



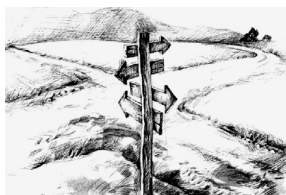
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JOURNEYS



WITH JOE

It was dark with a single, bare light bulb hanging from the ceiling. The grandfather was in bed covered up with heavy blankets even though it was extremely hot inside. As I sat by his bedside and talked with him through Ricardo, who translated for me, I discovered a man who was filled with Godly wisdom (James 3:17). I found him to be a man who had a deep passion for the Lord's church. I also discovered his keen insight into the many temptations that the young people of his congregation faced. The congregation where he served in San Salvador was very mission-minded, planting churches in outlying communities. The church also had sent many young people to Baxter Institute to study and prepare themselves to preach the gospel. This old man lying there, dying of old age was visionary. He had taken the task of serving as an elder seriously. When I went into his home, I didn't expect to gain much from the experience. I had hoped that maybe I could offer some comfort to a man who was dying.

We gain insight when we listen to those who have gone before and who know more than we do—insight we miss when our pride stands in the way. We're able to learn from others when we humble ourselves and acknowledge how little we know. I feel I was truly blessed to experience this time. Do you remember the story found early in the book of Luke about our Lord staying in Jerusalem while His parents headed for home? When they discovered He was missing, they return and find Him "...sitting in the midst of the teacher, both listening to them and asking the questions" (Luke 2:46). The wise man Solomon said; "a wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel" (Proverbs 1:5). There is an old saying that states, "If you think you know everything, you have a lot to learn." Let's not be too proud to seek advice, wisdom, and guidance from those who have a lifetime of experience to draw from.

Ricardo's grandfather passed away about a week after I saw him. I am thankful for the brief time I had to learn from him.

Prayer Thought: Strengthen us to be a light in our community so people can truly see Christ in us.

Lesson learned

Several years ago I was visiting one of our missionaries, Ricardo. At that time he was living in El Salvador. While I was there, Ricardo wanted me to go and visit his grandfather, who was like a father to him. He had served as an elder in the church, but was now close to death. We got to his home and went inside. It was very typical of the country.

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OUR FOCUS

FRUIT OF FORGIVENESS—PSA. 32:3-11

I. THE _____ OF SIN v. 3-5.

As he tried to _____ his sins, his bones felt like they were _____. When we do not _____ our sins, instead of _____ we experience _____.

The _____ you want to conceal is one you need to _____

David _____ God's hand was bearing down on him—the word "heavy" means to grievously _____.

After describing drought and _____, David knows only _____ will bring restoration.

Right approach is: instead of _____ David _____

Helpful phrase is: when you make a _____, you _____

II. THE _____ OF GOD v.6-11.

1. His _____.

2. His _____.

3. His _____.

Sins forgiven should cause one to have _____ of joy while _____ may be strangling the _____ from life.

Family & Friends News

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mamie Baird, mother of Joyce Midget, is back at Quality Care room 205.

Kay (Norris) Bringham, former member of Maple Hill, has been diagnosed with stage 4 Lymphoma.

Carter Cavin, friend of Brady Stovall, has broken both bones in his leg.

Jack Evins, uncle of Ronnie Doak and former member of Maple Hill, is recovering after surgery at Summit, ICU, bed 5.

John Hawkins, a friend of many at Maple Hill, was diagnosed with cancer and will be doing nine weeks of chemo. His address is: 230 Hawkins Hill Lane, PO Box 11, Gainesboro, TN 38562.

Scott Maynard is recovering at home after a stay in the hospital with viral meningitis.

Creola Minter, mother of Lisa Kelley, was diagnosed with macular degeneration. She will have further testing.

Dean Pittard, mother of Cinda Naylor, is home with health problems.

Jim Richardson will go to VA-Nashville on September 29 to have skin cancer removed.

Ellie Rushing, infant niece of Rachel Gray, was born without a soft spot and will require surgery. She will have a CT scan September 22 and surgery October 5.

Lila Slaughter, mother of Diane Welch, is recovering after a stay in the hospital with blood pressure complications.

George Summers, Sr., is at McFarland Rehab, room 245.

Kevin Tackett, friend of the Griffith's and others at Maple Hill, has a mass on the colon area. He will be seeing a specialist in Marietta, GA for testing. Kevin is the minister at the church of Christ in Chatsworth, GA.

Audrey Vaughn, former member of Maple Hill, is at Lebanon Rehab.

Tina Young, friend of Richard and Rhonda Swindell, is undergoing Chemo treatments for the second time and is having a difficult time.

3 YEAR OLDS

A special meeting for 3-years-olds and their parents. If your child will be going into Lounita Sampson's 3-year-old class, you are encouraged to come with your child to a special Meet the Teacher. The meeting is Saturday, **September 4** at 5:30 in the fellowship hall. A light supper will be provided. Come and learn about the "adoption of a bear" and meet Lounita.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family of: **Linda Kirby**. Services were held Monday.

Virginia Carr, sister-in-law of Pat Carr. Services were held Wednesday at Anthony's Funeral Home in Hartsville, TN. In lieu of flowers or other remembrance, the family has asked donations be made to Sherry's Run in memory of Virginia Carr.

Nick Goslin, father of Nickye Hamlet. Services were held Friday at Harpeth Family Funeral Services in Hendersonville.

LONG-TERM ILLNESS LIST

Marlette Carey, Jimmy Davis, Peggy Dill, Louise Garner, Melody Harvill, Billy Henry, Charles Jordan, Chuck Jordan, Anne Lain, Jack Lowe, Liam Macke, Joy McAuley, Mary McAuley, Myrtle Montgomery, Tony Oliveira, Jimmy Scott, Margie Scott, Floyd Shrum, Terry Smith, Richard Van Dyke, Mary Anne Walton, Tonya Watson, Maria Weiss, Danny Wright.

ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/REHAB

Betty Henderson is at Lebanon Rehab, 105.

Mary Hubbard, stepmother of Terry Hubbard, is at Hearthside room D1.

Francis Lanius is at Hearthside room A1.

Rose Shoulders is at Lebanon Rehab, room 108.

Viola Smith is at Pavilion room 311.

Juanita Stewart is at Quality Care room C5.

Flora Reeder is at Bellwood Assisted Living, room 326.

Sarah West, sister of Wayne Smith, is at Lebanon Rehab, room 204.

HOME BOUND

Nonie Garrison, Vissia Hudson and Kathryn Rodgers.

Maple Hill Counseling Center
547-4244

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Keith Parker
&
Mr. and Mrs. Carey Randall McVeigh
Invite you to celebrate in the union of

Jessica Marie & Nathan Carey
On Sunday, the Fifth of September
Two Thousand Ten
At Four O'clock in the Afternoon
Juno Church of Christ
4600 Hwy 412
Lexington, TN 38351
Reception Immediately Following

THANK YOU

To the Maple Hill family,

I just wanted to thank those who came out to support us during our VBS. It was truly a blessing having so many volunteers to help us. I know that God will richly bless you for all your hard work. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Dennis Kloehr
Lewiston church of Christ

January -June Financials
Are available at the welcome centers.



HONDURAS MEDICAL MISSION

We are currently collecting eyeglasses, readers, and all other items in the Mission Corner by the youth board. Please see Dave Simpson with any questions.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The church golf tournament has been set for Saturday, **September 25** at Riverwatch Golf Course in Smithville. The tournament will start at 8:00 am and the fee is \$30.00 per player. Everyone is invited so please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board. Contact Tommy Wright with any questions.

DONATIONS

In memory of Linda Kirby, Kathy Applegate, Myra Bates given by Dale and Wynema Carver.

To the pantry fund given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davenport.

LADIES MINISTRY PLANNING DAY
September 26, immediately after Bible Class.

6TH ANNUAL MH FALL CAMPOUT

October 1st, 2nd and 3rd - Book your site soon! Defeated Creek Campground! See Ken or Joie Schauer with questions.

COMMUNITY GIVEAWAY
October 23

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

News & Notes

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' MINISTRY PLANNING DAY

COMMITTEE MEETING: Today at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. The following ladies please attend: Jan Edwards, Clis Shates, Cynthia Cluck, Mandy Lussier, Jo Merritt, Lisa Whited, Danielle Pruitt, Meredith Davenport, Debbie Miller, Deanna Campbell, Joyce Sampson, Katreece McGrath, Melanie Hunt, Lounita Sampson, Tamara Johnson, Dana Miller, Wynema Carver, Nickye Hamlet, Lorie Watson.

