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As I See It. . . By Brian Gregory

In the modern age of communication we want information or access to something immediately if not sooner. We expect when we call someone, to receive an answer or a quick response from a text message. We can quickly turn to the internet and get information in seconds. Long gone are the days when talking to someone meant they had to be near the phone plugged into the wall in their house. Somehow, even when we could not reach others immediately or sooner, life went on and the world did not end. A good for instance was my surprise when I recently called someone and the line was busy! I was shocked at first because, like everyone else, I expected and almost demanded in my mind that the call would be answered and the person I needed to speak with would be on the line soon. But, I had to call back later of course.

How often do we overlook the fact that we have instant, unlimited connection and communication with GOD available to us? When we call upon God, there is no busy signal, no voicemail or answering service, no "your call is very important to us and will be answered in the order it was received." "The eyes of the Lord are over the Righteous and His ears are open to their prayers" (1 Pt. 3:12). Additionally, God wants and expects to hear from us often (1 Ths. 5:17). He is never too busy and never asks us to call Him back later. What a wonderful privilege. How often do you take advantage of this?

Known Everywhere . . . By Joe Macer

I Thessalonians 1:8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia - your faith in God has become known everywhere.

The church at Thessalonica rang the gospel message out once they had received it. The church was willing to tell the world about Jesus Christ and their faith in him. Sometime after Paul had left the city, he wrote to let them know that their faith was known everywhere. Consider these two questions. How many people know about your faith in Jesus Christ? How many people know about the faith of the South Gate congregation?

As a believer in Jesus Christ, are people aware of your commitment? Those in our immediate family surely know but how far has that faith reached? Do your neighbors know that on Sunday you will be worshipping the Lord? Do your coworkers know that you are dedicated to Jesus? If you are a student, do your classmates know? The message of salvation is meant to be shared. Paul called the Thessalonian church the model church. We should imitate their example.

How far reaching is the impact of South Gate? We have raised children that have gone throughout this nation. We have had former members that have relocated to other areas. We have had preachers come from far and wide to return home knowing about our congregation. Missionaries from not only this country but others have visited us and left knowing our heart's desires. This congregation has an influence that reaches far. How can we extend this reach? Let's determine as an individual and as a congregation that we will spread our belief in Jesus Christ.

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
- Clyde Farris, Hillview, Rm. 116
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Jr. Hickman - knee replacement 2/12
- Margaret Johnson
- Elmer Lusk
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Frances Petty - Brookdale, Rm. 403 (formerly Sterling House)
- James Ed Pollard - Hillview NHC, Rm. 117
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Betty Roland
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Matthew Hight, friend of Roberta Bolton - recovering from motor bike accident, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis (to have double lung transplant), Susan Warren - recovering from bilateral knee replacements, Sheila Evrard - cancer of the brain, Little Gatlin Macer, Bobby Powell, son-in-law of Vera Daniels - recovering from knee replacement at Hillview, Rm. 114, Jack & Karen Raines, Vona Hoeye, friend of Kayla Kirtley - cancer, James Mullins - nephew of Linda Porter - cancer, Joan Kittrell - recovering from heart & kidney transplants, Jack Craig - uncle of Lisa Kelley, Ken York - friend of Kathy Garner, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Evan Rector, W.M. Morrow, Deak Waldrum, Patsy Loveless, Gerald Boyd, Charles Stofel, Joan Van Hooser, 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, 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 Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Bella Huey, Clara Griggs-cancer-aunt of Donna Altobell - 202 Nowlin Court, Columbia, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Anne Bryant - NHC Columbia, Rm. 147-A.

WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 8, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Barry Cross
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Randy Jones
 J.W. Gilliam David White
 David Gray Jerry Williams
 Sonny Hargrove Jim Anderson
 Ed Johnson Blake Daniels
 Read Ephesians 4:11-16.....Blair Keeling
 Sermon: "The Real Thing".....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Joe Macer
 Read: Matt. 5:21-26.....Alex Jones
 Sermon: When You're Angry With Your Brother..Brian Gregory
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Kevin Mick
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Irma Pagel and her family in the death of Alfred, whose funeral was today.
 Sympathy is also extended to Clyde Farris in the death of his cousin Grady Alvin Morrow, whose funeral was Sunday.
 Sympathy is extended to Reba Jones in the death of her cousin, Mary Dodson, whose funeral was today.

Ushers: Gary Boyd, Benny Bolton, Larry Nicholson
 Greeters: Jerry & Judy Barber, Bill & Leah Fuller
 Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam 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.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - 6:30 P.M.

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Kelley, Allie Lusk
 P.M.....Janice Smith, Angie Massey

Song LeaderDennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Richard Farris
 Announcements/Speaker.....Trent Hill