

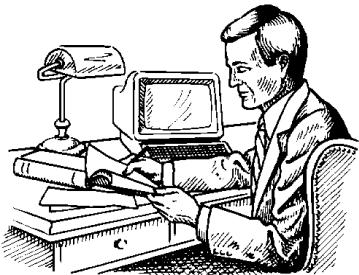
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From Where I Sit . . .

“CAREFUL NOT TO DRIFT”

A man standing on the banks of the Niagara River saw a dead sheep being swept downstream by the current. An eagle landed on the dead sheep. The body of the dead sheep went under the water for a moment under the added weight of the eagle and then came to the surface again. The day was a bitter cold day and the wool of the sheep had wrapped around the talons of the eagle and began to freeze. Meantime, the sheep and the eagle were being swept more and more rapidly toward the falls, but the proud eagle had no fear. The man thought about shouting a warning to the eagle, but wondered how the eagle would respond. Would he laugh at the man? The eagle might have said, “Don’t worry yourself about me. Don’t you see my strength and these great wings? There is not the slightest of danger.” And now the great drop off is only a few feet away. The time has come. The eagle spreads his great wings and fans the air, but they do not lift him. While his great wings beat the air, he is swept to his death by the falls. Now there was a time when the eagle could have easily saved himself. He was not created for such an ugly and ignoble fate. He was created to the cloud land and the upper air. He was created with the capacity to spurn the earth and to soar way above it. But he allowed himself the deadly luxury of drifting and the end was disastrous.

We too are created for nobler and loftier things than this earth. But we too may very well cling to the world until we become so entangled that we do not know how to loose ourselves in time to be saved. We cannot afford to drift knowing that one can drift until it is too late. Jesus warned us in the Parable Of The Sower about the entanglement of the world, Matthew 13: 22, “[22] *Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.*” We must not allow ourselves to drift too far into the cares and the allurements of this world. Notice what the Hebrew writer writes, Hebrews 2: 1 - 4, “[2:1] *Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.* [2] *For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,* [3] *how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,* [4] *God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?*” We do not want to have the same fate as the eagle in drifting without a knowledge of the danger we are in until it is too late. We must keep our focus on what we have been created to do.

... Randy Brown



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

Joan Little will be having knee replacement on Monday, April 8th. Please pray for a successful and speedy recovery.

Kathy Broome received results from the biopsy, and the results show that the spot is benign. Kathy is very grateful for all of the prayers.

Jason Judd, son-in-law of Randy and Kim Brown, has a recurrence of melanoma in the brain. He will have surgery to remove the tumor soon. Please pray for Jason and his family. 221 Mitchell St., Henderson, TN 38340.

Cynthia and Leah Gilliam have been diagnosed with covid. Leah will also be having surgery on Thursday, April 18th to remove a benign tumor. Please keep them in your prayers.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Euyless Holcomb

Doyle Lemaster

Robin Shelton

Charlotte Vinson

Tammy McGuire

Roxie Wright

Cully Nelson Sr, friends of many in the congregation, 102 Spinnaker Ln, Scottsboro, AL 35769.

Patty Andrews, tenant and friend of LaRue Anderson.

Barbara Palmer, friend of LaRue Anderson.

Terri Lyn Rickman, daughter of Charlotte Vinson and sister of Cynthia Nance and Tammy McGuire, 1681 McMullen Rd., Gurley, AL 35748.

Judy Blizzard, grandmother of Tyler Blizzard, 1158 Co. Rd. 230, Hollywood, AL 35752.

Mildred Lasater, 92 yr old Skyline CoC member, 1007 Pleasant Grove Rd., Woodville, AL 35776.

Ginger Myers, sister of Roger Myers.

Jean Ferguson, a former member, 3329 Berryside Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128.

Jennifer Collet, friend of the Prices', 308 Knob Creek, Wartrace, TN 37183.

McKenzie York, cousin of Ashley Dover, David Bagley, and Angela Bagley, C/O Anji Rowell to McKenzie York, PO Box 285, Section, AL 35771.

Jerry Nickell, brother of Betty Robinson and Linda Nickell, 6343 Browns Run Rd., Middletown, OH 45042.

Herbert Barnes, brother of Charlene Cobb.

Pam Devenport, Scott Grant's mother, 93 Lorelei Dr., Fayetteville, OH 45118.

Sandy Roden, uncle of Chris Epps, 1857 Valgreen Lane, Hoover, AL 35226.

Nettie Murrah, Tracy Brumley's mother.

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

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
Noah Linville, US Navy Academy
Caleb Baker, US Navy

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Cloverdale Manor	Rosewood Manor	Southern Estates
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Calendar of Upcoming Events—

- Apr 6 – Couples Shower for Katie Graham and Chris Hightower @ 2 PM
- Apr 7 – Congregational Potluck and Youth Egg Hunt
- Apr 10 – Ladies Day Planning Meeting at 5:30 PM
- Apr 12-13 – Men's Retreat, Speaker: Jerrie Barber, sign up bulletin board
- Apr 14 – Baby Shower honoring Jessica Dawson
- May 4 – Girls Day(6th Grade and Up) @ Meridianville CoC, sign up on bulletin board
- May 5 – Baby Shower honoring Natalie McDaniel

<i>One Measure Of Our Love</i>	Wed. Bible Study..... 137 Sunday Bible Study..... 113 Sun. A.M. Worship..... 242 Sun. Night Worship..... 104 Contribution..... \$7,614.00 Budget..... \$9,047.00
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Beck Elkins Abernathy was born to Teal and Logan on Tuesday, March 26th at 10:10 PM. He weighed 7 lbs 13 ounces and was 21 and 3/4 inches long. Phillip and Angel Chaney are the proud grandparents. Everyone is doing well!

Welcome:
New Members

Craig and Hannah Langley met with the elders and expressed their desire to place membership at Broad Street. They have three children, Grayson, Hank, and Oliver. Their address is 503 Highland Dr., Rainsville, AL 35986. Broad Street welcomes the Langleys to our family.



- Apr 7 - Potluck lunch and Egg Hunt after morning services
- Apr 14 - Parent Meeting after morning services
- Apr 20 - Lads to Leader Banquet @ Woods Cove, please sign up on bulletin board for a dinner count
- Apr 26-28 - Rocket City Spring Retreat, \$ 70 per person, sign up on bulletin board
- May 4 - Girls Day Day(6th Grade and Up) @ Meridianville CoC, sign up on bulletin board



Please join us on Saturday, April 6th at 2 PM in the MPR for a card and money tree shower for Katie Graham and Chris Hightower.

Please join us on Sunday, April 7th after morning services for a congregational potluck lunch and then the youth will have an egg hunt, weather permitting. Broad Street will be collecting filled eggs for the egg hunt and you may place donated eggs in the box in the east foyer.



Join us on Sunday, April 21st at 1 PM to 3 PM in the MPR for a Diaper and Wipes Shower honoring Jessica Dawson. Jessica is registered at Amazon. Please note that the date has been changed, the shower was originally scheduled for Sunday, April 14th.



Broad Street expresses our sympathy to Steve, Melba, and Hadley Crawford and family for the passing of Steve's mother, Brenda Crawford. Brenda passed away on Saturday, March 30th. The memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 3rd at Section Funeral Home.

Broad Street expresses our condolences to Karen Melton for the passing of her husband, Randy Melton. Randy passed away on Sunday, March 31st. A celebration of life will be held at later date. Cards may be sent to Karen at 420 Bale St., Scottsboro, AL 35769.

Teri Matthews has asked for prayers on behalf of her friend, Bonita Talley, and her cousin, Cleveland Johnson, for the tragic loss of their son, Deuntae Johnson. Deuntae was tragically killed on Sunday, March 31st. Cleveland is a member at North Houston Church of Christ. No funeral arrangements at this time.

PUPPET PROGRAM - April 7, 2024

Narrator: Mark Price

Teachers: Bridget, Sidney, Cynthia

Puppets: Preston, Kaden, Alex, Gage, Ally, Tripp, Major

Beauty in the Garden

Genesis chapters 1 and 2, I think, show us one of the most interesting glimpses into who God is that we can find in scripture. We start out "in the beginning." We see God make this choice to create our world and everything in it, and we know that God created us out of love and gave us the choice to love Him in return if we choose. But recently, I found a phrase in Genesis 2 that really stuck out to me in this concept.

"And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up **every tree that is pleasant to the sight** and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." -Genesis 2:9 (emphasis added)

That phrase in bold italics really jumped out at me. See, we comment a lot of how great it is that God created a beautiful Earth for us, but I'm not sure that until I read this that I really thought about that. I think before, I thought the beauty of the Earth we see and admire was a testament to God's power and not much more. After all, Paul writes in Romans 1, "For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse." So, the beauty of the Earth is definitely a display of God's divine power over the Earth if it alone is supposed to show us that He rules.

But, what if that's not all God made beautiful things for? I think Genesis 2:9 implies that God created beautiful things because He sees that we have a need for them. See, God could have just planted trees that were good for food. Moses, writing by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, could have left out that the trees looked nice, but he did not. God intentionally made the garden beautiful. There was something more than utility there for Adam and Eve. God wanted them to *enjoy living in the garden.*

So, what does that mean for us? Of course, paradise was enjoyable, and we live in a world riddled with sin and death. It's easy to say Eden was beautiful on purpose. But remember that Paul tells us in Philippians 4 to think about, or I think you could say, take note of, things that are pure, lovely and worthy of praise. We already know the creation is worthy of praise. But is it not lovely? And does it not feel better to know that God didn't just make it to remind you that He is more powerful than you, but more so because He loves you?

We have now stepped into spring time, and as we watch the Earth transition from the cold and darkness of winter into the season of new life, I think we would all do well to look upon creation and thank God that He made it so beautiful and deemed it "very good."

- Conner McDaniel

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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, April 7, 2024

Announcements: Nick Ledbetter

Song Leader: Connor McDaniel

Prayer: Marty Cobb

Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Jerel Hunt

1W- Marty Cobb

1E- Robin Shelton

2W- Chuck Davis

2E- Bill Price

3W- Tim Allen

3E- Grady Gattis

4W- Wesley Stewart

4E- Russell Wilhelm

5W- Zane Stewart

5E- Max Stewart

6- Abram Stewart

7W- Ron Graham

7E- Scottie Green

Speaker: Randy Brown

Closing Prayer: Winfred Russell

Ushers: Ron Graham & Scottie Green

P.M. SERVICE:

Song Leader: Patton Russell

Scripture: Nelson Page

Prayer: Buddy Holt

Speaker: Randy Brown

Lord's Supper: Tim Allen & Grady Gattis

Closing Prayer: Russell Wilhelm

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: April 10, 2024

Scripture: Chuck Davis

Song Leader: Tres Sanford

Prayer: Phillip Chaney

CONTACT ELDER: David Precise

OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

John A. Porch

If you are unable to serve, please call:

Dave Precise 256-599-6668



**Requires
First Class
Stamp Here**

*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.*

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