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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 4, 2011

“THE POWER OF PRAYER”

Anxiety is something that catches up to almost everyone. Each person is different so what causes anxiety in one may not cause it in another person. Some people get anxious about going to the dentist. Others get anxious about finances. Some folks get anxious about what they think someone else thinks. Another way to translate the word is to take thought. In our thinking the idea of taking thought for something means to consider it. This verse tells us to take thought for nothing. In other words, don't be distracted to the point of anxiety by anything. When we consider that which causes us anxiety we sometimes feel like others just don't understand how it is for us. So when we try to deal with those things we often let anxiety get the best of us and wonder why we can't overcome the anxiety and feel somewhat defeated in trying to deal with it.

*Well, the antidote to anxiety is to pray. **“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”** Philippians 4:6. Just because God already knows what we need (**Matthew 6:8**), it doesn't mean He doesn't want us to ask. In fact if we don't ask we can't receive (**James 4:2**). Praying to God and making our requests known to Him is an act of faith. It is also a spiritual blessing and Christians certainly want and need this kind of blessing. Giving thanks for the answering of these prayers is as much a part of this blessing as well. God likes to hear that as well.*

*When we exercise the privilege of prayer in this part of our life we will find this blessing. Christian will find their hearts and minds guarded by the peace of God. **“... and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”** Philippians 4:7. I may not completely understand the mechanics of how it works, but if I trust God, if I exercise my faith by asking Him and believing He will answer with what is best for me, then I have found the antidote for anxiety. Don't you want the peace of mind and heart that surpasses understanding? Exercise the privilege and see the power of prayer.*

Frank

Our Life Quilt

Author is Unknown

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles. An Angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life. But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life.

I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all. I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune.

I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air. Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose, each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame.

I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, and death, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again.

I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me. And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air.

I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you."

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through.

1 John 4:10-11 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

“Thoughts For Today to Brighten Your Day” by Glenn, Mercedes and Lauren Hitchcock

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2011

December 5 - 1 John 4

December 6 - 1 John 5

December 7 - 2 John

December 8 - 3 John



December 9 - Jude

December 10 - Rev. 1

December 11 - Rev. 2

OUR SICK

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Gene Southern was scheduled to undergo outpatient knee surgery this past Friday.

Justin Minor is presently in the infirmary at the Citadel recovering from a virus.

Emily Workman's grandmother, **Gladys Bobbitt**, fell on November 24th and broke a bone in her neck which is causing her a great deal of pain. She has Alzheimer's disease which makes the treatment difficult. She remains in the hospital in Memphis.

Please remember the family of **Sharon Russell** who is a co-worker of Debbie Southern. Her son was found deceased in his home in Texas recently.

Ellen Wingo's father, **Ernest Kirkland**, will be undergoing a tracheotomy soon. He is undergoing both radiation and chemo at this time and has lost 40 lbs. in a short time. His address is: 428 Muskegon Ave., Valparaiso, FL 32580. He appreciates the cards he has been receiving.



The **new Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

Reason & Revelation

Please see Don Minor if you are interested in renewing or newly subscribing to Reason & Revelation. Don will be taking up subscriptions during the month of December. The cost is \$12 for the year.

MEDICAL MISSION SUPPLIES NEEDED

Sarah Tesh's friend, Arianne Krulish, is visiting for the holidays. Arianne is in the Physician's Assistant Program at Harding. This year the students are holding a medical supplies drive to help support the medical missions in Zambia for the entire year. They are in constant need of supplies so that they can continue to operate.

There is a basket in the foyer if you would be able to contribute some of the following supplies: band aids, diaper wipes, gauze (all types), hand sanitizer, sterile latex-free gloves, syringes, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The deadline is this Sunday, December 4th. See Arianne or the Tesh family for more information.

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL SPONSORED BY ZONE 1.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Dec. 4 - Teachers Mtg. (short) Following morning worship services, for those teaching and those who would like to teach or assist teachers in the teaching program for 2012. —Todd

Dec. 4 - Pew Packers at 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 4 - Bundling of House to House in Annex following evening service.

Dec. 6 - Youth Devotional at 7 p.m.

Dec. 6 - Adult Bible Study in annex at 7 p.m.

INVITATION

The Kirkpatrick's will host their annual Holiday Party drop-in on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 6-8 pm. Finger foods, desserts, and punch will be served. For directions see Paul or Carla.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - November 27, 2011	175
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	206
Contribution for November 27, 2011	\$5,146
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	40
Chapters Read:	736
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	152
Wednesday Evening: November 30, 2011	152

Lord's Day Appointments - December 11, 2011

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READER
Scripture - Robbie Santiago	Morning - David Moore	A.M. - Tim Allen	A.M. - Cody Downs
Song Leader - Paul Kirkpatrick	Evening - Shawn Thomason	P.M. - Steve Tesh	P.M. - Al Lawson
Prayer - Michael Cooper		Wed. - Wayne Allen	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: December	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning - Gaye Carothers	Morning - Gina Strickland	Jim & DJ Harrison	Zone 2
Evening - Marie Harper	Evening - Meredith Southern		

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 11	Shawn Thomason
Wednesday - December 14	Shawn Thomason

**Sewing this Week: November 4, 2011*

Devotions:	Opening Prayer: a.m. - Gene Southern	Nursery #1: a.m. - Gaye Ruark
Scripture: Andrew Hinson	p.m. - Adam Warner	p.m. - Mary Anne Allen
Song: Tommy Rose	Song Leaders: a.m. - Steve Tesh	Nursery #2: a.m. - Rhonda Hardister
Prayer: Todd Hinson	p.m. - Gene Southern	p.m. - Nancy Minor
	Wed. - Mark Roy	

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

"GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE" at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Tommy Rose
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason