

Choices and Attitudes

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An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work.

He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career. When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none too well.

So it is with us. We build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up less than the best. At important points we do not give the job our best effort. Then with a shock we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built. If we had realized, we would have done it differently. Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Build wisely. It is the only life you will ever build. Even if you live it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity. The plaque on the wall says, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Who could say it more clearly? Your life today is the result of your attitudes and choices in the past. Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and the choices you make today.

**(Note from Josh) Let us each remember that the Lord deserves our best! Build as the wise man did (Matthew 7:24-25) and remember that "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." Let us live in such a way that we can lead others to Jesus and live the house built by God!*

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LIGHTPOST CALENDAR

TODAY! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

- ♦ TEEN'S 1ST PRINCIPLES • 4:30PM • Room 118
- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE • 7PM • MPB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- ♦ LADIES' ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON & GIFT EXCHANGE – ALL LADIES WELCOME! • 11:30AM • @Lynn Dishongh's house ~102 E LAKE LAND PT • Please bring a favorite dish & a wrapped gift to exchange

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

- ♦ SENIOR'S GAME DAY • 1-5PM • MPB • Bring Snacks!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

- ♦ HOME BUILDERS – DECORATING SUGAR COOKIES! • 6:30-8:30PM • MPB • ALL are Welcomed to attend! Cookies, Frosting & Hot Chocolate will be provided!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE • 7PM • MPB

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- ♦ TEENS' DEVO • 5:30PM • MPB

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE • 7PM • MPB

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE • 7PM • MPB

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

- ♦ TEEN NEW YEAR'S EVE HANG OUT • 8PM • MPB

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

- ♦ TEEN'S 1ST PRINCIPLES • 4:30PM • Room 118
- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE • 7PM • MPB

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

- ♦ SENIOR'S GAME DAY • 1-5PM • MPB • Bring Snacks!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • MPB • Bring a lunch!

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

- ⇒ Kathy Pate & Family, her Aunt Patricia Wacaster of Bonnerdale passed away on Tuesday, December 2nd
- ⇒ Diana Ward & Family, her husband & our brother in Christ, Kenny Ward passed away on Tuesday, December 2nd. Visitation will be at 1PM & Memorial Service will be at 2PM on Tuesday, December 9th at Caruth-Hale -2529 Airport Road

MEMBERS

Phyllis Allen • Charlie Burns • Bob Garner
Billie Gregory • Jean Kazimier • Bob Johnston
Walton/Elaine Kyle • Christie Landrum
Carla March • Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall
Glenda Pannell • Karen Pate • Leslie Pate
Freddie Sharpe • Neva Tharp • Debbie Ugbade
Diana Ward • Patricia Wireman

- ♦ Dale, Sherry – Having a lot of hip/leg pain, - total hip replacement Friday, 12/12 in L.R.
- ♦ Dean, Martha – Still dealing w/a lot of pain -MRI has now been delayed until January
- ♦ Reeves, Stuart -He has some additional heart problems & a painful cyst & swelling in his thigh. They are fighting it w/a broad spectrum antibiotics. He is currently at CHI St. Vincent's room #430. He is allowed visitors
- ♦ Wireman, Patricia – Hip revision surgery scheduled for Tuesday, 1/16
- ♦ Wedsted, Kenneth – Surgery scheduled for Tuesday, 1/9 @CHI St. Vincent's in Hot Springs

SHUT-INS

Craig Archer • Mike/Shirley Baka • Henry Cook
LaVonne Depew • Ola Freibolt • Debbie Frenzel
Marcelle Green • Lorene Mount
Charles/Virginia Parker • David Pendleberry
Wes Poole • Pat Richens • Judy Walters
Linda Woeppel

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA
- * Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Meridian, MS
- * Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- * Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wethington, "A.J" Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- * Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Marty Ault • Sheila Bird • Kim Butler
Breanna Dishongh • Jenna Duvall
Paula Crippen • Cindy Cunningham • Lim Elek
Kristi Ferguson • Austen Johnson • Suzie King
Becky McCombs • Matthew Qualls
Rhonda Rivers • Don Rutherford • John Smith
Judy Straut • Bob Troutman • Harrel Walters
Kay Ward

- ♦ Butler, William (Willie's son) Prayers for health
- ♦ Haight, Jim (Vicki Cole's BIL) Failing health in St. Bernard's Hospital, Jonesboro, AR
- ♦ Miller, Gloria (Denise Wiemer's mom) Heart racing episodes – undergoing tests

BATTLING CANCER

Jennifer Baker • June Beach • JL Bice
Jim Blagg • Nona Barton • Sherry Daniel
Denise Drennan • Ella Fisher
Sheree Gallagher • Patti Genow • Jerry Harris
Jack Haywood • Terry Horne • Kirsten James
Alvena Jones • Sandy Land • Brenda Lavender
Daryl Macon • Phyllis Madlen • Eugene Pipkins
Delorious Tolleson • Bettie Lou White

- ♦ Frenzel, Debbie – will have surgery to remove as much of the cancer as possible before beginning chemo & radiation
- ♦ Janus, Jeff (Craig Dale's brother) PET scan didn't show any additional cancer. He will receive immunotherapy once a wk to address cancer in one of his lymph nodes

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- ❖ Kakinada, India - Ronnie Gootam
- ❖ Nigeria - Chad Wagner
- ❖ Pacific Islands - Randy English