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# Informer

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## **Commit**

<sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." Ruth 1:16,17

This month we are discussing how strong marriages are necessary for us to be a strong church. The family is definitely under attack and our response must be to commit ourselves fully to God's plan. His plan for marriage is one of loyal love.

In this morning's Ladies class we looked at the commitment that Ruth made to Naomi. It is a beautiful vow of loyal love between Ruth and her mother-in-law, but I believe this type of commitment is needed in all our families. To have this I believe we must focus on two aspects of our lives. The first one is how well we focus on the relationships in our families. We should not simply spend our lives together, we must share our lives together. We need to spend time together, make goals together, and commit to God together. The second thing we see in this passage is the importance of communicating our feelings to those who are special to us. What if Ruth had felt these things and never said them? We need to verbally remind those in our families how important they are to us and how committed we are to them. We need to make sure we communicate our level of love and commitment to those who are close to us.

## **One Greater Than Solomon**

Matthew 12:42 The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here.

How badly do you desire to know the truth? The Queen of Sheba lived a long distance from Solomon and she was hearing stories about his wisdom. The accounts that she heard were unbelievable. Surely no man could be as wise as this! The queen decided to load up and go in search of Solomon to determine if the stories were true or false. This journey took time, effort, energy and money. She also brought along gifts to give in exchange for an opportunity to listen to him. Determining the truth was important. She would sacrifice in order to arrive at the answer. This woman served as an example for us. What would you give to know the truth?

Solomon's wisdom was great but Jesus stated that one greater than Solomon is here. Who was he talking about? He is referring to himself. Solomon was a man whereas Jesus was the Son of God. Solomon was wise but Jesus was full of wisdom and truth. Do we care enough to know the truth that Jesus came to reveal? Do we strive to learn what he taught about the kingdom of God? Is it important to know the process of salvation? Would you be willing to sacrifice like the queen in order to find out the truth? Salvation and eternal life requires that we know the truth about who Jesus is and what he wants us to do. What the queen did puts us to shame if we are not willing to learn the truth about Jesus. Let's always be found seeking the truth of God's word.

Joe

John

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: OUR MEMBERS

- First Anderson undergoing chemo
- ➤ Mike Andrews
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- ➤ Bill Carroll 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress NHC Hillview, Rm. 204
- Mary Chumbley
- ➤ John Churchwell
- ➤ Athaleen Cox
- ➤ Ila Goodman NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Libby Moss recovering f/surgery, Williamson Med. Ctr.432
- Frances Petty NHC Columbia, Rm. 137-A
- Elaine Pope NHC Columbia, Rm. 150-B
- James Ed Pollard NHC Hillview, Rm. 206
- Barney Roland NHC Hillview, Rm. 101B
- Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead

Girls2 Grannies Tomorrow, Oct. 15, 6 p.m. Sign up in fover tonight

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Joe Huckaby - brother of Reba Jones - MRMC, Ray Kuykendall - melanoma - tests Oct. 19, Jay Morgan - father-in -law of Kim, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Scott Brown - brother of Barry - home, Daniel Harrington, Mike Primm -Vanderbilt, Darrell Brown, Ginger Chesnut - cancer, Melissa Stutts - home, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver - Hillview, Rm. 108-B, 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, 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

## RESPONSES

We commend Mike Kinzer who restored his life to Christ on Sunday.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 18, 2015**

## **SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

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

Welcome/Song Leader	Dennis Thomason
Prayer	Rhett Heflin
Read: Matt. 28:19,20	Barry Cross
Sermon: New Zealand Mission Report	Kent Odonnell
Lord's Supper Presiding	Ed Hargrove
Announcements/Closing Prayer	Gary Boyd

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Audio/Visual: Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

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## **NURSERY CARE**

### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.**

A.M	Lori Lee, Cheryl Thornton	Announcements	John Thomas
P.M	Tonya Boyd, Linda Mabry	Song Leader	Jerry Wilson
		Prayer	Trent Hill
		Speaker	Gipson Baucum