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OPPORTUNITIES OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services 10:30 a.m.
Worship Services 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Wednesday Morning Class 10:00 a.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



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**Nursing Home
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Brooke Haven

Vivian Lovan Room 203
Rita Osborn Room 209

NHC

Paul & Helen
Harrison Room D14

Pleasant Valley Manor

Madge Brown Room 207
Marie Carpenter Room 405
Velta Hambelton Room 107
Charlie Ward Room 407

West Vue

Margaret Alvis Room 309
Leota Crawford Room 615
Bobby Jo Gish Room 819
Hazel Henry Room 712
Lois Shelton Room 807

**Members Home-
Bound or with On-
Going Illness**

Donald & Loeta Barr, J. G. Batterton,
Floyd & Marcella Brown, Leota
Crawford, JoAnne Eagleman, Marie
Good, Connie Griffin, Udean
Halford, Louise Harris, James Henry,
Pete & Rachael Hensley, Minnie
Hicks, Sue Moore, Jean Osborn,
Betty Sage, Bonnie Wallace, Leona
Willard & Sibyl Wright

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*King James Version is requested for the pulpit,
classrooms, and scripture reading.*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the
power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;
to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Romans 1:16



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SCRIPTURAL REPENTANCE

***“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save;
neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities
have separated between you and your God, and your sins have
hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” (Isaiah 59:1, 2)***

***For the non-Christian, “Peter said unto them, Repent, and be
baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the
remission of sins...” (Acts 2:38).***

***For the erring Christian, Peter told Simon who tried to purchase the gift of God
with money to “Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if
perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee” (Acts 8:22).***

***We are taught in Proverbs 28:13: “He that covereth His sins shall not
prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy”.***

***“Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let
him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God,
for he will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55: 6,7).***

***“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your
hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be
afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to
mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the
sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up” (James 4:8-10).***

***“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore,
and repent” (Revelation 3:19).***

James Groves



"VISITATION AND THE CHURCH"

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"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

The visitation we read about in the Bible has a broader meaning than the way we commonly use this word in today's society. Strong defines it as, "1980, episkeptomai, ep-ee-skep-tom-ah-ee; mid. from 1909 (epi) and the base of 4649 (skopos); to inspect, i.e. by (impl.) to select; by extens. to go to see, relieve: - look out, visit" (STRONG, pgs. 1480 and 40). Brother Guy N. Woods, when commenting on the above passage, wrote of this word visit: "... to see, to inspect, with a view of assisting. ... It is quite obviously not limited to a social call; an orphaned or abandoned child would find little solace in such! God 'visited' his people by sending his Son into the world to bless and to save them (Luke 1:68); the 'fatherless and widow' are 'visited' when we do what we can to comfort and to sustain them. The infinitive, 'to visit,' is in the present tense, thus indicating a continuous and habitual action, 'keep on visiting the fatherless and widow ...' "(A Commentary on the Epistle of James, by Guy N. Woods, Gospel Advocate Co., Nashville Tenn., 1978, pgs. 99-100). From the above we learn and conclude that while visiting those in need includes a trip to see them, it is also implying that we are also to assist them with their needs.

In addition to the fatherless and widow listed above, we are also instructed to visit several other groups of people, "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me" (Matthew 25:34-36). In His condemnation of those who had not done these things, God referred to his work as a ministry, "Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee" (Matthew 25:44)? The word minister in this text means, "1247, diakoneo, dee-ak-on-eh-o; from 1249 (diakonos; to be an attendant, i.e. wait upon (menially, or as a host, friend or [fig.] teacher); techn. to act as a Chr. deacon: - (ad-) minister (unto), serve, use the office of a deacon" (STRONG, pgs. 919 and 27). In the Ephesian letter, the church isn't just given authorization to do this work as a collective body, it is commanded to do so, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:" (Ephesians 4:11-12). Failure to carry out this commandment will leave us in ill favor with God and eventually lead to the condemnation of the soul, "Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the

righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:45-46).

The elders and deacons have organized several benevolent programs in order to help us, as a collective body, to fulfill this duty. I'm sure they would welcome your help and participation in this work. If you would like to become involved in this endeavor, just contact one of them. May we together, glorify God through these good works, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

SUNDAY LESSON & SERMON TITLES

Sunday Am Class: "Jesus Teaches and Heals by the Sea of Galilee"

Sunday Am Sermon: "Visitation and the Church"

Sunday Pm Sermon: "The Home: Wives and Mothers"

Wednesday Pm Class: "Genesis, Chapter 25"

DAILY FAMILY BIBLE READING

James 4: 8 -10

Ill or in the Hospital: Keep Phyllis Risner's son, Mark in your prayers; he had surgery on Friday, Feb. 10 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Teenagers: There will be a skate night at the Mountain View Youth Center on February 18, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Question and Answer Night: Our question & answer night will be on Sunday evening, Feb. 19. Please have questions submitted by this Wed.

Family/Youth Nights: We still need a few families to sign up for the months of August, September, November and December.

Library Books of the Month: "The Spirit of Liberalism" by Frank Chesser; "Your Best Friend" by Lottie Beth Hobbs; and "Worship That is Right With God" - Editor: Johnie J. Scaggs, Jr. "Give the Winds A Mighty Voice" by Stan Mitchell and "Instrumental Music in The Worship" by M.C. Kurfees are currently checked out.

Last Week's Bible Scramble Answer: Ecclesiastes 5: 1, 2

1. Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God

is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.