#### **Prayer List**

Linda Balthrop, Linda Brackett, Debbie Caldwell, Rashay Driscoll, Veronica Dupree, Nancy Glass, Lily Griswold, Jake Hanna, John Johnson, Brenda Levister, Mary Lynn McAleer, Jay Montgomery, Tony Priola, Tim Smith, Lisa Sollars mother, Chris Stout

- Antono Acosta's mother-in-law received results that her tumor was malignant, so she will need to undergo cancer treatments.
- Ella Green is undergoing some medical tests ٠
- Gordon Hatcher (Charles' father) has been • having health issues related to his Parkinson's disease and neuropathy.

## **The Numbers**

| Attendance | Sunday, October 11 | 36/40/32 |
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|            | Wednesday, October | 14 26    |
| Offering   | Sunday, October 11 | \$891.72 |

# **Those Serving**

| Prayer Before Sunday Classes  | Charles Hatcher   |
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| Morning Worship<br>Announcements & First Prayer<br>Songs<br>Sermon<br>Lords Supper & Contribution<br>Assisting Levy<br>Closing Prayer | Brian Carver<br>Jay Caldwell<br>Brad Green<br>Tommy Sanders<br>Cox/Donald Shipley<br>James Hutton |
| Afternoon Worship<br>First Prayer<br>Songs<br>Sermon<br>Lord's Supper<br>Closing Prayer   | Jay Caldwell<br>David Snyder<br>Brad Green<br>Lance Green<br>Barry Simmons                        |
| Wednesday Night<br>Songs<br>First Prayer<br>Devotional<br>Closing Prayer  | James Hutton<br>Tommy Sanders<br>Keith Keever<br>Lance Green                                      |

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#### **Meeting Location:**

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#### **Schedule of Services**

Sunday

| Bible Study | 9:30 AM            |
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| Worship     | .10:30AM & 1:30 PM |

#### Wednesday

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| Bible Study | 7:00 PM |



### From The Preacher's Pen "THE UNIVERSAL RULE"

[This article was written by brother Guy N. Woods (1908-1993). Brother Woods served local congregations in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Texas, and spent his latter years preaching in Gospel Meetings around the country.]

Of all the important, impressive, and vital lessons which clearly emerge from the inspired record of God's dealings with His creatures through the long and eventful lapse of years from Eden to Patmos, the one which is the most vivid, the most emphatic, and the most unmistakable is that only those who wholly, humbly, and unhesitatingly submit to His will and obey His commandments enjoy His approval here and have the promise of eternal bliss hereafter.

The Creator was not long in impressing this premise on the race. Cain and Abel were instructed to make an offering to their God and the details were duly outlined and specified. Abel complied therewith and the divine blessing was pronounced upon him. Cain, unwilling to follow the pattern detailed by the Lord, substituted his will for Jehovah's and the tragic consequences of his foolish and senseless act soon appeared. That narrative, from the dawn of the race, is simple, unadorned, needing neither interpretation, nor detailed exposition. It tells the story with power and utmost simplicity (Gen. 4:2-7). God's response to Cain's displeasure, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted," has received an affirmative answer in every instance of inspired history; and the wreck and ruin of both individuals and nations bear melancholy evidence of the truth embodied in the solemn warning, "If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door."

The childlike faith and humble,

unswerving submission of will characteristic of Abraham earned for that illustrious patriarch the divine descriptive, "friend of God." No higher tribute is possible. The faithful father gained for himself imperishable fame by simply taking God at His Word and doing what He said. Of him the great Jehovah was to say: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Gen. 18:19). "And they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment"; this was the manner of life which resulted from the instruction which Abraham kept constantly before "his children, which he had spoken." It is ever thus. The divine blessing is always available to those who walk in harmony with His commandments and He withholds no good thing from those who faithfully do His will.

It is important for us to remember that these object lessons of former dispensations were written for our learning and admonition (Rom. 15:4), and to impress us with the realization that we enjoy the approbation of God on this basis alone (Heb. 5:8-9; 10:7; 1 John 2:4). To this fundamental fact all the sacred writers in some fashion gave utterance. And, our Lord plainly warned, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 7:21). Who shall enter the kingdom of heaven? "He that doeth the will of my Father." No other can or will. This is the only course which leads to happiness either here or hereafter. Solomon, in his effort through experimentation to find serenity, and satisfaction, confirmed the verdict of history when he wrote, "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecc. 12:13). He who, when day is done and evening shadows have lengthened into

the sable garments of the night, can pillow his head with the realization that the day has been spent in useful service to man and unquestioning obedience to God truly enjoys that perfect peace which only heaven can give. "Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

- Gup N. Woods (Deceased)

#### Announcements

We set an attendance record with 40 present for our AM worship service during our one day Gospel Meeting with Kent Bailey last Sunday. Thanks to all those whose efforts resulted in the attendance of several visitors. The Gospel was heard and the church was edified!

