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## Witnesses

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

***1 John 1:1-3***

I remember years ago a gentleman in chapel started his talk by saying “I want to tell you today why I believe in Jesus Christ.” He then turned to the passage above and read it out loud. He said I believe in this story because of the faithfulness of the witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They were eyewitnesses, and here John tells us about what he had seen, heard, and touched. The fact that they would die for what they had seen told him they were not living a lie. Jesus’ last words to the apostles in Acts 1:8 were for them to go into all the world as His witnesses, and that is what they did. Their lives were their witness and their lives along with God’s message changed the world.

The question for us today is what about our lives is a faithful witness to our risen Lord? When others watch your life are they convinced that the story of Jesus is true or not? Is the witness of our lives proclaiming a strong and faithful belief in our risen Lord? We must remember our witness can help change eternity for those who are watching and live accordingly. Have a great week!

John

## Take Note of This

James 1:19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

When an instructor declares, "Put this in your notes," you know something very important is about to come. The teacher is about to say something you will be tested upon. James starts this paragraph by stating "take note of this." This instruction is important to a Christian's life. Three things will be stated that can help everyone of us in our daily living.

First, we are to be quick to listen. How well do you listen? Do you focus on what someone is saying? Does your spouse or parent ever say something and you don't know what was said because you were listening to something else? Does the preacher ever present an important lesson but your mind was elsewhere and you really didn't hear it? Listening is an art and we must be taught by ourselves or someone else to focus on what is being said. When the speaker is presenting the word of God, it is even more important that we are listening.

Second, James states that we are to be slow to speak. Do we think about our words? Do we consider how our words will affect another person? Will the words that I am about to say build others up or tear them down? Will they bring healing or hurt. Job's friends were helpful to him until they began to speak and then they became very hurtful. Weigh your words and think before you speak.

The third statement is to be slow to become angry. All anger is not wrong. When someone becomes quick to anger, then harmful words or actions are about to follow. By following this very practical advice from James, we can save ourselves a lot of grief and prevent unnecessary sin in our lives. Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger.

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 Luna
- Helen & Elmer Lusk - Life Care, Rm. 217
- Frances Petty - Brookdale, Rm. 403
- James Ed Pollard - NHC Hillview, Rm. 206
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101B
- Betty Roland
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Myra Thomas - NHC Hillview, Rm. 120
- Elaine Whitehead

Samie Anderson left for Austria today to study with other students from Lipscomb University for a semester. Please keep all of them in your prayers while they are out of the country.

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Scott Brown - brother of Barry, Daniel Harrington, Mike Primm, NHC Hillview Rm.118, 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, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Evan Rector, Lou Miller NHC Columbia Rm 152, 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, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Allen Brown, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle, 1305 Old Mill Road, Moore, OK 73160, Claude Crowe - Debbie Massey's dad, Richard Johnson - cousin of Ed Johnson, Josh Jones, David Luther

**Youth4Christ Kick Off is Sunday, September 20  
with a potluck lunch following morning services.**

## WORSHIP LEADERS SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

### SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason  
Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
Prayer.....Greg Lusk  
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Donnie Davis  
    John Allen Thomas      Ed Johnson  
    DeWayne Hickman      Jacob Pollard  
    Barrow Brown      Tommy Skelley  
    Sonny Hargrove      Cody Spires  
Read: I John 1:1-4.....Rhett Heflin  
Sermon: A Place to Connect.....John Thomas  
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

### SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
Prayer.....Gary Boyd  
Read: Joshua 24:11-15.....Byran Farris  
Sermon: As for Me and My House.....Joe Macer  
Lord's Supper Presiding.....Mike Lyle  
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

**Fall Series September 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Keith Parker  
"A Home For The Lost"**

Ushers: Duane Allen, Dave Coleman, J.W. Gilliam  
Greeters: Jimmy, Anna and Sam Quirk and Katherine Nicholson  
Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton 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.....Laura Spires, Natalie Thomas  
P.M.....Edith Burgess, Jackie Hargrove

### WEDNESDAY September 9, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.

Announcements.....John Thomas  
Song Leader.....Joe Macer  
Prayer.....Tommy Hight  
Speaker.....Keith Parker