

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Darrell Grimes (Ken & Sherrie Roosa's Son in Law) had a scope completed to determine his condition following Cancer surgery. The report is that all looks good.
Al Reynolds is in better spirits, getting some improvement in the use of his hands and is able to set up (with a little help). He is now in rehab and it appears to be helping.
Caylyn Mathews suffered a broken wrist while playing soccer and a cast was put on. She is due to have the cast removed on 9-15. She is doing very well.
Steve Flick (Tina's Uncle) - Hospice has advised that the family be called in.
Don Richardson is suffering from serious health issues and has been moved to the Waters facility.
Iris Hash's blood work has been completed with tests to follow to determine the cause of her stomach problems. Iris now has a urinary tract infection. All preliminaries needed prior to the scheduled procedures (9-03-20) have been completed.
Karen Sproles is still having trouble with her knee and difficulty walking. She had a possible "Silent Stroke" and is scheduled for an MRI on 9-11-20.
Liz Burdsall has all but completely recovered from her injury. Great news!
Delores Hendrickson and her brother need our prayers. Delores has finished taking her antibiotics for a bladder infection.
Stephanie Sturgill is at home and continues recuperating nicely.
Charlie Henard is still very weak from a kidney stone removal but doing quite well. Sure is great to see Charlie at Church this past Sunday.

Linda Bush is at home. She did have Heart Cath and a stint was placed in one of her arteries on 8-11-20. She will be wearing a heart monitor for the next 30 days.
Ernest Brown is doing very well with his recovery at home.
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy) is doing much better.
Donnie Thurman (Ken's cousin) his Cancer has spread to his Pancreas.
Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)
Edwin Parnell has completed his chemo and is waiting on Scan results.
Dean and Shirley Cook are at home and doing well.
Dale Pflaum (Shirley Cook's nephew) is now undergoing Chemo therapy.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale

Pray For The Work We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)
Charles DiPalma (Mission work in Australia and New Zealand)
Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

Upcoming Events:

Men's Business Meeting - 9-13-20 @ 5:00 PM.
The ladies are preparing some gifts for Jimmy Lindsey. For details as to what should be given, see Bob Hawkins. (Gifts are to be in a paper bag.)
Annual Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday (09-26-20) @ 5:00 PM.

God's Plan For Our Salvation:

1. **Hearing** the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
2. **Believing** what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
3. **Repentance** (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
4. **Confession** (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
5. **Baptism** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
6. **Faithful Christian Living**, after the above five steps (I Peter 2:11, 12; Rev. 2:10).

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM
Evening Service - 6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM

Radio Program:

“Preparing For Eternity”
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

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Personal Work is Personal

It is easy for us to overlook the important role personal conversation has in the conversion of the world. We long for days like that Pentecost when the response to preaching resulted in 3,000 conversions. That was not the normal happening as the church grew. We must never overlook how often lives were changed when Jesus and the apostles had one-on-one conversations with others. The world will always be saved by the preaching of the gospel, but so much of that teaching involves private studies with others.

Jesus changed the lives of so many, but think of the fact that He *personally* talked with others. Is it possible that He changed more lives in personal contact than in His public teaching?

How did Nicodemus learn about Jesus? Obviously, he had heard of Him before he came at night to visit with Jesus, yet the change Jesus wanted him to make came about because of their personal conversation. That conversation changed Nicodemus. He learned about the new birth, which involves water and the Holy Spirit. We may have forgotten that the first person to hear the “Golden Text” of the Bible was this man who talked to Jesus at night! That text begins, “For God so loved the world that He gave...” Important contacts are so important!

The change in the life of short Zacchaeus did not happen as he talked to Jesus from the branches of the sycamore tree—it came about when Jesus went to his house and talked to him. There are so many who have been converted by private teaching sitting on sofas or around the kitchen tables.

There were ten lepers who met Jesus, but the one touched most was the one who was a Samaritan and who returned to thank Jesus. As he glorified God, Jesus talked to him about his faith and its place in salvation. It is so often in private teaching that one learns the true meaning of faith.

Jesus had individual conversations with Andrew and Peter (John 1:41); with Philip and Nathanael (John 1:43, 45); with John the Baptist about baptizing Jesus (Matt. 3:14-15); with the woman of Samaria (John 4:7); with the woman taken in adultery (John 8:4-11); with Matthew as he collected taxes and later in Matthew’s house (Luke 5:27-29); with the crippled man healed beside the pool, and Jesus later sought him out to teach him (John 5:13-14); and *so many more!*

What do we need to learn from this? It is very simple—private conversations so often change the lives of others. I urge you to pray that God will use you to privately talk to those around you, hopefully changing their lives. Is there any week better than this week to begin doing this!

Dan Jenkins

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