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NEWSLETTER

Sunday, June 8, 2008

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

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

EVENING SERVICE.... 6 p.m.
Great Expectations #6
Dan Austin

WEDNESDAY MEETING..... 7 p.m.
"The Parables of Jesus"

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

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
To him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
To him who by understanding made the
heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
To him who spread out the earth above
the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
To him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
The sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
The moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Psalm 136:1-9

Lord Let me live from day to day
In such a self forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for others

Others, Lord, yes, others
Let this my motto be
Help me to live for others
That I may live like thee

Meigs/Shields

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 continue to pray for our military personnel who are overseas-- **Sam Barton, Logan Harper,** and **Earnest Peeples** and for their families.

Dema Franklin, Perette Godwin, Martha Holloway and **Janna Wells** have been sick for the past few weeks please keep them in your prayers.

Remember the **Women's Bible Study** is being held this Tuesday, June 10, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Meredith Hoskin's home.

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where the Bible is the source of faith, where Jesus is Lord, where Christianity is a way of life!

WHO CARES?

Who really knows what pulls the trigger on our memory. I don't know what caused my mind to flash back to a couple of events some years back, when I had flown back to LAX from a trip to Phoenix. I remembered getting off the plane and heading into the terminal along with dozens of other passengers. Most had a crispness in their step, as they sought to make a connection or meet friends or family who had come to pick them up. Most didn't even notice the man who was slumped over a trash can. Sitting close to him were several people with their luggage close at hand, and doing their best to avert their attention away from him.

It didn't take much of an eye to recognize that this man was in deep trouble. In the time it takes the brain to digest that information, the man fell to the floor. I rushed toward the man along with three other people. Someone checked for his pulse, another screamed. There was no doubt, he was dead. From all appearances he was homeless, inasmuch as his flesh was discolored from exposure and filth. He appeared to be about 35 years old. It didn't take long before airport security arrived.

What struck me then and remains with me to this day is the attitude of the people. One man sitting nearby could only think about getting his luggage as far away as possible. A woman lamented to the officers that she didn't have time to answer any questions, as she had to meet her husband. Those who surrounded the body and had witnessed this man's demise manifested an attitude so cavalier it still boggles my mind. Their attitude could best be summed up in "**Who Cares**"!

After answering the questions asked of me by those in charge, I went out to catch the FLY AWAY bus. The bus was nearly empty, but as it started to make its way around to the various terminals it began to fill up. The bus was nearly full when it stopped at the next to last stop at the airport, where a man in wheelchair was waiting. The bus driver got out, lowered the ramp and began the process of helping the disabled man onto the bus. Inside the bus a number of people began to yell at the driver "let's get going!" Others murmured, "why doesn't he just get on the next bus". The driver ignored their suggestions and complaints. As the bus headed to the Valley there was additional grousing and complaining because the man in the wheelchair had more room than others did. Clearly they didn't care one iota for the needs and interests of anyone other than self.

How could people be so callous and uncaring? Selfishness comes to the forefront as a possible explanation. We need to reach out to those with needs. However, perhaps we need to really awaken to who the needy might be. We need to exhibit an attitude of genuine care and concern. To supply what is truly needed. The Gospel Of Jesus Christ. Notice what Jesus said with respect to the "poor". *"..Ana the poor have the Gospel preached to them."* (Matt. 11:5)

The "poor" are those who have not yet come to know Jesus, Who Is The Christ. They have not yet partaken of the abundant riches to be found only in a relationship with Him. We have what the "poor" need, yet far and away too often we withhold what they need. It would seem that we exhibit an attitude of Who Cares.

Do you care enough to supply what is needed to a world that is malnourished in a spiritual sense? We are often willing to open up our wallets to help those with physical needs, but what about opening up our mouths for those with needs of a spiritual nature? Peter serves as a good example of this as seen in Acts 3. *"I do not possess silver and gold, but what I have I give to you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene-walk!"* While we don't have divine miraculous power as did Peter, we still have something that transcends money: the power of the Gospel. *"How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard.."* (Rom. 10:14) Surely we are not included among those people who don't really care, are we?