

From Where I Sit . . .

"FRIENDS AND FAMILY WEEKEND"

By now members at Broad Street should be very familiar with the upcoming "Friends and Family Weekend." The complete schedule of event has been posted in the bulletin and announcement sheet for some time. I want to use our space this week to let you, our readers, know how important you are to us. We would be so happy to have you join us for the special activities, any and all of them, from October 24 - 26. Most especially we hope you will join us on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for the special devotional service during our normal class time with the theme, "In God We Trust," worship service to follow, and the lunch afterwards.

As a nation, as a part of an earthly family, as a part of a circle of friends, as a part of the family in Christ, in fact in all our relationships, we need to be reminded that God should be foremost in our thoughts and purposes. "In God We Trust" signifies many things depending on which of these relationships we're discussing. Certainly our nation needs the reminder at a time when everything except faith in God can be discussed on virtually any public platform. I challenge you to put God in all your relationships and trust in Him in all your ways.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

To the church at Broad Street, we have many friends who are either former members, weaker members who attend seldom, and fallen members who have totally gone away from the Lord. Also, we have friends and family members who need the joy of the Lord that we've found in serving Him. I sincerely pray that we each will use this opportunity to talk with those friends about coming not only to this service, but back to the Lord. The best favor and greatest love you can demonstrate to them is that you love them enough to venture a discussion about spiritual matters.

My phone has just rung with a message from a dear lady who has been doing just that with former members. We're hopeful that some of these will come back to the Lord, and be restored as the Prodigal Son of the long ago who in Luke 15:21 confessed, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight." Confessing our sins is the way back. Simon the Sorcerer was lovingly but firmly taught by the Apostle Peter: "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee"(Acts 8:22). "Come home, Come home, ye who are weary come home."

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