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# Informer

## Relief Efforts

One of the men that has gone to the Goodwood congregation in Baton Rouge in order to cook food during the relief efforts had a slogan for his relief efforts. It was **“Responding to acts of nature with acts of God”**. What a neat thought. In this broken world there are so many things that are beyond our control. Sickness, death, storms, earthquakes, and floods ravage this world as we wait for our Lord to return. So many people wonder about God at times such as these, and I think it is important that we do our best to show them the love of God at times like these.

I am so proud of South Gate and the Columbia area as I watch these donations flood in for the relief efforts in LA. I spent the day yesterday meeting individuals at the door who want to help people they have never met in a place they have never been. Isn't that love? Many of these individuals I know from various congregations and some of them are complete strangers, but they all have one thing in common. They feel God's call to help the downtrodden. We must always remember that God's people can shine the brightest in moments of darkness and despair and we must respond in such a way that people see the acts of God through us during these trying times.

Currently, we have collected over \$13,000, and I am sure Jason Kelley's 20 foot trailer will be loaded down by this evening. Please keep those in Louisiana in your prayers as well as the 12 individuals going down Thursday morning to help with the relief efforts. May God be glorified in all that we do!

John

## The Sixth Woe

Matthew 23:27 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look good on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.

Graves were considered to be so unclean that if a person stepped on one then he was considered unclean as well. One of the reasons to whitewash a grave was so that people could see it at night and not step on it. Another reason to whitewash a grave was to make it look as good and as pleasing to the eye as possible. Down through time people have gone to great effort to leave monuments to the dead. For leaders, the rich and the famous, they are always made as ornate as possible. Jesus reminded those of his day as well as us that a tomb is simply a structure to house a dead body. The dead body would quickly decay and eventually be nothing but bones. Death, decay, bones and the tomb were all unclean. This is what a tomb really is - the hiding of something unclean.

Now let's think about the point that Jesus was making. What is your inside like? Does it match what people see? As Christians, we try to dress the part. Yes our clothes are considered but even more the expressions we use and the language we use sometimes is for the purpose of beautifying a not so pretty inner spirit. Do we act the part of a Christian while not trying to improve the inner man? Jesus called these men hypocrites. He declared they were full of wickedness. Once again Jesus is calling upon us to clean up the inside. Remove the wickedness and replace it with God's will. Destroy the sinful works of the flesh and replace it with the works of the Spirit. As with the cup and dish last week, if we will clean up the inside then the outside will be clean also. Are you seriously serving the Lord?

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- JoAnn Coleman - cataract surgery Aug 24
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniel
- 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
- Melissa Stutts - recovering from outpatient surgery
- Barney Roland
- Elaine Whitehead

**SYMPATHY**

Deepest sympathy is extended to Faye Blocker and her family in the death of her brother-in-law, Willis Blocker, whose funeral was yesterday. Sympathy is also extended to Jim Thomas in the death of his cousin, Buddy Makin last week.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Gary Williams, Harold Autry - father of Teresa Lyle, Janice Johnson - sister of Corrine Goetz, Marie Skelton, Little Natalie Kuykendall, Little Callie Morfield, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, 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, Jane Wells, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey - NHC Columbia, Rm. 134, 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, 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.

**WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 28, 2016**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Greg Lusk  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Randy Jones  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Donnie G. Davis  
     David Thomas                      John Allen Thomas  
     Trent Thomason                    Conner Arnett  
     Jerry Ballard                        Jeremy Britt  
     John Massey                         Barrow Brown  
 Read: I Corinthians 10:31-11:1.....Nathan Hixson  
 Sermon: Do All For The Glory of God.....Joe Macer  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Ryan Grice  
 Prayer.....Sam Quirk  
 Read: Philippians 4:15-20.....Jerry Wilson  
 Sermon: Reaching Out.....John Thomas  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Tommy Hight  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Gary Boyd

**RESPONSE**

We commend Boyd Wood, who restored his life to Christ on Sunday. Boyd is certainly an example to us all.

Ushers: Jason Kelley, Bill Fuller, Ed Hargrove  
 Greeters: Barrow & Carla Brown, Johnnie Johnson  
 Visual: Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. Corey Massey, Bobby Daniels P.M. Corey Massey, Bobby Daniels

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.....Katherine Nicholson, Teri Hill  
 P.M.....Melissa Stutts

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader .....Jacob Pollard  
 Prayer.....Chris Mobley  
 Announcements/Sppeaker.....Trent Hill