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From Where I Sit . . .

# "The Christian's Calling"

In the opening of Peter's second letter to the those who had obtained "like precious faith,"
(2 Pet. 1:1) and were scattered over the world of that time period (1 Pet. 1:1), he defines the call that God has given to a world of lost sinners:

**2 Peter 1:3, 10 (KJV)** <sup>3</sup> "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:". . . <sup>10</sup> "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall

This is the section where Peter discusses adding what we call the "Christian Graces. He begins by telling us that God "...hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Pet. 1:3). After listing the "Christian Graces," he then charges us to "give diligence to make your calling and election sure" (2 Pet. 1:10).

The Gospel call is issued to everyone who is willing to hear the Word of God: **2 Thessalonians 2:14 (KJV)**14 "Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." The words of a well known invitation hymn echoes this thought: "God is calling the prodigal: come without delay; Hear, O hear Him calling, calling now for THEE; Tho' you've wandered so far from His presence, come today; Hear His loving voice calling still."

There are some beautiful passages of Scripture that illustrate what it is we are called from and called to. We are:

#### CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST

Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

# CALLED FROM THE SLEEP OF DEATH TO LIFE:

Eph. 5:14 – "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

#### CALLED FROM BONDAGE TO LIBERTY:

<u>Galatians 5:13</u> "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

# CALLED OUT OF DARKNESS INTO LIGHT:

<u>1 Peter 2:9</u> "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"

### CALLED TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON:

1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord"

God has called us to his glory and virtue by the Gospel. Will you heed his call and accept his saving grace today??? Revelation 3:20 (KJV) <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

. . . . Terry Broome



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

**Ken Lawrence** is now home and under hospice care. Your prayers are requested.

Healthy Ecovery Kenneth Beard had shoulder surgery on January 25<sup>th</sup>. He is experiencing a good

bit of pain, but the surgery went well. Pray for him as he recovers.

**David Dover** has been experiencing pain and numbness in his arm from a neck problem. He will be seeing a doctor to undergo a non-surgical treatment.

**Sophronia Burney** is having some health issues at this time. Please pray for her.

**Ila Little** is in HMC having some health difficulties and our prayers are requested.

**Polly Franklin** took a fall about a week ago and injured her foot. X-rays showed no broken bones and she is improving. Keep her in your prayers.

**Stan Hastings** is now under the care of hospice and the family is very desirous of your prayers.

**Phillip Webb**, cousin of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen, is now off the vent and showing improvement. Please continue to include him in your prayers.

Mary Alice Wilhelm, wife of our former minister Jack Wilhelm, is in a Florence Hospital critically ill.

# LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Terry Collins
Pat Washburn
Lee Rice
Betty Robinson
Tammy McGuire
Irene Gist
Ken Lawrence

LaRue Anderson

**Ginger Myers** 

Sam Wright

**Harold Reynolds** 

**Judy Roberts** 

**Judy Solomon**, sister of Martha Pendley.

**Jackie Loyd**, North AL Specialty Hospital, (rm. 245) 700 W Market St. 2C, Athens, AL.

**Hudson Coldwell**, Martha Pendley's grandson.

Mike Taylor, husband of Robin Taylor

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

Lana Jones, granddaughter of Doyle & Cathy

Lemaster.

**Bob Milk**, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

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

**Sally Abbott**, aunt of Bill Price, 440 2<sup>nd</sup> St., S Naples, FL 34102-8620.

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

Faye Blizzard, employee at Woods Cove Florist.

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

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

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Measure	Wed. Bible Study. Sunday Bible Study. Sun. A.M. Worship
Of Our	Sun. Night Worship\$3746.01
Love	Budget\$7556.00



Brother Al Evett is residing back at his home now. He does not need any visitors, but cards would be much appreciated. His mailing address is P.O. Box 609, Scottsboro, AL 35768.



# With His Last Breath

by Brent Petrillo, Denver, Colorado

Darren Holt was the preacher for the Figueroa church of Christ in Los Angeles, California. On Sunday, October 25, 2015, he drew his last breath.

It seemed to be just like any other Sunday and any other sermon. As he came to the end of his lesson, he stepped down from the podium and told the congregation he needed to sit down.

While resting on the front pew, and in his final breaths, he uttered the words, "If you're not a Christian, say yes to Him. You've heard the Word. Believe it. Repent of your sins, confess Christ, be baptized."

After these incredible words, Darren Holt became unresponsive. Several members with medical training administered CPR until the paramedics arrived and rushed him to the hospital. Sadly, all efforts were unsuccessful. He passed away a short time later at the hospital. He had drawn his last breath, uttered his last words, and taken his last action.

Every breath we take brings us closer to our last. We do not know when our final life-sustaining draw will be. While we should not live in a panic, we need to live with a sense of urgency.

We do not know what our lives will be like tomorrow, or even if we will have a tomorrow (James 4:14). Like the rich farmer, tonight could be when we leave this world (Luke 12:16-21).

Darren Holt used his final words to tell people what they needed to do to be saved. As we near our end, let's leave no unfinished business. If life ended today, what would we regret? Who would we wish we had tried to reach with the gospel? What sins would we wish were forgiven? What relationships would we wish we had tried to mend? What apologies would we wish we had made? What words of love would we wish we had expressed?

Possibly thinking about such things, David wrote these humbling words: "Lord, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreaths, and my age is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but vapor" (Psalm 39:4-5).

Let's seize the moment. Let's fix what needs fixing. Let's use every breath we take today for good and for God.

Lord willing, there will be a L2L convention. It will be modified and it will be safe. The deadline is fast approaching. If you are interested in attending, please notify Chad.



To my church family,

Thank Your birthday wishes got my You! 90th birthday year off to a wonderful start! Thank you for holding me in your hearts and prayers.

> Sincerely, Martha Foster

# Chad's Cha

# Stop and Smell the Roses

Sometimes I wonder where catchy quotes like this come from and who wrote them. However, many of them are not really original, but rather come from the Bible. Listen to this from Job 37:14 "Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God." Sounds a lot like "stop and smell the roses" doesn't it?

Here's another: "I'm at my wit's end!" Where did that come from? Let's look at Psalm 107:26-**27** "They mounted up to heaven: they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end."

Sometimes we get lost looking for inspiration or truth in the world. Truth and inspiration come from GOD, so why don't we seek Him first and always? Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of GOD and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you."

God has placed a new day before you, bright with possibilities. Will you seek God first, above all else?



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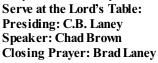
#### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

WORSHIP. . . . . . . . . . . . Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY..... Sunday 9:00 A.M. and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS. . . . . . . . . . . . Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

# Those to Serve...

SUNDAY, January 31, 2021 **Announcements: Trey Russell** Song Leader: Mark Price **Prayer: Vince Laney** Serve at the Lord's Table: Presiding: C.B. Laney



# WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:

Scripture: Euyless Holcomb Song Leader: Aaron Manning

Prayer: David Precise

# **CONTACT ELDER: David Precise** OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

**By Committee** 

If you are unable to serve, please call: Dave Precise 256-599-6668 -or- Dave Bagley 256-609-6468

The Learning Center Pre-School (Infants - 4 yrs.) Debra Wilhelm, Director ◊ 259-0005



# Stamp Here First Class Requires

If you go to worship to hear something other The Word of God (the Bible) never changes You have gone for the wrong reason.

If you hear something other, You are at the wrong place.



All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and

2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV

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or training in righteousness...

# How To Settle It

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religious matters, they should settle the matter by using the

**BIBLE**, the standard of authority.

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