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## From Where I Sit . . .

## "Ethics - Determining Right And Wrong"

While I was a student at Oklahoma Christian College, Dean Howard Horton taught a Freshmen seminar class which helped me get a perspective that college was going to be different than anything I had experienced. In my first month of school, he walked into class and asked the penetrating question: "What or Who are you?" He quoted Plato as saying that man is animate, vegetative, and rational.

I know that sometimes we act like animals, and that we have certain animate instincts such as hunger, thirst, sexual drives, but animals have no morals. I've always resented being classified among the animal kingdom for that reason. If one insists on calling us animals, then be it known that man has a value system which certainly puts him at the top of the animal kingdom. Man is a thinking, rational animal. I'm still not sure why Plato thought of man as being vegetative other than I do know a lot of people who plant themselves and never grow, while others do grow and become something greater, and benefit those around them with fruit, etc.

The interesting thing is that Plato never mentioned man's fourth dimension. He had no concept of man possessing the Spiritual quality because he knew no living God. This spiritual dimension doesn't deny the others, but takes into account that we are made for purposes beyond the physical. Man is made after the image of God.

Constantine wrote: "You have made us for yourself. Our restless hearts can find no rest til they rest in thee." The Psalmist David declared: (Psa 42:1) "..... As the hart (deer) panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

There is indeed a part of man's nature that will not be denied. It must be taken into consideration when studying his value system. It is crucial that this dimension be heard when defining for man what is right or wrong behavior. A study of ethics must take into account all of the nature of man, both physical and spiritual. Much of the controversy comes from the denial of the latter.

Evolution maintains that man is a product of a purposeless system that did not have him in mind at the beginning. The Bible is seen as a humanly produced work of man's attempt to create God. God is seen as a creation of man's mind instead of man's mind, body and spirit being creations of a divine act. The Bible claims for God that He is the Eternal Spirit; the Moral Governor of the Universe who sets the boundaries and determines the rightness and wrongness of a behavior.

There are two kinds of wisdom-- two opposing schools of thought. In short they are spiritual thoughts versus carnal thoughts, and are illustrated in these passages: James 3:13-18 "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

.... Terry Broome



#### Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

**David Precise** will have a virtual call appointment with a cardiac surgeon on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.

**LaRue Anderson** is having severe back pain and the shot she received has not helped. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Joan Jackson** is experiencing a lot of back pain. She is to undergo an evaluation tomorrow to see about having physical therapy.

**Tammy McGuire** is on chemotherapy in a pill form since her heart is so weak. She started radiation on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Pray for Tammy.

Mark Miller, a friend of Joan Jackson, is home and doing good. Please pray for him.

### LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Cheryl Ellis Melba Sloan

Becky Russell

Sam Wright

Vara Stiles

Stan Hastings

Margaret Crawford

**Bob Rice** 

Izella Proctor

Haley Hastings

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Irene Gist

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Dale Lemley, sister of Nancy Miles.

Cecil Wilkes, grandmother of Nick Ledbetter.

Jordan McCormack, US Navy

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force- Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

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Cloverdale	Rosewood	Southern			
Manor	Manor	Estates			
412 Cloverdale Rd.	1513 Co. Park Rd.	212 E. Stewart Rd.			
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# Calendar of Upcoming Events—

July 22	 Summe	r Series s	peake	r: Mark Hastings
July 29	 Summe	er Series	speake	er: Randy Medlin
August 16	 Baby	Shower	for	Jessica Helton
	Dawson, 4-6 p.m.			

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Measure Of Our Love	Wed. Bible Study

# Drive-Thru Bøby Shower! It's A Boy!

Please join us on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for a Drive-Thru Baby Shower honoring Jessica Helton Dawson from 4:00-6:00 in the evening. Come through the covered awning to say your well wishes, drop off your gift, and pick up some yummy treats to go! Depending on the current outbreak situation, we hope to set up some tables (socially distanced of course) in the Handicap Parking Lot if you would like to safely visit with each other. Jessica is expecting a baby boy, James Campbell Dawson. She is registered at WalMart, Target, and Amazon. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Precise Hamilton at mprecisehamilton@gmail.com or text 256-599-7703.

