

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

Bible Study 10 a.m.
Morning Service.....11 a.m.
Evening Service.....6 p.m.
Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

- **Martha Holloway's** brother, Sydney Hill suffered a massive stroke this week; he has bleeding in the brain and is not expected to live. Please pray for Sydney, his family and for Martha.
- **Robyn Hamilton's** sister, Cathy was in a car accident in Louisiana and suffered a broken pelvis and two broken legs. Please pray for her recovery.
- **Dema's** sister-in-law – bone cancer has spread to her liver.
- **Scott Shaw's** dad, Tommy – battling liver cancer.
- **Jason Henderson** – needs encouragement; keep him in your prayers.
- **Ernest Peeples** – needs prayers of encouragement.
- Marie Adams – knees are doing better with new medication.
- Jeanne Lynne – facing more surgeries.
- Aaron Gibson's brother-in-law is out of the hospital but facing extensive rehab. Please keep him in your prayers.

The Martinez family is collecting used clothing for charitable donation to Mexico.

Are You Down in the Pits

Don Williams

"And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colors that was on him, and they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it" (Genesis 37:23-24).

Have you ever felt like Joseph must have felt on this occasion? Forsaken by those who loved you—having that which was precious to you taken away (his freedom and his coat)? Their original thought was to kill him, but eventually they chose to get rid of him by selling him to Ishmaelite traders. They thought they were through with Joseph, but God intervened.

Trials in life make us bitter or better. Problems can either be opportunities to strive to do the right thing, or they can be obstacles that cause us to shrink back and not do what we can to fix the problem.

A friend once called me with a personal problem. His words were, "I'm about at the end of my rope—I do not know where to turn." He was down in the pits, but instead of withdrawing and giving up, he asked for help. He surrounded himself with resources (his friends) who could give him counsel and insight into how he could get out of the pits. Today he is much better because he allowed the "bumps" in his road to lift him up to a higher plane of living.

Joseph no longer had his family, but he had the greatest friend man ever had—his God (**Romans 8:31**). His days of despair were not over. He ended up in the pit (prison) again because he maintained his integrity and his accountability to God. *"How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9)*. Even in prison, God was watching over him and blessed him (**Genesis 39:21-23**). In the end, God made Joseph the second in command of the pagan nation of Egypt. Joseph was reunited with his people, and ultimately (providentially) his family became the nation of Israel that inherited the promised land.

God has promised us that He will not forsake us (**Hebrews 13:5-6**). Even when we must travel through the valley of death, He has promised to stay with us (**Psalms 23:4**). May we look for the help He makes available to us, and may we strive to use the problems of life as stepping-stones to greater service and as opportunities to grow and to become better, stronger children of God.

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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

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

Oh, love the LORD, all you His
saints!
For the LORD preserves the
faithful,
And fully repays the proud
person.
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your
heart,
All you who hope in the
LORD.

Psalms 31:23-24

When the road is rough
and the way is dim
Jesus knows, Jesus cares
When the darkness comes
we can go to Him

Jesus knows, Jesus cares
He knows from His throne above
He cares with a perfect love
Go to Jesus for peace
Go to Him for rest

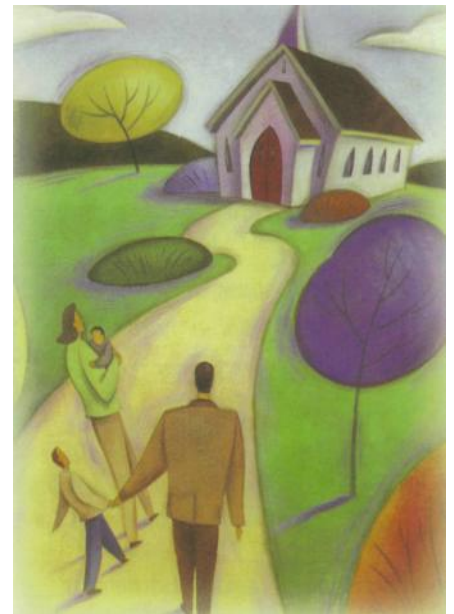
Paul H. Epps

Worship is Healthy

A national study, "Religious Involvement in Us Adult Mortality" says weekly churchgoers will live to the age of 82 and those who attend more once a week will live to the age of 83. On the other hand, non-churchgoers will live an average of 75 years, Worship is good for us, but more important, it pleases God. God desires our worship and tells us how to worship him acceptably (John 4:23-24).

Worshipping the Almighty God is the right thing to do. It is also the health thing to do.

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STARTS WITH THE LETTER "Z"

Find answers in Genesis 10:19, 19:29; Numbers 1:9, 26:33, 27:1-11; Deuteronomy 2:20; Joshua 3:16; 2 Samuel 5:7, 8:17, 19:24-29; 1 Kings 17:9-10, 22:11; Ezra 3:2-8, 5:1; Esther 5:10-14; Matthew 4:21-22; Luke 1:13, 6:15, 19:3; John 2:17; Hebrews 12:22 (not in order)

1. Tax Collector who climbed a tree to see Jesus _____
2. The father of John the Baptizer _____
3. A high priest in the time of David _____
4. Ammonite name for giants that Jews called Rephaim _____
5. Place where Elijah lodged with a widow _____
6. Place where Jordan rose up as a heap _____
7. Disciples thought of this when Jesus cleansed the temple _____
8. Simeon the _____ was one of Jesus' disciples.
9. The father of James and John _____
10. A city destroyed at same time as Sodom and Gomorrah _____
11. One of the twelve tribes of Israel _____
12. A prophet in the days of Ezra who wrote the book of the Bible _____
13. A false prophet who advised Ahab to attack Syria _____
14. Had five daughters who asked to inherit his property _____
15. The wife of Haman who suggested building gallows _____
16. Prime builder of Israel's second temple _____
17. The city of David _____
18. Servant of Mephibosheth, helped David with provisions during Absalom's revolt _____

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