



Messenger

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JOURNEYS



WITH JOE

Let it Snow

It is Thursday, January 28, 2010 and I am writing my article. On the minds of many people is the impending bad weather that is suppose to start late tonight and continue on throughout the day on Friday. The weathermen have been talking about the possibility of accumulating snow all week. While there are some who are skeptical about

this actually taking place, there are others who are convinced that bad weather is a reality and we better prepare to hunker down. When you read this article you will know whether or not we had the predicted 3-4 inches of snow. Some will make special trips to the store to stock up on items just in case they are unable to get out. School systems are keeping an eye on the weather. There just seems to be a heightened awareness of the frozen precipitation.

The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica and gave them some advice that we need to reflect on. "Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober." I Thessalonians 5:6. When we believe a warning, it affects our behavior. It's true in every area of life, including our walk of faith. When Paul wrote to these Christians, he was reminding them that the day of the Lord would come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night (I Thessalonians 5:2). His call to them was a call to action. He urged them to avoid spiritual lethargy. He also felt compelled to remind them to be alert and self-controlled. It is interesting to note that Paul's challenge echoed Jesus' own words when He urged His followers to watchful and ready, "for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:44). In essence, Christ as well as Paul by inspiration forecasted the return of our savior. It makes me wonder how many of us are heeding this forecast, or have we grown like so many who say it is not going to happen today. It is to the point that if we believe our Lord's word about His coming, will it affect our thoughts and our actions today. Will we better prepared for his coming. One writer stated that it is time "every Christian should be an expectant uplooker, not a sleepy onlooker.

I ask myself this Thursday morning, am I going to be ready for the snow that has been forecasted? Then I need to ask myself and even more important question, an I getting ready for Christ return? Maybe, just maybe, I need to spend more time in His word and talking to Him in prayer.

Prayer Thought: Help each of us to be prepared for the coming of our Lord

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OUR FOCUS

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS—Heb. 12:1-4

In Heb. 10:36a, we read—you have need of _____.

The picture for Christian living is a _____ to be _____.

I. THE _____ v. 1.

The faithful folks in Heb. 11 have run their race _____, even in _____ circumstances, and they are _____ to the fact it can be done!

II. THE _____ v. 2.

The idea in the word "fix" is _____.

The original readers of Hebrews were bearing the _____ of hostility and needed to _____.

III. THE _____ OF ENDURANCE—v.3.

Family & Friends News

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ed Agee, father of Eddie, was diagnosed with Dementia.

Martha Brown, friend of the Brooks and the Clucks, had successful brain surgery at Vanderbilt and is recovering at home.

Anthony Brys, brother in law to Julie Maynard, was diagnosed with melanoma.

Gladys Carey, sister in law of Cliff and Cancel, recovering with rehab after a fall that broke her back. 1612 Smith Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087.

Peggy Carrell is recovering now at Life Care Center of Las Vegas, Room 425A, 6165 Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

Wynema Carver is recovering well after oral surgery.

Terry Cunningham, nephew of Reba Holt, will be going to Mayo Clinic to be treated for a malignant brain tumor.

Melody Harvill, co-worker of Mike Johnson, is fighting cancer.

Clarence Hastings, friend of Jason and Danielle Gray, is recovering from colon cancer surgery.

Jessie Hunt, mother of Pete Hunt, is recovering at home. 23 Gladeville Road Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

Marjorie Lanius is recovering at home after surgery on Tuesday.

Jack Lowe, infant son of Duane and Cathy Lowe, is being treated for a treatable rare disease called Kawasaki disease at Vanderbilt. Jack had tests that revealed coronary artery aneurisms.

Liam Macke, son of Lisa & Bill Macke, is recovering well after out patient surgery.

Billy Montgomery will undergo tests. He is receiving treatment on his eyes since July for macular degeneration.

Michael Reeves is home recovering from multiple bruises after a fall from his work truck.

Vickie Rhodes, daughter of Dalton & Patty Chaffin, is recovering at home.

Ken Schauer is receiving daily (Monday - Friday) radiation treatments.

Jimmy Scott, friend of the Forkum family, was diagnosed with cancer.

Linda York, mother of a friend of Kade Stier is suffering from cancer.

Galvin Winfree, grandson of the sister of Wynema Carver, is recovering at home after sinus surgery.

FOOD LIST - FERUARY

Tamara Johnson - 477-3238

LONG TERM ILLNESS LIST

Emilie Brewer, Marlette Carey, Louise Garner, Billy Henry, Linda Kirby, Liam Macke, Joy McAuley, Mary McAuley, Mary Anne Walton, Maria Weiss, Richard Van Dyke.

NURSING HOME/REHAB

Mamie Baird, mother of Joyce Midgett, Quality Care room 205.

JD Bell, father of a friend of Melody Weir, Quality Care, E03 Bed A.

Marvin Hackney is at ElmCroft room B9.

Mary Hubbard, step mother of Terry Hubbard is in Lebanon Rehab, room 203.

Francis Lanius is at Hearthside room A1.

Helen Martin is at Lebanon Rehab, room 109.

Bill Morton, friend of Joe Simms, is in rehab at Vanderbilt Stallworth.

Juanita Stewart is at Quality room C5.

Flora Reeder is at Bellwood Assisted Living, room 326.

HOME BOUND

Nonie Garrison and Martha Henslee.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mac and Kelly Alsup on the birth of their daughter Cassidy 7 lbs. 1 oz. 19 in. born Thursday. Proud grandparents are Doug and Carla Alsup.

Jacob and Kayla Lee on the birth of their son, Noah Graham 8lbs. 9 oz. 20 in. born Tuesday. Proud grandparents are Todd and Denise Bingham.

Clint and Brandy Smith on the birth of their son, Owen Mitchell 8 lbs. 13 oz. 21 ½ in. born

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

AND ANNIVERSARY CALENDARS

Are available at the both welcome centers.

PRAYER BOOK

We are making a prayer book for Duane and Cathy Lowe and baby Jack. All prayers need to be turned in by February 21.

HELP FOR HAITI

There are collection boxes for Haiti supplies. There will be one at each visitor's station. The following is what we will be collecting: Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Prenatal Vitamins, Hydrocortisone Cream, Antibiotic Creams, Antibiotic Eye Drops, Tropical Creams, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes.

THANK YOU

Dear Maple Hill,

Thank you for all your acts of kindness you have shown to me and Winton during my most recent surgery. I appreciate all the phone calls, cards, visits and meals during my recovery. I especially appreciate your prayers and thoughts during this time.

Love,
Betty Chaffin

To Maple Hill church of Christ,

Words cannot express our many thanks for all your acts of kindness. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. May the New Year bring you peace, hope, joy and much love.

Sincerely,
Linda Crutcher and Kama Mayfield
Southside Elementary School

Thank you for all your prayers and cards. I hope to see you soon. I am thankful for my new church friends.

Mai Hibdon

MAPLE HILL LADIES

LADIES NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive a newsletter by email quarterly please send a request to Kolleen Mangrum at living_designs@bellsouth.net.

WINGS

Will meet **February 2** at 6:30 at the home of Kolleen Mangrum. Lesa Stovall and Nancy Wood will conduct our study, GOD, FAMILY, CAREER-I WANT IT ALL. Ladies please join your sisters in Bible study, prayer and a meal.

WOMEN TO WOMEN

This ladies Bible study will meet in the classroom off the side of the family foyer Tuesday, **February 16**, at 7 PM.

LADIES RETREAT

Mark your calendars.
December 3,4 & 5 at Whispering Pines.

News & Notes

UPCOMING EVENTS

POT LUCK

Today following classes in the fellowship hall.

DYNAMIC MARRIAGE

The Dynamic Marriage class will be offered starting **tonight at 4:30 PM** on Sunday evenings for 8 weeks in the teen room. Adults are needed for childcare during the class. The class is limited to 12 couples so hurry and contact Tommy or Bethany Wright to reserve a spot or if you can help keep children.

Home phone: 615-449-0652

Cell: 615-405-1791

email: wright92@yahoo.com

HONDURAS MISSIONS MEETING

For everyone going on the this mission trip there will be a very important meeting **tonight at 4:45** in room 214.

WIDOWS BANQUET COMMITTEE MEETING

We will meet **February 7** at 4:45 in Fellowship Hall. Joyce Sampson, Victoria Norton, Terresia Williams, Ann Wright, Barbara Hallums, Cynthia Cluck, Mary Fay Wright, Joan Bryson, Kristin Stier, Annie Williamson, Cathy Carey, Jean Lancaster, Dianne Wimberley, Nell Haynes, Clis Shates, Jan Edwards, Jane Wood, Nickye Hamlet, Lisa Macke, Angel Reeves, Therese McClurg, Diane Cherry, Valerie Vanatta, Debbie Spencer, Mae Polk Whitley, Heather Wamble. If unable to attend, please see Mary Beth Brown or Mandi Lussier.

BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars for Monday, **February 8** from 4 - 8 PM. Please see the sign up sheet posted.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT

Our next meal together will be Wednesday, **February 10** beginning at 5:30 PM.

YOUNG AT HEART

There is a sign-up sheet for the annual Young at Heart Soup, Sandwich, and Movie night on Saturday, **February 13** at 6PM.

BREAST CANCER FRIENDS

This support group meets the 3rd Monday night of each month at 6:30pm. We welcome those who have had breast cancer in the past or are dealing with it now. The next meeting will be Monday, **February 15**.



Growing up in the Lord

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. 2 peter 3:18

TODAYS HENRY HANDLERS

Stuart and Melissa Simpson

Henry is waiting in the old fellowship hall.

LADS TO LEADERS

Sunday Schedule

Songs of Praise: 4:30 Room 214

Song Leading: 5pm-Scott's office

Puppets: 6pm in Scott's office.

BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE

Every Wednesday at 6:15 in room 214.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

5th and 6th Grade-Sunday night, **tonight** in the Teen Room 7:15-8:15 Subject: "God is Loser Friendly" Come check it out!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, **tonight at 5PM.**

We will meet in the Chapel.

