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What Church building???

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house.

Philemon 1,2

It is interesting as we read through the new testament scripture that we see disciples meeting in a number of places. A few examples are Solomon's portico in Jerusalem, next to the river in Philippi, and in an upper room in Troas. In Paul's letter to Philemon we see him address "the church in your house." The one location we never see in scripture is the church building. Two things we can glean from this fact.

1. God gave no instructions about a holy place for assembling for worship. Why? Because God was no longer desiring a Holy location. He wanted a Holy People (I Peter 1 :16)
2. When we come together the place must not be that important. Why? God is more concerned with our hearts than with our location. God eliminated a holy place of worship so we could never feel good simply because we came to the "right place". We must make sure we come with the right heart. In Matthew 15:8 Jesus quoting Isaiah said "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but the heart is far from me." The Pharisees were in the "right place" with the wrong heart. If the location of God's focus for worship is our heart, let's make sure that is our focus as well.

John

Update: Times Bible Bowl Books have been read!

I Thessalonians 63x

II Thessalonians 54x

I Timothy 45x

II Timothy 30x

Titus 32x

Philemon 32x

Respect for the Elderly

Leviticus 19:32 Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.

Notice who made this statement. Almighty God is commanding that respect be shown towards the elderly. Were you taught as a child to do this? Did you teach your own children this important concept? We are pleasing God when we as an individual and as a society practice showing respect. Here are some ideas to help in expressing respect.

First, acknowledge the presence of the aged. Often they are ignored and passed over as if they do not exist. Take the time to ask how they are doing as well as a few quick questions to start a conversation. Many are so lonely these days. Do not raise your voice to them and act as if they were senseless. Secondly, go to the elderly about questions that you have. Ask what they did in situations like you now find yourself. Ask what they would do differently if they had life to live again and learn from their insight. Ask about raising children and ask about finances. They have life experiences and have gained wisdom through their years. Those wrinkles and gray hair have come from living many days. Consider what they have learned and are willing to share.

The third thought comes from the verse. Rise in the presence of the aged. Give them your seat or chair. Let them sit at the place of honor. Serve them in any way necessary. Some will need no help but others will need their groceries bought or carried into the house. Some will need help with things around the house or yard. They may need a ride to the doctor. By making yourself available, you show respect. Old age in many ways is a sign of God's blessings. Show your respect for God by showing respect for the aged.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Iris Anderson - recovering from surgery
- 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 - Poplar Estates, Rm. 204
- Mary Chumbley
- Sarah Churchwell - Home
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Charline Gossett-NHC Hillview, Rm.204
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Lasater - outpatient surgery tomorrow
- Linda Luna
- Helen & Elmer Lusk - Life Care, Rm. 217
- Frances Petty - Brookdale, Rm. 403
- James Ed Pollard - Hillview NHC, Rm. 206
- Barney Roland - Hillview NHC, Rm. 101-B
- Betty Roland
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead

Ladies Bible Class resumes September 2 at 10 a.m.

Fall Series begins September 2, 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Scott Brown - brother of Barry, Daniel Harrington, Mike Primm,NHC Hillview Rm.118, David May, Tommy Hight, Sr., Darrell Brown, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman - hospice, Melissa Stutts - cancer, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Anita and Dwight Brown - NHC Scott, Rm. 227, 2380 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464, Clara Harvey, Life Care, Rm. 225B - aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Little Gatlin Macer, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Evan Rector, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Clara Griggs-cancer-aunt of Donna Altobell - 202 Nowlin Court, Columbia, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Allen Brown, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle, Mike's mother

You are invited to a Bridal Shower for
Shea Lentz & Cory McNeilly
Given By The Nicholson Family & Friends
Sunday, August 23 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Registered at Target, Wal-Mart and Amazon

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 23, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Dewayne Hickman
 Kevin Mick Lee Winchester
 Dave Coleman Duane Allen
 Blake Daniels Donnie Davis
 Jonathan Macer J. W. Gilliam
 Read: Titus 2:1-8.....Mike Lyle
 Sermon: Three Keys To A Sound Church.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason
 Prayer.....John Allen Thomas
 Read: Philemon 10:16.....Rhett Heflin
 Sermon: A Story of Redemption.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Byran Farris
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

**5th Sunday
Contribution
August 30
Goal - \$24,000**

Ushers: Tommy Skelley, Johnny Smith, Bobby Daniels
 Greeters: Tommy & Rita Skelley, Rosemary Macer, Linda Mabry
 Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason
 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.**

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Meghan & Madelyn Lusk
 P.M.....Marisa Massey, Kim Morgan

WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2015

Announcements/Speaker.....Joe Macer
 Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Barry Cross