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Jesus for our Community

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."ESV

As Matthew closed his gospel he gave us the final charge of the Lord as He left this world. Go and make disciples! We must never forget that the primary role of disciples within the church is to go out with the gospel and make more disciples. Have you purposefully tried to lead someone to Christ this year? In order to do so let me make a few suggestions.

1. Make a list of people that you would love to reach for Christ.
2. Pray for them on a regular basis.
3. Look for opportunities of conversations that could direct them to a walk with God.
4. Be careful about your example and make sure that you are encouraging when you have spiritual conversations.
5. Invite them to study with you or let them know that we are ready and willing to answer any questions they may have.
6. Have a church growth mindset. I was impressed at a recent conference at the description of an eldership who prefaced each decision with the question, "Is this a church growth decision?"

We would all do well to have this same mindset as we do our part to fulfill the great commission that has ever been given. I will miss you Sunday while we are on vacation, but I look forward to being back home.

John

The Patience of a Farmer

James 5:7 Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.

Autumn is such a pleasure after a long hot summer. Especially enjoyable is to watch the crops being harvested. A few months ago the corn was planted. A simple little sprout pops through the ground and then grows to at least knee high by the fourth of July. It then tassels and sets ears. Finally the ears begin to dry and the once dark green plant becomes dry and brown. The corn pickers arrive into the fields and the harvest is collected. The process even with all the modern day equipment takes around seven months. Running the corn picker in July would destroy the crop. Waiting to fertilize in September would be a waste of money. The farmer must follow the proved process and wait. He has no control over the weather but must instead wait patiently for the rains to fall. When all falls into place and the harvest is completed, then the spring investment pays off.

James, using the example of the farmer, calls upon God's people to be patient. Christians are waiting for their harvest day as well. Years of living the life can pass before the crown of life is received. The Lord's Day is coming but much work and possibly many hardships must take place before the day arrives. In the next verse James wrote, "You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." Much can happen during the course of a life time but we are to remain faithful knowing the reward is to come at the right time. Far more beautiful than the harvest of crops is an aged Christian that has given years and years of service and completes life faithful to the end. Are you patiently serving God, waiting for him to send the spring and autumn rains and waiting for the harvest?

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Myrna Jett-broken ankle
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Melissa Stutts - surgery Friday, Sept. 30th
- Barney Roland
- Elaine Whitehead

Deepest sympathy is extended to JoAnn Coleman in the death of her brother-in-law, Donald Cox. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Sympathy is also extended to Marisa Massey and her family in the death of her grandmother, Elizabeth Archard, last week.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Walker Woods - grandson of Marna McAdams, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, David Davidson, Jackson Gordon, Marie Skelton, Little Natalie Kuykendall, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, Ann Lamar, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Darrell Brown - cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Di-
 anne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, 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, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, 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, 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, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 2, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Richard Farris
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Blair Keeling
 Eric Hixson Terry Burgess
 Barry Cross Blake Daniels
 Benny Bolton Bobby Daniels
 James Bolton J.W. Gilliam
 Read: Matthew 10:24-30.....Tracey Wilkins
 Sermon: Training the Twelve.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Ryan Grice
 Prayer.....Jim Pollard
 Read: Luke 13:31-35.....Mike Kinzer
 Sermon: His Sorrow for Jerusalem Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Kevin Mick
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Ballard

Ushers: Byran Farris, Gary Boyd, Chase Thomason
 Greeters: Benny & Alice Bolton, Terry & Edith Burgess
 Visual: Chris Mobley, Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. and P.M.—Cheyenne McNeese, Adison Duff

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

NURSERY CARE

Wednesday, Oct. 5 - Fall Series - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Dana & Jessica Daniels, Kim Morgan
 P.M.....Elizabeth Hargrove

Song LeaderJoe Macer
 Prayer.....Conner Arnett
 Announcements.....Joe Macer
 Speaker.....Bill McDonald