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When Adam and Eve partook of this fruit they not only lost the Garden of Eden but they lost the tree of life. This couple was removed from the presence of this tree and death came into the world. Cherubim with a flaming sword were placed at the entrance to keep man from the tree of life. Life forever was lost.

Early in Genesis this Eden account was presented in the Bible but thankfully that is not the end of the story. All the way into the book of Revelation we find Jesus telling the church at Ephesus that if they would overcome the world they would have the right to eat of the tree of life. Yes, several thousand years had passed and yet the tree of life still existed. Where was it? Jesus said it was in the paradise of God. The last chapter of Revelation invites us to share in the tree of life once again. Those who have washed their robes have a right to the tree of life. We can live forever with God. On the other hand a warning is given. If we misuse the words of God then the tree or life will be taken away. May each of us strive to be found in the presence of God where we will live forever.

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

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
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- Linda Luna
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FRIENDS AND FAMILY

James Clark - uncle of Mike Lyle, Ken York - friend of Kathy Garner, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, , Evan Rector, nephew of Paula Gilliam - Stallworth Rehab, W.M. Morrow, Clara Mae Harvey - aunt of Ray Rummage - Life Care, Rm. 203-B, Deak Waldrum - home, Patsy Loveless, Gerald Boyd, father of Gary, Dennis Thrasher - father of Lisa Kelley, 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 - home, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody - home, 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, Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon - 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, Kim, Skylar & Dakota Cannon-friends of Johnny & Janice Smith, Sue Gilliam, sister-in-law of J. W. Gilliam., Herbert Burgess, father of Terry Burgess

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Judy King, whose funeral was yesterday. Judy was the daughter of one of our first elders - Bro. Roy Pogue.

WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 9, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Benny Bolton
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Kevin Mick
 Gary Boyd Terry Burgess
 Danny Lasater Ed Johnson
 Charlie Willis Larry Nicholson
 Jerry Williams Jim Anderson
 Read: Luke 10:25-29.....Randy Jones
 Sermon: Where Are You In The Story?.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Joe Macer
 Prayer.....Trent Hill
 Read: Haggai 1:8,9.....Charlie Willis
 Sermon: Stirring Up The Spirits.....Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....John Massey
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

**5th Sunday
 Contribution
 November 30
 Goal - \$24,000**

Ushers: Jason Kelley, Jesse Gilliam, Corey Massey
 Greeters: Jimmy, Anna & Sam Quirk, Rosemary Macer
 Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

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

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NURSERY CARE

A.M..... Meg & Maddi Lusk
 P.M.....Angie Massey, Marissa Massey

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderJoe Macer
 Prayer.....Benny Bolton
 Announcements/Speaker.....Richard Farris