Bible Bowl **Individual** Test will be given on Wednesday, **February 17** at 5pm in room 214. Questions? See Scott.

LADS TO LEADERS - SPEECH

Our Sunday night sessions for speech writing have come to a close. We will get with each student in the very near future for speech rehearsals and speaking engagements. PLEASE bring a copy of your final speech to Scott Griffith by Sunday, **February 14**.



MY

Coming Soon

February 1st:

Youth Basketball Game

6:30pm (CHUE)

February 7th:

Souper Bowl Bash

Teen Room

Sign-Up (Main Board)

February 14th:

Sr. High Fireside

Hosted by Gerald and Joanne Bishop

"Souper" Bowl

Bash....The MHYG will be hosting a Souper Bowl Bash on Sunday, February 7th! All families are invited to attend! We will meet in the Teen Room at kick-off, then break for evening worship, and return for the rest of the game and eats! We need your help, if you would like to come please sign-up on the main sign-up board! We also need you to bring something for the night. Please mark one of those items as well! This is always a great event! Oh yeah, if you don't like football we will have some video games set up in the class room for you!

Sr. High Fireside....Go ahead and mark your calendars for February 14th which will be our next Sr. High Fireside. Our fireside will be hosted by Gerald and Joanne Bishop and it will conclude at 9pm

CYC....We still have some spots open for the Gatlinburg trip to Challenge Youth Conference on February 26th-28th. The cost is only \$45, plus a couple of meals, if you are interested in going please see me and I will get you an application! It will be a great weekend!

I want to be like _____?....I guess it was in the decade of the 90's, but there was a popular commercial on television that advertised *Gatorade*, and its tagline was "I want to be like Mike!" Of course for all of you who remember the commercial was referring to Michael Jordan, who was then and now arguably the best basketball player of all time! I can remember running around the house singing that jingle and trying (as much as an overweight and let's just say gravity defying challenged boy) to be more "like Mike". Man, how times have changed and so have my goals of who I want to be like! I love to read the apostle Paul and as I read and study his writings I find myself wanting and wishing I was more like him. I wish I could say the things he says, like this one, **I Corinthians 9:22**, "...I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some." Can I say that? I want to be more like Paul!

His Path, Nick

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Sunday Services

Assembly 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Evening Assembly 6:00 PM

Wednesday Service

Bible Study 7:00 PM

January 31 - PM Prayer Assignments

Open Todd Bingham **Close** David Ennis

Song Leader Landon Roeder

February 7 - AM Worship Assignments

Opening Prayer **AM** Michael Graves **PM** Don Fox
Closing Prayer **AM** Ray Chitwood **PM** George Summers, Jr.
Song Leading **AM** Paul Stovall **PM** Congregational

The Shepherd's Prayer Kai Grissim
Lord's Supper Dondi Malone

Assisting Marty Kelley, Mark Denning, Reed Thomas, Tony Watson,
Larry Clemons, Nathan Kirby, Mike Smith, Ron Smith, Steve Wilson,
Brent Pruitt, Ken Scott, Wayne Hall, Mike Johnson, Brian Woody,
Shane Redmon, Dale Carver, Sr., Kip Lester, David Oakley, Steve Fox,
Jerry Parker, Joe Woody, Evan Watson

Alternate Tom Brashear, Clint Smith

Ushers Ray Chitwood, Dale Carver, Phillip Vance, Trey Keith
(If unable to serve please contact Danny Taylor)

Audio/Visual Booth Kevin Walton, Kade Stier, Brad Cluck
Greeters Mark & Amanda Denning, Terry & Sandy Hubbard,
Tony & Sherry Chumley

Welcome Center **East** Gary & Sue Tatum
West Don & Nickye Hamlet

Lord's Supper Preparation Frances Anderson & Dolores Lester

Building Lock-Up Danny Taylor

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Infant Nursery **AM** Jo Preston **AM** Jo Preston
Toddler Nursery **AM** Kyla Hallums **AM** Kyla Hallums
Corrie Cluck Corrie Cluck
PM Elaine Widick **PM** Elaine Widick

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Jerry Anderson	Mike Graves	Randy Sampson
Wynne Baker	Mike Green	Ken Schauer
Bill A. Bryson	Randel Henry	Dave Simpson
Bill M. Bryson	Mike Johnson	Stuart Simpson
Cliff Carey	Win Keith	Mike Smith
Thomas Carrell	John Kieffer	Ron Smith
John Chaffin	Charles Lanus	Ken Stewart
Winton Chaffin	Jeff Mangrum	Reed Thomas
Ray Chitwood	Glenn McPeak	Jody Vance
Brian Cluck	Walter Naylor	Gary Whitaker
Lanny Cluck	Randall Newman	Mike Wimberley
Barry Forkum	Larry Norton	Dwayne Wright
Don Fox	Neal Robertson	Tommy Wright
Howard Galyean		

Our Record

Date:	01/03	01/10	01/17	01/24
Bible Class	545	497	493	551
AM Worship	706	593	651	687
PM Worship	361	403	396	423
Wed. Class	368	428	405	392

Contribution for 01/24/2009	\$17,210.37
Weekly Budget	\$19,964.02