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As I See It. . . By Brian Gregory

We presently have a number of areas where help is needed. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer to help with mowing our property, taking food to a shut-in, helping to provide food for our Youth Area-wide, helping to give teas for those getting married and for those having babies, and for the upcoming Fish Fry on May 15.

Please take the time to sign up after class and take part in the work at South Gate. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED FOR HOMECOMING FISH FRY, MAY 15

On Friday, May 15, we will once again have our annual fish fry at the shelter as part of our Homecoming celebration. We need some men (or women) to help with the cooking and set up for this celebration since it has grown considerably in the last couple of years. If anyone has a deep fat fryer and can help with cooking fish, hush puppies and french fries, please contact Jim Pollard or Mike Lyle.

If you can help with the set up and preparation of the shelter and grounds, please contact Mike so we can coordinate this event. The fish fry has become one of our favorite annual events. If you can help in keeping this event successful, please sign the sheet provided in the lobby and/or contact Mike Lyle or Jim Pollard.

"Curse Meroz". . . By Joe Macer

Judges 5:23 'Curse Meroz,' says the angel of the Lord.
"Curse its people bitterly, because they did not come to help the Lord, to help the Lord against the mighty."

Deborah and Barak were leading Israel when the Canaanites were in control of their nation. The Israelites were cruelly oppressed by the Canaanites for twenty years. They cried out for the Lord's help. Help was to come but it also required the men of Israel to unite to fight against the invaders. Sisera was the commander of the Canaanites. They were a powerful army with 900 chariots. The odds seemed overwhelming but the call went out. Many of the princes of Israel - their leaders - volunteered their help and these men with the help of God defeated the enemy. But all was still not well in Israel. Yes, there were many willing volunteers but there were many who would not give of themselves, their efforts or their time.

The men of Reuben were searching their hearts. They tried to decide if they should help or not. By the time they made up their minds the battle had been won. The men of Dan stayed by their ships. Their jobs and income were more important than volunteering for the freedom of Israel. Their selfishness prevented them from fighting. The greatest condemnation was for the people of Meroz. The men from this city in Naphtali said they would not help and they refused to get involved. After the battle was over the city was cursed. Why? They did not come to help the Lord against the mighty. Did God really need their help? Of course not! God could easily defeat any manmade army. Yet the Lord wanted the help of those he was trying to help. Are you volunteering in the Lord's army? Are you fighting against the evil of this world? Are you involved in the work of the Lord? Let's be involved and prevent the curses that come with failing to get involved in the work. Our participation is expected in the Lord's kingdom.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
OUR MEMBERS**

- Kay Allen - recovering from foot surgery
- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown,
- Rebecca Brown
- Little Tatum Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress
- Mary Chumbley
- Sarah Churchwell - Columbia NHC, Rm. 131
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Corrine Goetz
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Charline Gossett - Hillview, Rm. 111
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - Brookdale, Rm. 403
- James Ed Pollard - Hillview NHC, Rm. 206
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Betty Roland
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Matt Boyd, Willene Willis - sister-in-law of Charlie and Cecelia, Lucy Guthrie - aunt of Beverly Ledford, Steve Dorman - The Barber's neighbor's son, Mildred Voss - mother of Jackie Hargrove, Sharon Hardison Terry - daughter of Edna Hardison, Tony Rummage - brother of Ray, Evan Gooch & James Bassett - friends of Ray Rummage, Billie Andrews - sister of Lorene Hickman, Clara Harvey - aunt of Ray Rummage, Chris Allen - friend of Richard Farris, Kristy Carroll - friend of Jessica Daniels, Hope Drake, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Mike Zeigler, Kristy Keaton, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Margarite Neil and Carolyn Curtis, friends of the Warfs, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis (to have double lung transplant), Little Gatlin Macer, Vona Hoeye, friend of Kayla Kirtley - cancer, Joan Kittrell - recovering from heart & kidney transplants, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Evan Rector, Patsy Loveless, Gerald Boyd, Charles Stofel, Joan Van Hooser, Lou Miller - NHC Columbia, Rm. 132, 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 Pointe, 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, Allen Brown

WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 26, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Byran Farris
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Richard Farris
 Gary Boyd Danny Lasater
 Charlie Willis David White
 Ed Johnson Jerry Williams
 Jason Kelley Jerry Barber
 ReadRyan Massey
 Sermon:Brian Gregory
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Blair Keeling
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight
 Read.....Duane Allen
 Sermon:John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Ed Hargrove
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie Davis

Working For the Master meets Sunday evening following worship service. The menu is chicken strips and vegetables. Cost is \$3 each. Bring desserts if you wish.

Ushers: Jim Anderson, Dave Coleman, Bobby Daniels
 Greeters: Donnie & Sharon Davis, Katherine Nicholson, Robin Weaver
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

**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, APRIL 29 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderSam Quirk
 Prayer.....Greg Lusk
 Announcements/Speaker.....Joe Macer

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Iris, Samantha, Shelby Anderson
 P.M.....Linda Kuykendall, Connie White