

# NSD

# NEWSLETTER

Sunday, December 28, 2008

**BIBLE STUDY**..... 10 a.m.  
"Gospel of Luke"

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Col 3:16**

**MORNING WORSHIP**..... 11 a.m.  
Speaker: Dan Austin

**EVENING SERVICE**.... 6 p.m.  
Speaker: Spiritual Songs & Psalms

**WEDNESDAY MEETING**..... 7 p.m.  
"Compass: A Thematic Trek Through The Word of God"

I will praise You,  
For You have answered me,  
And have become my salvation.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.  
This was the LORD's doing;  
It is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:21-24*

## News & Notes

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you are a visitor in our congregation today we welcome you and invite you to stay for a while after service so we can get to know you.

Please keep our military members and their families in your prayer: **Ernest Peeples, Mark Harris** and **Logan Harper**.

Some of our members are still away for the holidays or are returning this week. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for **Martha Holloway**, Doris Harmon, Jeanne Lynn (Adams' daughter) Benjamin Hoskins, Chuck Holloway and **Ken Holloway** who recently had eye surgery.

O perfect love all human thought  
transcending  
Lowly we kneel in prayer before  
thy throne  
That theirs may be the love which knows  
no ending  
Whom Thou forevermore dost  
join in one

*Dorothy B. Gurney*

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2009

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# The People in This Congregation

Wayne Grayson

*Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Matthew 7:4*

An old man was sitting out on his front porch whitlin' and enjoying the sunny day. Into town drove a stranger who stopped in front of the old man's house. The stranger rolled down his car window, stuck his head out and yelled, "Hey, old man, what kind of people are in this town?"

The old gent leaned back, looked at the stranger and said, "Well fella, just what kind of people were there in the town you just came from?"

"Why they were the most unfriendly, unlikable and disagreeable folks you ever saw" the man replied.

"Well," answered the old man, "That's just the kind of people that are in this town." With that answer the stranger roared off out of town and out of sight. A little while later, into town drove another stranger. This man saw the older man on his porch and he pulled up, stopped the car and got out.

"Good afternoon sir. How are you this fine day?" the young man cheerfully called out.

"I'm doin' very well thank you, and it is a mighty fine day" the older man grinned.

"Well sir, I'm a little new around here, mind if I sit and we talk a bit?" the younger man inquired.

"Sure, come on up here and sit" the older man invited.

The younger man ambled up and took a seat on the broad porch.

"Well, there is really just one question I have," he began, "What kind of people are in this town?"

The older man gently smiled, "Well, just what kind of people were in the town you came from?"

"Well sir, they were the friendliest, nicest, most likable folks you'd ever want to meet" the young man eagerly responded.

"Well, my good friend, that's jus' the kind of folks you'll find here."

Psychologists have recognized a fundamental principle in human relations. People tend to criticize in others the very things they dislike about themselves. The Bible recognizes this behavior of self-deception. It is the problem of trying to hide one's own faults by criticizing another. Jesus warned about those who look for specks in others, while they carry a plank in their own eye (**Matt. 7:1-5**).

Have you ever complained, "The people in this congregation are unfriendly?" Maybe they are or maybe they aren't, but instead of complaining how unfriendly others are, we need to seriously examine ourselves. Do we turn and look the other way to keep from speaking to someone? Do we refuse to speak unless the other person speaks first? The wise man of Proverbs provided a solution on how to handle those we think are unfriendly: "A man who has friends must himself be friendly." (**Prov. 18:24**).

If we think someone is unfriendly, then we need to become more friendly. Maybe the person is just shy. Maybe they are waiting for us to speak first. Maybe they have troubles and burdens that are bothering them.

Receivers of friendliness are givers of warm smiles, hearty handshakes and kind encouraging words. Be friendly and you'll be surprised how much more friendly others are.