# Love the Son Randall Medlin

When a certain wealthy man died, no will could be found. The man's wife and only son had preceded him in death. In due time the effects of the deceased were sold at auction.

Everything was disposed of except a portrait of the son. Nobody seemed to want it, until an elderly woman approached. Seeing the unsold picture, she pleaded with the auctioneer to let her have it for the few pennies she possessed. When he gave her the picture, she drew it to her heart. She had been the son's nurse in his infancy and boyhood days.

Later, she noticed that attached to the back of the painting was an envelope addressed to an attorney. The woman took it to the lawyer.

He read it and exclaimed, "Woman, you have found a fortune! This is the man's will. He bequeathed a large sum of money to anyone who loved his son enough to buy the picture!"

To all who love and honor God's dear Son, the Father gives "all spiritual blessings" and every needed material blessing (Ephesians 1:3; Matthew 6:33).

How rich we are as God's children — "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus!"

"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).



Is the future me better than the present me?

A lot of times we cannot stop focusing on major mistakes we've made or how we feel that we've been dealt a bad hand in this old world. When we never live in the present and always dwell on the past, I think the devil loves it. It's sort of like he doesn't even have to do anything to deter us from living for GOD. We've done it to ourselves. The question remains for me and you:

# Are you stressed about the past or straining for the future?

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of GOD in CHRIST JESUS. Philippians 3:13-14

## If You Haven't Got Anything Good To Say ...

You remember the rest of this line, don't you? Momma always used to say, "If you haven't got anything good to say about someone, don't say anything at all." I think Momma knew the words of the wise man.

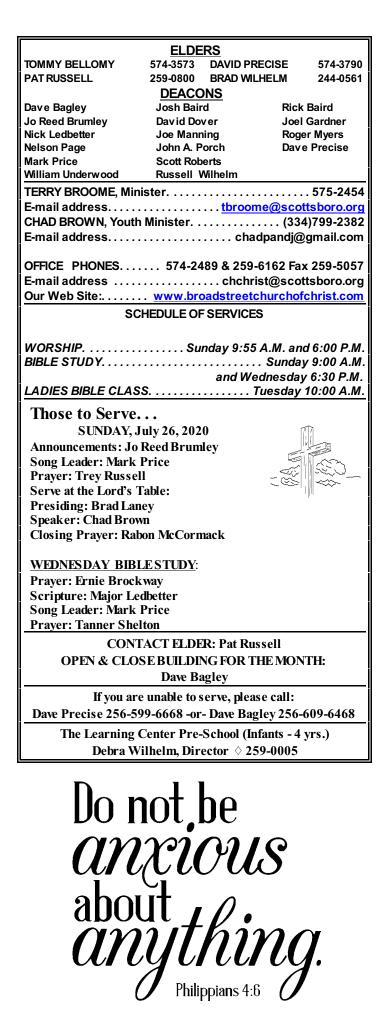
"The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 10:11).

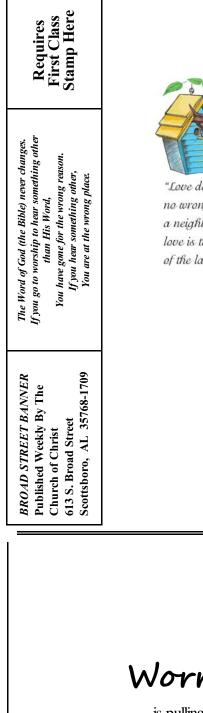
"The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom" (Proverbs 10:31).

"The lips of the righteous know what is fitting" (Proverbs 10:32).

Momma knew that what I say is a reflection of and an influence upon who I am on the inside. How important is it, then, that Christians be persons who encourage, compliment, strengthen, and build up with our words. The writer of Hebrews instructs, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24).

Am I an encourager or a discourager? Do I build up or tear down? Do I feel that God has given me a gift for criticism? There is no such thing! "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things...And the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9).





"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 13:10, NRSV

Worry

is pulling tomorrow's cloud over today's sunshine