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As I See It. . . By Brian Gregory

As we celebrated Veteran's Day this week, I tried to think about it along some biblical lines. God repeatedly reminded His people to remember what He had done for them in the past. However, as I did some more study, I found a few more thoughts, I felt were worth sharing.

For many people since the 9-11 attacks, Veteran's day has become even more significant. The idea of military service and its importance has been brought front and center. We so easily take for granted our rights and freedoms but those always come at a cost, often the blood of men and women willing to defend it or those willing to shed their blood if necessary.

In contrast many in the world face terrible realities such as, girls being forced into marriage with much older men, children being attacked for simply going to school in Nigeria, pregnant women being forced to abort their children in China because of the one child policy of decades past, women being beaten for appearing in public without a male escort in the Middle East. We cringe at these facts and rightly so but when we hear of them, we should be even more thankful for those who have served are serving and will serve to make sure you and I can continue to live free. What a blessing.

So, instead of saying, "God Bless America" why don't we stop and appreciate how "God Has Blessed America"?

Brian

Death For The Truth. . . By Joe Macer

Jeremiah 38:4 Then the officials said to the king, "This man should be put to death. He is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the other people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin."

Can you speak the truth when no one wants to hear it? This can be rather challenging and often very difficult to do. God chose Jeremiah as a prophet to do his work. He was responsible to proclaim the full message of God. Much of his message to the Israelites was doom and gloom. How did the Israelites respond? They wanted to kill the messenger. When Jeremiah spoke, he was communicating exactly what God wanted known. God knew what the future held and he still does even today. If Israel refused to follow God's word then disaster was awaiting them. The history of mankind shows the consequences of man not following God's instructions. From the time of Adam and Eve until this very day deserting the commands of God will eventually destroy joys of life. Jeremiah was taken to a cistern and thrown into it. The truth haters wanted to destroy the truth giver.

Two questions that we should consider are: first, if we do not like the truth will we try to destroy the truth giver and second, if we know that people will not receive the truth will we remain firm to the truth? We must speak the truth of God to all people in all situations. We must warn people of the destruction to come if they fail to do that which God expects. When we are attacked with words or deeds we must resolve to follow the Lord. Many today do not want to know the truth. We have the responsibility to continue to share what God has commanded us whether people will listen or not. Let's seek the eternal good of people and not their eternal ruin.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Byran Farris in the death of his grandmother, Wanda Farris whose funeral was today. Kenneth and Wanda attended Eastside, along with their boys before moving to Winchester. Wanda was a teacher and Kenneth served as a deacon of our congregation.

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
- JoAnn Johnson - recovering f/knee replacement - home
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - Sterling House, Rm. 403
- Betty Roland - recovering from a fall
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to our prayer list, please notify the office.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Patsy Graves - cousin of Linda Luna - NHC Columbia, Rm. 134, 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, 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, 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

WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 16, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Tyler Brown
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Richard Farris
 Kevin Mick David White
 Benny Bolton Jerry Williams
 John Massey Charlie Willis
 Daniel Thomas Boyd Wood
 Read: Daniel 6:1-5.....Corey Massey
 Sermon: Are YOU A Person of Integrity?.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Blair Keeling
 Prayer.....Barry Cross
 Read: Genesis 2:23-25.....Trent Hill
 Sermon: The Beginning.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Ed Hargrove
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

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

Ushers: Charles Bassham, Gary Boyd, Jerry Barber
 Greeters: Tommy & Rita Skelley, Johnny & Janice Smith
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

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

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183) Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Rhonda & Baylie Farris
 P.M.....Kim Morgan, Laura Spires

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderBlair Keeling
 Prayer.....Greg Lusk
 Announcements/Speaker.....John Thomas