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PATIENCE

The Lord God requires us to be patient with other people. Notice the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal.5:22,23). Being faithful to the services of the church is commanded, but so is being patient, loving, gentle and kind to other people.

Patience is taking as long as it takes as we work with someone in behalf of Christ to help them become mature in Christ. I Corinthians 13 says “love is longsuffering” and Ephesians 4:3 says we are “bear with one another.”

How can become more patient?

Re-examine exactly what our purpose is. Our job is to assist every person (yes, every person) to be “mature in Christ” (Col.1:28). Yes, this includes the person in which there are conflicts personally. Did Jesus love and die for enemies (Matt.5:43-48)? How much time should we invest in this? Probably longer than we can even imagine. Is there a limit in the worth of one soul?

Remember how patient God is with us. You may say, “I haven’t done anything against God.” But also recall how very holy God is (Isa.6:3) and how sinful all of us are. How long has God been waiting for us to become all we should become for Him?

Remember as well the cross of Jesus. One might say, “to be more patient is difficult and uncomfortable.” Yet, does our agitation even compare to the toiling and suffering of Christ in our behalf?

Please also recall the sacred nature of life situations. Our example will affect someone’s decision to follow Christ. Our behavior will either contribute to the unity of the church or destroy a part of the Lord’s body (Eph.4:1-6).

Just a few thoughts for reflection. --david

November 10

Bible Study	128
A.M. Worship	151
P.M. Worship	122
Contribution	\$6,103

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00pm

Remember these sick and shut-ins

- Neil and Phyllis LeMay have been sick with bronchitis.
- Deborah Hall has been sick this week.
- Gracie Kelso needs our prayers as she recovers from seizures and adjusts to her medications.
- Tom Wilkerson will be having a procedure November 20th.
- Miranda Anderson will be having surgery November 21st.
- Kellie James will be having surgery November 26th in Madison.
- Roger Brooks will be having kidney surgery November 27th in Decatur.
- Phillip Waldrep is at home with gout.
- Ansley LeMay will be having ear surgery in Birmingham on Tuesday.

ON-GOING PRAYER LIST

Continue to remember **Wilma Eady, Harold and Deborah Pirtle, Myron and Faye Dean Standridge, Corine Cahela, Luceal Meeks, Uel Hester, Lavona Cahoon**

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

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A BUSY WEEKEND: Last Friday evening, Nov.8, our elementary age children gathered for a devotional and fellowship. Matt and Paul were our faithful hosts and Miss Judy guided the kids in their art activity. Last Saturday, Nov.9, Sam, Tom and Mark cooked and served chili and soup to several community friends. Several of our members brought friends and family members, plus some helped advertise about this special harvest feast. On Sunday afternoon, Chris and Rex led some of our teens on a hike in Bankhead forest. Also on Sunday, we were blessed to hear from Don Williams and the work with NACCH. What an impact this work is making within the lives of many families. Serving the community helps us contact folks in the community for possible Bible studies and fellowship among members helps strengthen the bonds of love (cf. Col.3:12-14).

MONDAY'S ARE ALSO SPECIAL- Our ladies delivered a delicious meal consisting of ham, potato salad, baked beans, rolls and banana pudding this past Monday evening. There were about thirty-five plates delivered. Men's class studied from Acts 1 and the ascension of Christ. Martin Mapes provided a chicken meal plus a delicious dessert for the men.

MEN'S CLASS will meet two more times before breaking for the holidays. Please join us tomorrow night at 6:30.

TODAY! We will host the nursing home devotional at 2 p.m. in Moulton. And, we will host the Lawrence County youth night following evening services. Group A is asked to bring cookies and brownies. Group B is asked to bring hot dogs and buns.

SANTA SHOP FOR THE NURSING HOME. This is annual treat for our friends at the nursing home in Moulton. Our Dorcas ladies take items to the facility and allow the residents to obtain items they can give as Christmas gifts to their friends and family. Gift items are needed if you can help. Please see the handout on the back tables for suggestions. Thank you. This year, Santa Shop is Thursday, December 5. Please place items in the foyer or in the fellowship hall just outside the Dorcas room. If possible, please bring items soon so they can be properly organized prior to December 5.

"WARM COATS FOR THE WINTER" is an annual collection for the community hosted by New Antioch church of Christ. Please bring items here by Sunday, Dec.1. Bring the coats to the closet in the fellowship hall.

SHEPHERD'S PATH BIBLE SCHOOL – Currently, our elementary age classes are studying the Book of Esther, the return of God's people from captivity and some of the prophets involved during these time periods. Our teachers are working diligently in bringing the children through Bible history and helping them to become servants of Christ.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

<p>November 18 - (B) Tyson Liles November 21 - (B) Sasha Scott November 27 - (B) Deborah Pirtle November 27 - (B) Melanie Jo Bowen November 27 - (B) Paul Gilliland</p>	<p>November 27 - (A) David & Kellie Barker November 27 - (A) Rayford & Wanda Morgan November 27 - (A) Keith & Denine Thomas November 29 - (A) Allen & Tami Hamby November 30 - (B) Nancy Hester</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Today,**
 - ◊ NHC service, 2pm.
 - ◊ Ladies Day planning session in teen room, 5pm.
 - ◊ Lawrence County Youth Devo at Midway after evening services.
- **November 24th,**
 - ◊ Elders meeting, 5pm.
 - ◊ Young men to lead evening worship service.
 - ◊ Sunday Night For The Savior.
 - ◊ Youth Devo for 7th grade & up, hosted by Ken & Bertha, in the Fellowship Hall following evening worship.
 - ◊ Money for Midway tee shirts is due to Jennifer Addison. Signup sheet for the shirts is on the table in the back.
- **December 1st,** Money for CYC is due to Matt Addison.
- **December 3rd,** Ladies Paint Night in the Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm. \$10 for supplies to Judy or Christie. Please sign sheet in back of the auditorium.
- **December 5th,** NHC Santa Shop. Please have donations in by November 20th.
- **December 6th,** Holiday gathering in the Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm.
- **December 14th,**
 - ◊ Ladies Brunch at the home of Beth James, 10:00am.
 - ◊ Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, 8:00am.
- **December 20th,** Caroling and Youth Lock-in.
- **December 31st,** New Year's Eve gathering in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm.