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Informer

Setting Up Stones

As parents there are so many challenges. We are challenged by hectic schedules, the diversity found in our children, and the ever present question of “should we be doing all of this or just spend more time at home. We feel unqualified to deal with the new challenges our children face that we never experienced. This is all happening in a society that is becoming more and more worldly. How to raise a faithful child is one of the most important tasks of any parent, but there are many obstacles to accomplishing this task and we need help. As the Lord’s body at South Gate I want us to consider this question, “What can we do as a congregation to help our young people remain faithful?”

In Joshua 4 God stops the Jordan river to allow the Israelites to enter the promised land. As they are crossing the river He tells them to gather 12 stones out of the bottom of the river and to set them up as a memorial. In verses 21 and 22 God tells Israel this, “*When your children ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 22 then you shall let your children know, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’* Here we see that God wanted adults to do something that would help future generations to have faith in him. He knew by taking this action children would later ask the question “What do these stones mean?” This would give the adults the opportunity to tell their children about the God they serve.

This is a great example of doing things with the next generation’s faith in mind. We need to set up stones that our children will see and ask about our God. As a congregation we must focus not only on our faith, but also on the faith of our children. I hope each one of us will ask the question. “What am I doing to pass on faith to the next generation?” I am so glad that my children can look at the Bible bowl, VBS, tweens, youth for Christ, church camps, and our student ministry and have the opportunity to consider our God and what He has done to make our trip to the promised land possible.

John

The Second Woe

Matthew 23:15 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

One thing is for certain. The scribes and the Pharisees were dedicated to their teachings. When they taught a particular way of serving God, they were convinced that everyone needed to do as they taught. When they decided their understanding of a Scripture, they believed everyone should understand it the same way. Dedication to their concepts caused them to travel over land and sea. They would travel a great distance and at great expense to present their views to anyone who would listen. During their journey or door to door in the city or to the shipmates they traveled with they saw each individual as a prospect. Jesus is not condemning their enthusiasm for proclaiming their message. He is condemning their message.

Once again these individuals are called hypocrites. They were looking for individuals who join them in their party line of thinking. Their converts were converted to human opinion rather than the true word of God. Pharisees exalted their opinions over Scriptures. Their converts were converted to the Pharisee philosophy and the Pharisee philosophy would not save them. Sadly they found converts and these individuals fell into the same unsaved category. The message for us today is to make converts who are converted to God's word. We fail ourselves and our converts if they are simply converted to our philosophy. Let's search for those seeking to obey God and let's make sure they are converted to God and nothing more.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- JoAnn Coleman - cataract surgery Aug. 1 & Aug 24
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Barney Roland
- Melissa Stutts - chemo & radiation
- Donald White - radiation
- Elaine Whitehead

The Resource Room is in need of supplies:

Crayons - 24 count, Crayons - 8 count large size

Glue Sticks, Post It Notes, Index Cards, Tape

If you can provide any of these items it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Greg Grissom, Ann Lamar, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Darrell Brown - cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad - Life Care, Rm. 227-A, Jane Wells, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Tracy Worley, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell, Joyce Runions, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, 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, Ginger Chesnut, 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 - 901-0280, 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, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8, Sanai Pettus, 5th grade student at CA - cancer - 8041 Fenwick Lane, Spring Hill, TN 37174.

WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 31, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson
Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
Prayer.....Byran Farris
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Gary Boyd
 Kevin Mick Eric Hixson
 Boyd Wood Ed Johnson
 Jerry Barber Danny Lasater
 Rhett Heflin Ryan Massey
Read: Deuteronomy 11:26-28.....Chris Mobley
Sermon: A Blessing Or A Curse.....John Thomas
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Donnie G. Davis
Prayer.....Tommy Hight
Read: Matthew 7:7-11.....Jason Kelley
Sermon: Ask, Seek, Knock.....John Thomas
Lord's Supper Presiding.....Barry Cross
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

**Bible Bowl participants meet Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
Study: Leviticus 23, 24**

Ushers: Mike Kinzer, Jerry Ballard, Chase Thomason
Greeters: Ed & Jackie Hargrove, Bobby & Dana Daniels
Visual: Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Mike Lyle P.M. Jason Kelley, Mike Lyle

**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.....Sharon Davis, Jennifer Davis
P.M.....Teresa Lyle

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderNathan Hixson
Prayer.....Jim Pollard
Announcements/Speaker.....Trent Thomason