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From Where I Sit . . .

"Obtaining The Prize"

In **1Cor 9:24-27**, Paul alludes to the ancient Grecian games through the image of athletes running in a race, fighting as a boxer, and competing for a prize. He observes that there are principles common to both athletes and Christians. We all are in need of **motivation, self-control, and exercise**. These are necessary in order to "obtain" the prize.

It's easy to see the importance of motivation in the life of the athlete if they have any desire to win the race. Different motives can make a difference in a race. Some run to win; others run for their health. In either case, Paul gives us the perspective that Christians should be most aware of: **1Cor 9:25b** ... "Now they *do it* to obtain a **corruptible crown**" (ex. - the gold medal or excellent health); "**but we an incorruptible.**"

In the life of the Christian the proper motivation is likewise necessary to win. Different motives can make a big difference in whether we gain the crown of triumph or not. For instance, some are Christians to please their conscience, or to please others. Some are Christians because of the present blessings (peace of mind, fellowship). Such motives may have their place in the life of the Christian, but ultimately the successful Christian is motivated by what lies at the **end** of the race: An imperishable crown - **1Cor 9:25c** "**...but we an incorruptible.**"

Paul writes of the crown of righteousness, which motivated him: **2 Timothy 4:7-8 (KJV)** ⁷**I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

We also read of the incorruptible inheritance that awaits us - **1 Peter 1:3-4 (KJV)** ³**Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

2 Peter 3:13-14 (KJV) ¹³**Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. ¹⁴Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

Just as Jesus endured the cross "**for the joy that was set before Him**" - **Heb. 12:1-2**, the Christian needs to see clearly what his or her motive is in running the race of faith? Is it "**obtaining the prize**" at the end? If so, then we should also take note of the other elements of winning the prize: self-control, and exercise. Successful athletes are "temperate" in all things - **1Cor 9:25a** "**And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate (self-controlled) in all things.**" Plus, there is the need for godly exercise - **1 Timothy 4:8 (KJV)** ⁸**For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.**

. . . Terry Broome

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



Donna Pace will undergo another MRI and meet with a neurologist on Dec. 20th. She also will see a spine doctor on Dec. 7th about her neck. Please continue to pray for her.

- Jordan McCormack**, US Navy
- Trent McCormack**, US Navy
- Jordan Holt**, US Navy-Reserve
- 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

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

- Bob Rice**
- Erica Russell**
- Tammy McGuire**
- LaRue Anderson**
- Jaxie Hargrave**
- Wendy Baird**
- Ginger Myers**
- Sam Wright**
- Harold Reynolds**
- Judy Roberts**
- Nellie Spring**
- Carol Bell**
- Debra Kime** Signature Healthcare, 201 East 10 Street, South Pittsburg, TN 37380.
- Andy Gardner**, Joel's brother.
- Mary Hodge**, 88 Sumner Dr., 35769.
- Judy Solomon**, sister of Martha Pendley.
- Hudson Coldwell**, Martha Pendley's grandson.
- Kenny Jimenez**, son-in-law of Dave & Elane Bagley.
- 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.
- Ray Allen**, a former member here.
- Benn Farr**, cousin of several of our members.
- Delmer Johnson**, father of Rebecca Gardner.
- Vickie Farr**, sister of Charlotte Vinson, 4319 Hanging Moss Dr. Orange Park, FL 32073.
- Billy Holcomb**, brother of Euyless Holcomb.
- Joan Woodmancy**, grandmother of Pam Brown.
- David & Debbie Brothers**, aunt & uncle of Pam Brown
- Waylon & Sharon Wright**, friends of Linda & Harold Reynolds & former members here, 221 Hillsboro Circle, Florence, AL 35630.
- Rhonda Harrison**, sister of Brenda Devers, 74 Sarah Betty Lane, Apt. B1, Scottsboro, 35769.
- Shep Knight**, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Cloverdale Manor	Rosewood Manor	Southern Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd. <u>Scottsboro, 35768</u> Helen Ott	1513 Co. Park Rd. <u>Scottsboro, 35769</u> Doris Johnson	212 E. Stewart Rd. <u>Scottsboro, 35769</u>

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- Elsie Goodman** 406 S Houston St., 35768
- Martha Nan Baker** 701 Monroe St., NW, Russellville, 35653
- Nell Anderson** 121 Brookridge Dr., Apt. 148, Madison, 35758
- Ruth Spurgeon** 8922 AL 227, Crossville, AL 35962

Calendar of Upcoming Events—

- Dec. 12 — Elders/ Deacons meeting, chapel, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 — Ladies Bible Class Ornament Exchange & Ugly Sweater Contest, Clayton's home
- Dec. 15 — Christmas Charities deadline to return
- Dec. 18 — Christmas Charities delivery, 9:00 a.m.

<i>One Measure Of Our Love</i>	Wed. Bible Study..... 74 Sunday Bible Study..... 100 Sun. A.M. Worship..... 172 Sun. Night Worship..... 121 Contribution..... \$5349.00 Budget..... \$7556.00
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Please join us for Bible Class. The new quarter for 6th grade and under starts on December 5th. All class rooms will be labeled and teachers have been assigned.



Christmas Charities

Christmas Charities gifts should be wrapped with card securely attached to the outside of the package and returned to the building by December 15th. Delivery of the gifts will be on Saturday,

December 18th. If you want to help deliver, please meet at the building by 9 a.m.

Ladies Bible Class

Ornament exchange and ugly sweater contest



December 14th at 11:00am
Betty Clayson's home

1416 Clemons Road
Scottsboro, AL 35769

Bring an ornament to exchange, wear an ugly sweater, and bring finger food to share

The Learning Center gratefully acknowledges a monetary donation in memory of Polly Franklin from Sam & Roxie Wright.



The Area-Wide Devotional will be at Lincoln church of Christ this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The van will leave the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m.

● KFC will have Breakfast with Santa at the Woods Cove building on Saturday, December 4th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

● A Progressive Dinner for the Teens will be on December 17th beginning at 4:30 p.m.

PUPPET PROGRAM - December 5, 2021

Narrator - Mark Price

Teachers - Bridget Price, Pam Brown, Cynthia Nance

Puppets - Kaitlyn Price, Sidney Grant, Wendy Baird

There will be an Elders/Deacons meeting on December 12th at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Chad's Chatter

Focus on the Goal

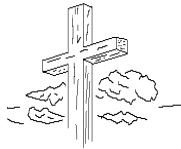
When I graduated from high school, I was asked to produce a senior quote. I had no idea what to write, but I guess I at least wanted it to be memorable. I have gone back to that 18 year old's decision and pondered my senior quote through different parts of my life.

My actual senior quote went something like this: "Obstacles are things a person sees when he takes his eyes off his goal." Why did I choose this one? I suppose I thought it was insightful and encouraging at the same time. If we dwell on our obstacles, then we'll never conquer them.

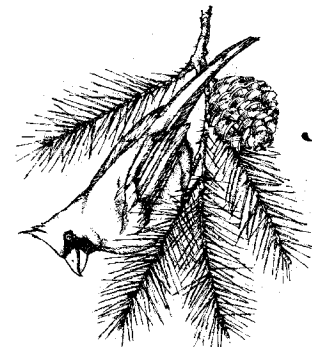
Imagine a huge boulder in the road. What happens if you bring your car right up against it? It looks even bigger and like there's no way around it! However, if you see it from a distance and decide to take a different route, it doesn't seem nearly as big and it only cuts off a few minutes of time because you had foresight and changed your direction before it became a huge problem.

Our lives are full of obstacles. They never stop coming!! We can dwell on that or we can try to work around them and re-route ourselves before it gets too late. One great way we can avoid a horrible life (spiritual life) threatening obstacles is to listen to Christians that are older and wiser than us. Not only have they been our age and probably gone through similar obstacles, but they are pointed towards CHRIST to find their answers. Use their mistakes and their wisdom to avoid the boulders in your life. Or, if you've already made huge mistakes that have weighed you down, talk to a wise Christian about how to get out of the hole the boulder has made in your life! As long as you have breath in your lungs, it's never too late to turn to GOD and let Him take your life and make something beautiful with it! Remember, those obstacles are just distracting you from the real goal, to be a life for CHRIST, and then your reward, heaven!

I Peter 5:5; Hebrews 13:17; Titus 2:2-5; I Pet 5:5; Matthew 11:28-30

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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, December 5, 2021		
Announcements: Trey Russell		
Song Leader: Chad Brown		
Prayer: Pat Russell		
Serve at the Lord's Table:		
Presiding: Buddy Holt		
Speaker: Terry Broome		
Closing Prayer: Phillip Chaney		
Ushers: Joel & Joseph Gardner		
		
P.M. SERVICE:		
Song Leader: Mark Price		
Scripture: Joseph Gardner		
Prayer: Brad Wilhelm		
Speaker: Terry Broome		
Lord's Supper: David & Dave Precise		
Closing Prayer: Robin Shelton		
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:		
Scripture: Major Ledbetter		
Song Leader: Kenneth Beard		
Prayer: Rabon McCormack		
CONTACT ELDER: Brad Wilhelm		
OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:		
Joe Manning		
If you are unable to serve, please call:		
Dave Precise 256-599-6668		
The Learning Center Pre-School (Infants - 4 yrs.)		
Debra Wilhelm, Director ♦ 259-0005		

Requires First Class Stamp Here
<i>The Word of God (the Bible) never changes. If you go to worship to hear something other than His Word, You have gone for the wrong reason. If you hear something other, You are at the wrong place.</i>
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IMMEDIATE OR IMMINENT?

First Peter 4 warns against confusing immediacy with imminence in looking for the Lord's return and the day of judgement. The apostle Peter knew no more about the time of the Lord's return than does anyone today, but he knew the fact and certainty of it. Jesus said no one knows the exact moment of His return. He counseled us to "watch," not to "guess." His coming may not be today or tomorrow, as we count time; but whenever He comes it will be with suddenness. Our need is not to set dates but to set our lives in order so that whenever the Lord suddenly comes we will be ready. Practically speaking, His return is not farther away for any individual than the length of that person's own lifetime. One's eternal destiny is sealed at his death, so we should live life with that sobering thought in mind.

John T. Smithson, Starkville, MS