

September 9, 2020

BROAD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

VOL. XXXV NO. 36



From Where I Sit . . .

"Woman and a Fork" – (2 Cor. 4:13-18) [I recently read a story which is deserving of being passed along to our readers. I wish I could

[I recently read a story which is deserving of being passed along to our readers. I wish I could remember who might have first recorded the account, but it still needs to be shared with others with no claim from this writer of originality on my part.]

BROAD STREET

BANNER

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her Minister and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the Minister was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the Minister's reply.

"This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The Minister stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Minister.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

"So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork; the best is yet to come.""

The Minister's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Minister heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled. During his message, the Minister told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

. . . Terry Broome



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

Ken Lawrence is continuing in tests to see what kind of treatments that the doctors think would be effective. He would appreciate the prayers of the church.

Tom Hancock is recovering from knee surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Joel Gardner is doing well in his recovery from knee surgery. Continue to pray for him.

Angie Sutton, former member here, had shoulder surgery and will need physical therapy as well. Our prayers are requested. Her address is 191 Nichols St., Dutton, AL 35744.

Spencer Broome, brother of Terry, has had a recurrence of pancreatitis and this time it has adversely affected the kidneys nearly shutting them down. He is in ICU in Valdosta, GA on a ventilator. The doctors have to get the fluid off so that he can begin dialysis. There is a ray of hope with the prayers of all the saints. We ask all of you to pray for his life.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Meghan Cornelison Ernestine Pace Joan Jackson LaRue Anderson Vara Stiles Tammy McGuire **Bill Price Ginger Myers James Rice Stan Hastings David Precise Cheryl Ellis** Melba Sloan **Becky Russell** Sam Wright Margaret Crawford **Izella Proctor Hayley Hastings** X'shi Ana Benavides Irene Gist Mary Lawrence **Polly Franklin** Sophronia Burney Ken Lawrence, Sr. Harold Reynolds **Judy Roberts**

Holly Cobb

Jennifer Chandler, sister of Janet Necklaus.

Jackie Evans, employee of Woods Cove Florist, 2661 Snodgrass Rd. 35769.

Judy Tidwell McBride, member at Larkinsville, 322 Co. Rd. 15, Woodville, AL 35776.

Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley.

Kenny Jimenez, son-in-law of Dave & Elane Bagley and brother-in-law of David & Ashley Dover, 124 Helen Ave., Modesto, CA 95354.

Winston Busby, brother of Doris Laney, 198 Weaver Rd., Henagar, AL 35978.

Sally Abbott, aunt of Bill Price, 440 2nd St., S Naples, FL 34102-8620.

Shep Knight, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

Tom & Mary Ann Worst, Libby Crona's brother & sister-in-law.

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

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps

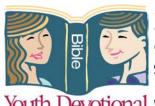
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Cloverdale	Rosewood	Southern
Manor	Manor	Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd.	1513 Co. Park Rd.	212 E. Stewart Rd.
Scottsboro, 35768	Scottsboro, 35769	Scottsboro, 35769
Helen Ott	Doris Johnson	Tommy Bellomy
Jean Hancock	1703 Stewart Rd., 35768	
Polly Franklin	9440 Hwy. 79 Bypass, 35768	
Mark Little	107 Benson Lane, 35768	
Elsie Goodman	406 S Houston St., 35768	
Martha Nan Baker	701 Monroe St., NW, Russellville, 35653	
Nell Anderson	121 Brookridge Dr., Apt. 133, Madison, 35758	
Al Evett	49 Hughes Rd., Apt. 24, Madison, 35758	

Calendar of Upcoming Events— Sept. 20 — Sack Sunday

— Area-Wide Devo, Huntsville

One	
Measure Of Our Love	Wed. Bible Study. Sunday Bible Study. Sun. A.M. Worship Sun. Night Worship. Contribution. Budget. \$7556.00



Area-Wide Devo hosted by Owens Cross Roads church of Christ for Youth, 7th-12th grades, will be on September 20th in Huntsville. The devo

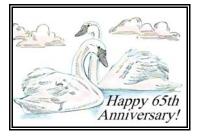
Youth Devotional will be from 4:30 p.m. til 7:00 p.m. at Monte Sano State

Park. They will be taking precautions by keeping each youth group separated and providing prepackaged food and condiments. They will also have people assigned to serve the food to each group. If you will be going, please let Chad know.



Because of the devastating destruction left by the recent hurricanes, the Elders have decided to send donations to aid those affected. You may give **FR** your donations to one of the elders or ministers earmarked

disaster relief. Deadline for donations is Sunday, September 13th. These funds will be sent to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort in Nashville.



Robert and Marjorie *Rice married September* 14, 1955 and have been married for 65 years. The Rice's have 3 children, Sheryl (Rick) Baird, James Rice, and

Kimberly (Chris) Stewart, 7 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. Happy 65th Anniversary!

The Rule of Three

Three things to govern: Temper, tongue, conduct

Three things to cultivate: Courage, affection, gentleness Three things to commend: Thrift, industry, promptness Three things to despise: Cruelty, arrogance, ingratitude Three things to wish for: Health, contentment, friends

Three things to admire: Dignity, intellect, gracefulness

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills— from whence comes my help? My help comes form the Lord who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber" (Psalm 1221:1-3)

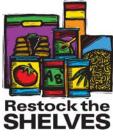
via House to House/Heart to Heart



David Hancock, son of Jean L Ravford Hancock and nephew of Tom Hancock, passed away suddenly on September 3, 2020. The funeral service was conducted In Sympathy last Saturday with burial at Goosepond Cemetery. Our

Christian love and sympathy are extended to this family. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our food pantry is extremely low at this time. We will have a Sack Sunday on September 20th. Please bring a sack or two when you come to worship service. Here is a list of suggested items: canned meats, tuna, peanut butter, oatmeal, chili, soup, stew, dried beans, rice, spaghetti & sauce.



Debra Kime is taking donations for the National MS Society fund-raiser. Cash is welcome or checks made out to National MS Society. The deadline to give a donation is September 14th.

is Ch

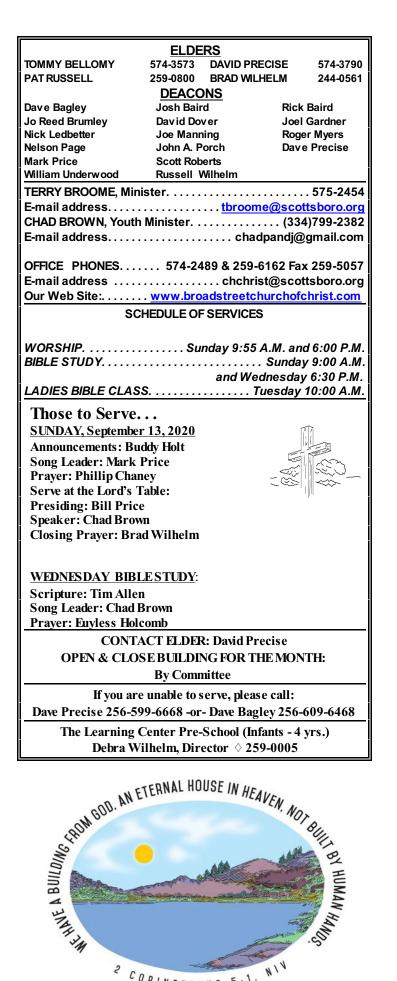
Do You Get What You Deserve?

Do we usually get what we deserve? Do we ever get what we deserve? Most people think of that statement as a sense of entitlement. Maybe the world would think "I deserve better" or "I don't deserve to be treated that way." However, what we usually get is much better than what we actually deserve. Plain and simple, we are sinners and what we deserve is death or separation from GOD. However, what we get is an opportunity to be with Him in heaven because of the sacrifice that JESUS gave for all of us. We need to quit listening to the world that feels entitled to greatness and realize the greatness that GOD has given us, even though we don't deserve it!

2 Samuel 12:5 - David realized what he deserved.

John 8:21-24 - Jesus tells us we will die in our sins if we do not believe Him.

WE NEED NOT POSSESS GREAT POWER OR FAME IN ORDER TO DO GREAT DEEDS.



NIV

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1.



Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully.