

THE FOREST HILL NEWS



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VISIT US SOON!

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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Resolutions of Faithfulness #4 Faithful in Giving Barry Grider

It pays to follow Jesus we are reminded in an old hymn. Surely no sensible child of God, who has enjoyed the marvelous spiritual blessings in Christ, would reason otherwise. Through Jesus alone we approach the Father (John 14:6). Following Christ leads to a home in Heaven. Yet is there a cost in following Jesus? The Lord Himself stated clearly there is a cost in following Him. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?...So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple (Luke 14:28,33). Jesus has given His all for us, we must be willing to give all to the Master. This is where Christianity becomes repugnant to many. Selfish people always ask, "what's in it for me?" However, true followers of Christ understand the Lord's directive to be givers not takers. He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). A mother was making pancakes for breakfast one Saturday morning, when her two boys, realizing what she was doing, both ran into the kitchen and cried out, 'I want the first one.' This good mother admonished her boys that if they were like Jesus, one would say to the other, 'you take the first one.' The older brother then said to the younger, 'you be Jesus.' Many Christians can be just like that older brother. Are you a giver or a taker? If you are a giver, you are exemplifying Christianity in your life. However, if you are a taker, you need to resolve to be a giver. How can we give to the Lord?

We can give of our **time**. Often it is said, those of us alive on earth are on time's side of eternity. Paul admonished we are to make the most of that time. "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16). The average person only has about seventy years to live upon the earth (Psm. 90:10). Therefore, let us not waste these few short years with too much attention on mundane matters, but give of our time to the Lord. He has in His wisdom given us twenty-four hours in every day. If we are wise we can use this time effectively to eat, work, rest, spend time with family, and still be busy on behalf of the kingdom of Christ. Such individuals who make wise use of time and organize their schedules properly will find they have an abundance of energy and more time available than perhaps previously realized.

We can give of our **talents**. Though the talent mentioned in Jesus' parable had to do with something of monetary value (Mat. 25:14ff), the principle is the same. Find out what you do well and give your best. With regard to the Lord's service, each one of us should follow Solomon's admonition, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might..." (Eccl. 9:10). Make sure that this is the year that you seriously consider what you can do effectively in the Lord's service. If you need help or encouragement in a particular area, seek out such. In the kingdom of God there is always something we can do and each one of us is uniquely qualified to fulfill a particular role.

We can give of our **treasury**. It is a tough time economically, but the fact remains we cannot out give God. Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). Our Lord seeks those who are willing to give of their financial resources. We are not under the law that commanded tithing, we are under the law of Christ which teaches us to purpose in our hearts and to give liberally and cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:7). Anything other than free will offerings given unto the Lord is unauthorized by Him (cf. 1 Cor. 16:1,2). If we have not been giving as we have prospered, let us repent and resolve in our hearts to do so.

Tragedy in Colorado Brings Heartache to Forest Hill

When Job lost everything, including his family, the calamity came suddenly and with tremendous force. Similar tragedies occur today with the same suddenness and forcefulness. Thankfully, most of these tragedies are far removed from us. That is, while we extend sympathy and compassion toward all who suffer, we do not personally know all those who are suffering. However, this past week, news out of Colorado concerning a family we all know and love hit us very, very hard. Paul Martin, 2002 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching, and son of our dean of students, Jerry Martin, has preached in the mission field of Northwest Colorado since his graduation. The town of Meeker, where the church is located, is a tranquil community. Paul and Vanessa, along with their children, Alahna and Stone, have really loved being engaged in the Lord's work in such a beautiful region of this country. Several years ago I had the privilege of visiting Meeker. I spoke to the mid week assembly and spent the night in the Martin's home. It was indeed a blessing to me personally. Their home was filled with much love and happiness and it was evident that Christ was a welcome guest in their home.

However, last Tuesday, January 19, the tranquility of the Martin home was overcome with great tragedy. On the way to school, Vanessa, Alahna and Stone were involved in a terrible automobile accident. Vanessa was hurt, but the two children suffered the most extensive injuries. Both the children were taken to a hospital in nearby Grand Junction. Twelve year old, Alahna, was later transported to Denver Children's Hospital. Nine year old, Stone,



The Martin Family

Paul

Stone

Vanessa

Alahna

had to remain in Grand Junction until he stabilized. However, that would never happen. This precious little boy within 24 hours would be tenderly carried by the angels of heaven to Abraham's bosom. While hearts rejoice there is a home for the soul, here on earth we grieve when a child is taken from his loving family. We are thankful that at this writing, Alahna is beginning to make progress toward recovery. Our prayer is that this will continue.

