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A New Sister in Christ!

What a wonderful day! Karen Williams contacted me today to tell me that she wants to be baptized into Christ. There is no greater news. I am always excited about what God can do in the life of a person who will fully devote themselves to Him and His work. Karen has been coming to South Gate since our Bring a Friend Day and she is ready to take that step! Richard Farris just baptized Karen! Karen has believed and obeyed the gospel message of Jesus Christ!

Today I was going to write an article about the power of a "pick me up". Because so many people have encouraged me during my recovery and it has been a great source of strength for me. It is so powerful to know that other Christians are praying for you in a time of need. Your cards, texts, and gifts of food have really picked me up. However, Karen's story is so much better than mine. She was encouraged to come to our Bring a Friend Day by two of our members. She thought enough of them to come and be with us even though she was nervous. There is so much power in inviting others. Are you using this power?

Secondly, when Karen came she was apprehensive and didn't know what to expect. She told me after that first visit that she enjoyed herself and felt very welcomed at South Gate. I don't know how many people welcomed her that day, wrote her notes, or even simply said hi to her, but for each one of you that made her feel welcome it was a big pick me up. This encouragement caused her to decide to come back. If she did not feel welcomed she would not have been baptized at South Gate today. It is so important to make a special effort to welcome all of our guests. Make sure you pick them up!

This whole experience brings to memory the words of Paul in I Thessalonians 5:11:

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Thank you all for the encouragement that you are giving others, it makes all the difference. To God be the glory.

John

Looking For a Sign

Mark 8:12 He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, no sign will be given to it."

Mark eight recorded a remarkable instance of the lack of faith among some people. Jesus had just had a huge crowd in front of him listening to his message about the kingdom and righteous living. Many in the crowd had actually been with Jesus for a period of three days listening to his teaching. They were famished, not having eaten. Among the crowd seven loafs of bread as well as some small fish were found. Jesus took this small amount of food and used it to feed over four thousand people. Also, seven baskets of food were left over. How amazing! What a marvelous act! What man had ever done such a thing?

The Pharisees heard about this miracle. There were 4000 eyewitnesses and yet this was not satisfactory to them. They asked Jesus for a sign from heaven. They wanted evidence. What more could they want than what Jesus did? They heard of his miracles. They knew of his healings. Sadly, they were not convicted because they did not want to believe. Even today there is much evidence that Jesus was the Son of God. Many having heard of Jesus, read the Bible or heard it preached have believed. On the other hand, many have had the same opportunities and have decided they don't believe.

Jesus declared that no other sign would be given to the Pharisees. We know of one additional act that leaves us without excuse. Jesus died on the cross and rose again on the third day. There were many witnesses of this and this is further proof of Jesus being who he said he was. There will be no more signs. Will we simply accept the truth? It is a decision that each must make and this decision will affect our eternity.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Ann Brady
- Roberta Bolton - tests
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC Hillview, Rm. 217
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Teresa Lyle - recovering from surgery
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- James Ed Pollard - NHC Hillview, Rm. 227-A
- Ned Pollard - back at worship Sunday
- Jimmy Quirk - undergoing chemo
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101-B
- Ethel Spears - NHC Hillview, Rm. 111
- Melissa Stutts - recovering from surgery
- John Thomas - back at worship Sunday
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

Girls2Grannies
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6 PM
Speaker: Christa Ballard
Topic: Love
Bring \$3 for supper

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver, Stratton Schoeber, Katherine Davis, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Doug Wilson - brother of Peggy Jones, Jessie Sisk Chacon - cancer, Debbie Spears, Alex Rector - cancer, Shannon Jones - grandson of Reba recovering from shoulder surgery, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, 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, 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, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle - 1305 Old Mill Road, Moore, OK 73160, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker - home.

The Primetimer's Red Carpet Event is Saturday, February 20 at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. Dress for your red carpet premier or as your favorite movie star. If you need a ride, let us know.

WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 21, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Randy Jones
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Boyd Wood
 Benny Bolton James Bolton
 Conner Arnett Blake Daniels
 Ronnie Skelley Jacob Pollard
 Kevin Mick Tommy Skelley
 Read: John 11:38-44.....Trent Hill
 Sermon: Do You Believe This?.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Blair Keeling
 Prayer.....Barry Cross
 Read: Psalm 24:1-6.....Nathan Hixson
 Sermon: The Pure In Heart.....Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Mike Lyle
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

Attn. Men - Work Day - Tomorrow, Feb. 18, at 4 PM
 To begin moving playground set to another corner of play area. A storage building will soon be put on the edge of the fenced in area near the parking area. Need as many men as possible to help. Bring a set of large ratchets if you can.

Ushers: Lee Winchester, Sonny Hargrove, Jim Anderson
 Greeters: Blake, Jessica & Dana Daniels, Linda Porter
 Audio/Visual: Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk 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.....Kellie and Allie Lusk
 P.M.....Kasey Cross, Kim Morgan

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderSam Quirk
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight
 Announcements/Speaker.....John Thomas