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Look on the fields!

While reading through the gospels this month one thing that has stood out in my mind is Jesus' statements about the opportunities that were in front of His disciples to reach the Lost.

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. John 4:34,35

Jesus used the same phraseology when the seventy were sent out in **Luke 10:2**, and when he saw the crowds as sheep without a shepherd in **Matthew 9:36-38**. This caused my reflection on a few facts.

I. Jesus sees a lost world as a field full of opportunities. We need to have eyes like Jesus.

II. Jesus says we should pray for this effort. Specifically, for more workers for the harvest.

III. Jesus says the time to try to reach the lost is now!

After our bring a friend day we have an opportunity to follow up on the many opportunities that this special day brought to us. Lets not let these opportunities pass by. Follow up with those who visited. Ask them to continue to worship with us. Ask if they are interested in studying the Bible. We would be happy to help them, but it will take all of us to bring in the harvest. Let's make sure our eyes are open!
John

What Are You Growing?

Hebrews 6:7-8 Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

A plot of land can be used to grow crops. This will not happen by accident. A plan must be devised and allowed to run its course if a crop is to be realized. The farmer must have a method of turning the dirt over and prepare it to be planted. He must also decide what crop is to be grown. Soil tests should be run to find out if fertilizer is needed and if so, to what amount. The time comes to put the seed in the ground and the work is still not completed. The crop must be guarded against diseases, insects and weeds. With time and the God-given rain a crop will be produced. This true blessing then provides income or can be used as food. What happens to this very same piece of land if nothing is done with it? In a short time things can begin to grow that has no value to a person. It will quickly begin to produce thistles and a short time later briars and thorns. Eventually even trees may begin to grow and the ground no longer is suitable for planting. In days gone by the ground was set on fire to clear it. Today we would hire a bulldozer to clear it off and the pile of brush to be set on fire.

This passage is easily understood but in reality it is not talking about land but people. Are we cultivating our lives for the glory of God? Do we have a plan as to how we will strive to serve the Heavenly Father? On the other hand, do we simply ignore our soul and the need to please God? Our soul can become so overrun that we are far removed from Him. Is our soul producing a crop or thorns and thistles? Will our lives be receiving blessings or curses and fire? Develop your plan to serve God to the best of your ability and according to his will.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Iris Anderson - undergoing chemo
- Mike Andrews
- Ann Brady
- Carly Britt - home
- Alice Bolton - recovering f/surgery Vanderbilt, Rm. 9207
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC Hillview, Rm. 217
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- John Churchwell, Jr. - to have eye surgery soon
- Athaleen Cox
- J.W. Gilliam
- Joyce Johnson - recovering from hand surgery
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Allie Lusk - on medical trip to Haiti - home - Jan. 15
- Minnie Morrow
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- James Ed Pollard - NHC Hillview, Rm. 227-A
- Ned Pollard - home
- Jimmy Quirk
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101-B
- Ethel Spears - NHC Hillview, Rm. 111
- Melissa Stutts
- David Upchurch
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Sydney Bryan, Wanda Nix - sister of Debbie Massey - Parkinsons & to have knee replacement Feb. 2, Little Knox Waggoner - grandson of DeWayne & Cindy Hickman - heart surgery Jan. 19, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Billie Andrews, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Tracey Davis Baker - daughter of Donnie & Sharon, 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, Lou Miller NHC Columbia Rm 152, 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, Allen Brown, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle - 1305 Old Mill Road, Moore, OK 73160, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, NHC Hillview Rm. 106.

WORSHIP LEADERS JANUARY 17, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Chris Mobley
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....DeWayne Hickman
 Conner Arnett Dave Coleman
 Trent Hill J.W. Gilliam
 Cheyenne McNeese Ronnie Skelley
 Larry Nicholson Boyd Wood
 Read: I Timothy 2:1-7.....Richard Farris
 Sermon: God Wants All Men To Be Saved.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
 Prayer.....Jim Pollard
 Read: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4.....Kevin Mick
 Sermon: Blessed Are Those Who Mourn.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....John Massey
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Charlie Willis

**5th Sunday
 Contribution
 January 31
 Goal - \$24,000**

Ushers: Jason Kelley, Johnnie Johnson, Tommy Skelley
 Greeters: Jerry & Christa Ballard, Tommy & Rita Skelley
 Audio/Visual: Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton P.M. Cheyenne McNeese, Chris Mobley

**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.....Linda Lasater, Tonya Boyd
 P.M.....Lori Lee, Cheryl Thornton

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderGreg Lusk
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling
 Announcements/Sppeaker.....John Thomas