Our hearts ache for Paul and Vanessa, and the entire Martin family. I have shed my own tears this past week, but I am not alone. I have hugged my children more often and more tightly this past week, but, again, I am not alone in doing this. We want this family to know that untold thousands have them in their thoughts and prayers. Likewise, we are all greatly encouraged by the profound faith of this great Christian family. We know they will come through this tragedy stronger than ever, and as a result strengthen the hearts of many. Heaven will be sweet for all who enter, and especially for those who have had to do the unthinkable—give up a child. But through the eye of faith we know that reunion day is coming. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Barry Grider

LORD'S TABLE

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| PRESIDE: | Danny Braddock | Tony Callahan |
| ASSIST: | David Barnes | Mike Dugger |
| | Randy Elliott | Gary Grove |
| | Marv Sowell | Lyle Summitt |

PRAYERS:

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| A.M. OPENING: | Greg Mangrum |
| A.M. CLOSING: | Gene Kuehn |
| P. M. OPENING: | Youth |
| P. M. CLOSING: | Youth |

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Gene Gordon or Greg Rickles. The elders request that you wear a coat and tie.

RECORD, WEEK OF January 24, 2010

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| BIBLE STUDY: | 226 |
| A.M. WORSHIP: | 264 |
| P. M. WORSHIP: | 226 |
| CONTRIBUTION: | \$18,224.00 |

Noma Printup, Jewish Home & Rehab Center, room 202

Alahna Martin, granddaughter of Jerry & Denise Martin, Children's Hospital Denver, Trauma Unit

Kenny Taylor, MSOP graduate and son-in-law of Leonard & Deborah Watson, has been diagnosed with Burkitt's lymphoma and is hospitalized in Oklahoma following surgery. Cards may be sent to: 3203 S. Hwy 183, lot 115, Clinton, OK 73601.

HOMEBOUND

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| Dollie Baxter | Myra Martin |
| Robert Boling | Nell Mills |
| Ann Castleman | Genoa Sasser |
| Ann Caughron | Dian Siler |
| Charles Godwin | Virginia Stetz |
| Grace Hollis | Margaret Woods |
| Arthur and Jean Lee | |

Please remember, with prayers and cards, those who are ill.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

The family of Hugh McCarter who passed away Monday, January 25. The funeral service will be Thursday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m. at Forest Hill Funeral Home East on Whitten Rd. Visitation will precede the service at 12:00 noon.

The family of Juanita Edwards who passed away Sunday, January 24. The funeral service was Tuesday, January 26 in Hohenwald, TN.

Karen Fairley and family in the passing of her uncle, Jerry Keeling. The funeral was Friday, January 22 in Jacksonville, AR.

Paul and Vanessa Martin in the passing of their 9 year old son, Stone, who received multiple injuries in an automobile accident. Paul is a 2002 graduate of MSOP and the son of Jerry and Denise Martin.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Dear Forest Hill,

We would like to thank each one of you who has expressed your love and concern for Donna. She is healing well from her surgery and the doctors have determined she will not need radiation. We are very thankful for every prayer offered on her behalf. Thank you also for the many cards. They have been a great encouragement to her. Please continue to remember Donna in your prayers.

In Him,
Avis Terry and Diane Ray

Dear Forest Hill,

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and condolences in the recent death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Bertha May.

In Christian love,
Thomas May and Linda Collum

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marcia Reynolds. Please bring soup or sandwiches, a friend and your Bible. This study is for encouragement, fellowship and outreach to ladies of all ages.

ALL AGES are invited to Game Night Saturday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring finger foods and your favorite board game.

YOUNG ADULTS Potluck and Planning Session will be Sunday, January 31 after the morning worship service in the breakroom. Please see Lyle Summitt for details.

YOUTH GROUP Super Bowl Party will be Sunday, February 7 after the evening service. Details to come.

WORK TEAM

WORK TEAM "J" (Warren Davenport) will meet Saturday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Warren and Lisa Davenport for a covered dish dinner.

For updates on the relief effort in Haiti go to:
www.estes.tn.org

Last week's solution :

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. I Corinthians 13:1-2

CORNERSTONE

Unscramble the letters in each word below to reveal the passage of scripture.

ROCNI GDAC SA SIH IVNDIE WRPOE THHA VNIGE
UTON SU LLA GITSNH TTHA TRPNIEA UTON EFIL
NDA SOSNLIGED, HUTROHG EHT DEWOLKGEN FO
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UTRIVE: Solution next week

February 2010

Coordinating Elder: Jim Crowe

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | <i>1 Cason Grider Stephen Higley Billy Rodgers</i> | <i>2 Jack Woods</i> | <i>3 Maria Lamb</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>6 Rebekah Dean</i> |
| <i>7</i> | <i>8 Curtis Cates</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>11 Charles Godwin</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>13 Mike Browder Christie Swafford</i> |
| <i>14</i> | <i>15 Phil Daniele</i> | <i>16 Robert Moore</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>18 David Dixon</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i> |
| <i>21</i> | <i>22 Winnie Holloway Chris Palazola</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>24 Jeremiah Swafford</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>27 Olivia Barnes Christa Mangrum Ansley Tingle</i> |
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****Birthdays are in Italics**

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