PAINT THE TOWN GREEN: Buy a lime green bow for \$10 and attach to your doorknob, mailbox or car the week of Sherry's Run. Bows will be available for pickup on Friday, **September 3**, from 6 - 10 am and 4 - 8 pm and on Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10 from 2 - 7 pm at the event site.

MEN'S TRIP: We will be leaving the church building at 7AM on Saturday, **September 4**. We will be back early afternoon on Sun 9/5. See Landon Roeder or Dwayne Wright with any questions.

WINGS: Ladies of all ages are invited to attend WINGS on Tuesday, **September 7** at 6:30 at the home of Dolores Lester. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and Bible study while enjoying a meal together.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT MEAL: There will be a meal Wednesday, **September 8**. Please sign up.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: We will meet Friday, **September 10** at 6:30 PM. Bring finger foods, drinks, and games you would like to play.

T-SHIRT PICK UP: All those who have registered and paid the entry fee, please pick up your t-shirt on **September 9 or 10** between 2 - 7 pm on the west lawn of WBT. Wear your Sherry's Run t-shirt Saturday, **September 11**, and be ready for a group picture.

SHERRY'S RUN

SAVE THE DATE - **September 11, 2010**

Sign up now to be a part of the Maple Hill team!

Runners and Walkers of all ages—welcome!

More info to follow...

ENCORE '10: Our very own Lorie Watson and Kyla Hallums are performing with the Championship TuneTown Show Chorus on **September 18** at the Vanderbilt Langford Auditorium. Kyla will be performing with her award-winning quartet as well!!! Please see either of them to purchase tickets. Don't want to miss this!!! Your support is so very special. The ticket prices are \$35, \$25, \$15. www.tunetownshowchorus.org



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

LADS TO LEADERS TAILGATE PARTY

Today in the Family Foyer, 11-1 pm
Please sign up on the children's bulletin board.

5th - 6th GRADE SUNDAY NITE LIVE

Tonight, after evening services.

LADS TO LEADERS

Bible Bowl will begin **September 5**.
See the Chaffin's or Stovall's with any questions

Pre-promotion for pre-K through 8th grade will be Today...the bells will dismiss students 15 minutes early from class, so that they can meet their new teachers for the year.

PROMOTION Sunday-September 5th.

"Know Your Bible"

Begins Sunday, **September 5** for Grades K-4.
Watch for more info.

K-2ND GRADE MOVIE AFTERNOON

September 12, 11am-1pm.
Peter Pan will be the feature.

3rd-6th Singing Night

Sunday, September, 19th. 7-8pm.
Boys bring tortilla chips and
girls bring two-liters.

*Special thanks to Cynthia and Lanny Cluck and COMPANY for putting together materials for Bible Study Guide each quarter. This can be a daunting task, but they're always up to the challenge. Thank you all for making our education program the best it can be!



Coming Soon

September 1st
Bible 101 @ 5:00 PM
in Teen Room

September 3-4th
Men's Rafting Trip

September 4th
Devotional @ 7:00 PM
in Teen Room

October 8-11th
Fall Retreat for
7-12th grades

Rafting Trip for Boys 12 and Older...A trip is planned for those of you who signed up and paid by this past Sunday to the Ocoee River on Saturday September 4th through Sunday, September 5th. If you have any questions, see Landon.

Devotional...We will have a devotional for grades 7-12 on Sunday, September 5th after evening services in the Teen Room. Make plans to attend and bring a friend along with

you. We hope to see you there!



Fall Retreat...October 8-11th. The Senior High youth will travel to the Gatlinburg area for a Challenge Point day on Friday, the 8th. Junior High will join us on Saturday, the 9th and continue to stay through Monday, the 11th. Then entire group will return on Monday. There are lots of great things planned with devotionals, time in fellowship, as well as lots of great activities. Make sure you plan to attend this upcoming event! The total cost is \$50 per person. Sign up today! See Greg or Jamie for more info or with any questions.

MAGI BOXES

Collection of items for the Magi boxes will continue through September 26. Reminder that postage for each box is \$7.00. If you would like to make a donation to help ship a box, make your check to Maple Hill and give to either Joe and Elaine Widick or Bill and June Bryson.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would be willing to help stock pencils and attendance cards.

