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## Families For Christ!

*“Lacking purpose can be as destructive as deliberate wrongdoing. For example, homes taken for granted will not prosper. It takes conscious effort to build a strong marriage and prayerful determination to raise a child be a decent human being.”*

Aubrey Johnson penned these words in his book *Barnabas Factor*, and I believe they apply to our focus this quarter of Jesus in the home. If we are going to succeed in passing faith on to the next generation we are going to have to do it on purpose. We must plan, work and focus on our families. Many times we will set goals in our families dealing with work, finances, and our children’s athletics and education. The question we need to ask is “What are our goals for our family spiritually?” If we fail to plan then we might as well be planning to fail.

Psalm 127:1 tells us that *“Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.* In order to have homes that glorify God we must consciously make goals followed by decisions that will strengthen our homes. We must invite God in to build up our families and protect us from this world. If we do this we will never be alone as we strive to build families that will glorify our heavenly father. May God bless us as we try to do His will.

John

## A Blessed Home

*Proverbs 3:33 The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous.*

Have you declared in the midst of your family, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."? Fathers and mothers must openly state their dedication to the Lord and his church. Children must understand there is a proper way to live. It matters what we believe, what we say and what we do. We are to impress upon our children the teachings of Christ. Their eternal destiny depends upon following the Lord wholeheartedly. This passage also lets us know that our present lives are affected by our decisions to live for the Lord.

Life itself can be a blessing or a curse. The determining factor is whether we make the choice to serve the Lord. When wickedness is the chosen lifestyle then the Lord's curses will be upon us and our family. When righteousness is chosen then you can count on blessings for the family. Deuteronomy 28 lists some of the blessings as good crops, plenty of bread, lots of calves and lambs, full barns and the defeat of all enemies. God desires to bless his people with these good things. On the other hand there are curses for wicked behavior and the list is much longer. Things that look good will come to a sudden ruin. The curses include diseases, drought, blight and mildew. Enemies will defeat the wicked which leads to oppression and theft of possessions. The food will be taken from the wicked and the evil will be anxious, weary with longing and despairing. Much is at stake. Which way are you leading your family? Will it be blessings or curses?

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - NHC Hillview, Rm. 217
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Cinday Hargrove - recovering from surgery
- Nell Hood
- Clifford and Dorothy Johnson
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk - recovering from surgery in Houston, TX
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101-B
- Ethel Spears - NHC Hillview, Rm. 112
- Laura Spires - recovering from heart surgery at home
- Eden Stutts - recovering from surgery at home
- Elaine Whitehead

**Congratulations to Heather Jones**, who restored her life to Christ on Sunday morning, **Ashley Bermudez** who was baptized Monday night and **Andy Handschug** who was baptized in Phenix, Arizona recently. They are to be commended for their desire to serve the Lord.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver MRMC Rm. 367, Bob Churchwell- brother of John Churchwell, David Phillips, Henry Harris, father of Jan Thomason - NHC Cool Springs, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Tracy Worley, Caroyln Macer, mother of Joe, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell, Susan, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Doug Wilson - brother of Peggy Jones, Debbie Spears, 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, Dora Bolton - mother of James, JoAnn Anderson - mother of Katherine Nicholson, Ginger Chesnut - at Vanderbilt for bone marrow transplant, 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 - Life Care, Rm. 143, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, 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, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Mary Robb-The Gardens, Rm. 8

**WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 17, 2016**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Randy Jones  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Greg Lusk  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Barry Cross  
     Blair Keeling                      Boyd Wood  
     Sonny Hargrove                  Terry Burgess  
     John Massey                      Dave Coleman  
     David White                      J.W. Gilliam  
 Read: Psalm 127.....Jerry Barber  
 Sermon: Building Your Home on Christ.....Joe Macer  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason  
 Prayer.....Mike Lyle  
 Read: Matthew 5:27-30.....Ryan Massey  
 Sermon: Building A Hedge.....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Eric Hixson  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Nathan Hixson

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

Security Team: A.M. Cheyenne McNeese, Chris Mobley P.M. Cheyenne McNeese, Chris Mobley

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**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Cheryl Thornton, Elizabeth Hargrove  
 P.M.....Iris, Samantha, Shelby Anderson

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader .....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard