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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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“THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE”

Many people understand the necessity of obedience. Children grow in their understanding of it if they are held accountable for their actions. Employees have an understanding of it if they want to remain employed and get paid. Christians understand it in the idea that grace and faith prompt obedience. Remaining faithful show that a Christian not only has faith but also has the desire to see heaven.

That leads us to consider the blessings of obedience. One blessing is that obedience enables us to withstand the storms of life. Jesus said that if a person heard His sayings and did them, that person would be like the wise man who built his house upon the rock (Matthew 7:24-27). Children grasp that concept when they sing the song about the wise man and the foolish man.

Another blessing is that obedience qualifies one to be in the family of God. Jesus said His family consisted of those who hear the word of God and do it (Luke 8:19-21). We still need to love our families but we need to love God and His Son more.

A third blessing is the blessedness, or joy, that comes from obeying God. When we obey Him and seek to serve in His kingdom, we will find that blessedness that comes from heaven; the joy of pleasing our Lord and bringing Him glory and honor.

Obedience is not just necessary, it is indeed a blessing. Have you received the blessings of obeying the gospel?

—Frank

ELDERS CORNER:

CONFESSING

In order to obtain forgiveness of sins, both the alien sinner and the child of God - I must make a confession. But the confession made by the alien sinner is not the same as the confession made by the child of God. The alien sinner must confess Christ, Jesus said in Matthew 10:32-33, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." The Ethiopian eunuch confessed Christ in Acts 8:37: "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." When a truly penitent person makes this confession he is then ready to be baptized into Christ, as was the eunuch on that occasion.

On the other hand, the child of God is to confess his faults. James 5:16 says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." One can be forgiven only of those sins he will confess.

It needs to be understood that the purpose of the confession of sins is not to advertise the sin, it is rather to advertise the repentance. Sins that are known only to God need to be repented of and confessed only to God. I need not confess publicly those sins that are known only to God. Sins known only to God and one or two others need to be confessed to God and those who know about them. If I have talked ugly to my wife, I need to apologize to her and ask her forgiveness. There is no need to make a public confession of such. Furthermore, a public confession will not substitute for a private confession in such cases. If sins are generally known then a public confession needs to be made, so that all who know of the sins will know also of the repentance.

I John 5:16 lets us know for sure that a public confession is required in order for public sins to be forgiven. That verse says, "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death; I do not say he shall pray for it." This shows that Christians are to pray for the forgiveness of sins their brethren commit, unless they commit a "sin unto death." What is this "sin unto death"? Since chapter one of this same book teaches that God will forgive any and every sin a brother will confess, it follows that the "sin unto death" is any sin a brother will not confess. If I know a brother has sinned, the only way I can know to pray for his forgiveness is when he confesses his sin.

Let us not make the mistake of using the public confession merely as a means of reporting our sins, but let it be a means of advertising genuine repentance.

By Bobby Duncan, Brunswick church of Christ

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2011

October 10 - Col. 2
October 11 - Col. 3
October 12 - Col. 4
October 13 - I Thess. 1



October 14 - I Thess. 2
October 15 - I Thess. 3
October 16 - I Thess. 4

OUR SICK

Please Remember In Your Prayers

It was reported that **Paul Kirkpatrick** was released from the hospital this past Wednesday.

Update: **Bonnie Landreth** has had her hard cast replaced by an air cast and is limited to 15 minutes at a time to be on her feet. She is undergoing physical therapy and still suffering from pain and swelling. She is not able to drive and remains staying with a friend.

Jeannie Tate was reported to not be feeling well this past Wednesday.

William Lay (Jessica Lay's son) recently underwent oral surgery.

Prayers have been requested for the **Hobby Family** in their loss.



The new **Prayer List** for the beginning of the Fourth Quarter 2011 is available on the desk in the foyer.

Correction to spelling of name:

Chris Dezern's last name was misspelled in an earlier bulletin as "Dejern" following his baptism. Please make this correction in your work book directory.

INVITATION

We would like to invite you all to Christopher's "Welcome to the Army" Party on **Saturday, October 15th from 2-4 p.m.** in the Annex. We will have cake and ice cream.

Christopher leaves for Basic Training on October 31st and will be at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Thank you!

Chris & Candy Jackson

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 2.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Oct. 9 - Pew Packers at 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 - Youth Devotional at 7 p.m.
Oct. 11 - Adult Bible Study in Annex at 7 p.m.
Oct. 13 - 50 and over Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 5 - Annual Chicken Stew
Nov. 13-17 - Gospel Meeting with Bro. Eddie Craft speaking.

UP-COMING AREA EVENTS:

Oct. 22 - Ladies' Day at the Eastside Church of Christ. Mary Smith & Bernice Mayfield speakers.

Christian Home & Bible School

205 box tops and 960 soup labels were mailed to the school on September 16th. Thank you. Please continue to bring in your labels.

—Nancy Warner

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - <i>October 2, 2011</i>	180
Sunday Morning Worship Service	205
Contribution for <i>October 2, 2011</i>	\$6,354
Daily Adult Bible Readers	37
Chapters Read:	837
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening	131
Wednesday Evening - <i>October 5, 2011</i>	154

Lord's Day Appointments - October 16, 2011

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READER
Scripture - Brad Hoots	Morning - Jack Piper	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Randy Warner
Song Leader - Tommy Rose	Evening - Randy Warner	P.M. - Don Minor	P.M. - Homer Holland
Prayer - Andy Santiago		Wed. - Steve Tesh	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: October	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning - Gaye Ruark	Morning - Debbie Southern	Gene & Gaye Ruark	<i>Zone 3</i>
Evening - Gaye Carothers	Evening - Marie Harper		

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - October 9
Wednesday - October 12

**Serving this Week: October 9, 2011*

Devotions:	Opening Prayer: a.m. - Carl Cooper	Nursery #1: a.m. - Jessica Lay
Scripture: Mark Roy	p.m. - Frank Shepard	p.m. - Mary Anne Allen
Song: Tim Allen	Song Leaders: a.m. - Wayne Allen	Nursery #2: a.m. - Gina Strickland
Prayer: Jack Piper	p.m. - Tim Allen	p.m. - Jeannie Moore
	Wed. - Don Minor	

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

Steve Martin
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