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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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**The Ones We Love
In Need Of Prayers**

**Nursing Home
Residents**

Brooke Haven

Vivian Lovan Room 203
Betty Sage Room 206

NHC

Helen Harrison Room A9

Pleasant Valley Manor

Marie Carpenter Room 405
Velta Hambelton Room 107
Charlie Ward Room 407

West Vue

Margaret Alvis Room 309
Madge Brown Room 814
Helen Collins Room 608
Bobby Jo Gish Room 819
Hazel Henry Room 712
Jean Osborn Room 617
Lois Shelton Room 807

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

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

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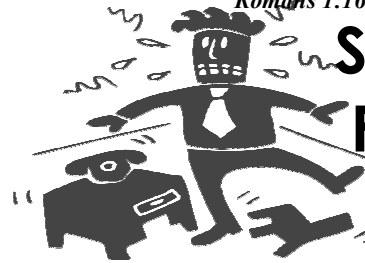
For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

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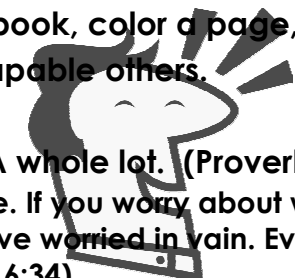
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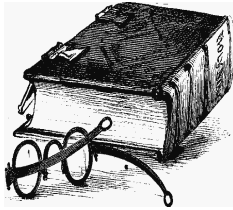


**Sixteen Ways to Help Your
Family by Reducing Your
Stress**

1. Simplify and unclutter your life. "LESS IS MORE".
2. Go to bed on time and get up on time so you can start the day fresh and unrushed.
3. Tell your spouse you love him or her every day, at different times.
4. Say "no" to projects that won't fit into your time schedule. Seriously.
5. Slow down. Read a book, color a page, or play a game with a child.
6. Delegate tasks to capable others.
7. Laugh.
8. Laugh some more! A whole lot. (Proverbs 17:22)
9. Take one day at a time. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it does not happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you only have to worry twice. (Matthew 6:34)
10. Allow extra time to get to places.
11. Develop a forgiving attitude—most people are doing the best they can.
12. Be kind to unkind people - they probably need it the most. (Eph. 4:32)



13. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
14. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for unbudgeted purchases.
15. Take your work seriously - but not yourself.
16. Every night before bed, think of one thing you are grateful for that you haven't been grateful before.



"RELATIONSHIPS AND CHILDREN"

Larry Yarber

"Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old" (Proverbs 23:22).

As we look at relationships and our obligations within them, we want to consider a child's duty to their parents. Children are commanded to obey and respect their parents, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3). In the Colossian letter Paul repeated this admonition by saying, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord" (Colossians 3:20). The Wiseman said, "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: (Proverbs 1:8). As Christians, may we take heed to listen to and obey these instructions, realizing that we often see the authority of Christian parents ridiculed and undermined by a humanist media through movies, television programming, magazines, etc. .

Not only are we to obey and respect our parents when we are children at home, but this same respect and obedience is to be extended to them when we are grown and out on our own. Paul told Timothy that any who professed Christianity, and yet refused to care for his/her aging parents, has denied the fundamental teachings of Christ and is worse than a non-believer, "But if any provide not for his won, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1st Timothy 5:8). Prior to this Paul told Timothy, "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God" (1st Timothy 5:4). Later in this same chapter he penned, "If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed" (1st Timothy 5:16). From all this we learn that our obligation to our parents doesn't end with our youth, but actually assumes a greater and more responsible role in their life and welfare. And, to neglect or ignore this duty puts our soul and relationship with God in jeopardy. We are also told to respect and honor others who are our elders, "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord" (Leviticus 19:32). And, "Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;" (1st Timothy 5:1). As we have

so often pointed out, Christianity begins in the home and branches out from there. Evangelism begins with our own, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Genesis 18:19). And, "... And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends" (Acts 10:24). And, as we have already seen in this lesson, so does benevolence, honor, and respect for others (1st Timothy 5:4, v8, and v16). We will not properly respect others, until we first learn to display and practice respect in our own home! **In order to have a proper relationship with God, we must also have an appropriate relationship with all others in the world, beginning with our own home and parents.**

Sunday Class & Sermon Titles

Sunday AM Class: "Jesus Heals A Lame Man on The Sabbath"
Sunday AM Sermon: "Singing in Worship"
Sunday PM Sermon: "The Silence of the Scriptures"



DAILY FAMILY BIBLE READING

James 1: 9-18

In Sympathy: Please keep Dorothy Burgess in your thoughts and prayers. Her sister Judy Lawson of Springfield, MO passed away Wednesday morning, January 4, 2012.

Thank You: Betty Sage would like to thank the congregation for the fruit basket and all of the get well cards, prayers, & visits that she has received. It was very much appreciated.

January Potluck: Our monthly potluck will be today after morning services. Please come enjoy the fellowship!

Deacon's Meeting: There will be a deacon's meeting today at 4:30.

Fair Haven Children's Home: They are scheduled to collect grocery items on January 26th. **Taco sauce, juice, Kleenex, olive oil, pop tarts, paper towels, trash bags, dishwashing liquid, cascade, peanut butter, yams, paper plates, vinegar, pickles, cookie mix, brownie mix, gravy mix, microwave popcorn, hair conditioner, jellies, canned fruit, laundry detergent, aluminum foil, tea bags, liquid fabric softener, cereal, paper napkins, canned chicken, gallon freezer bags, spaghetti, carrots, tuna, shampoo, chocolate chips, hand soap, canola oil, plastic wrap, deodorant, honey, spam, toilet bowl cleaner, chili powder, Rotel,**

spinach & chicken/beef broth.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE SCRAMBLE:

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YTIC, NDA UTONNIEC TRHEE A YREA, NDA YUB NDA SLLE, NDA TGE NIGA:
WSRHEEA EY WONK TON WTHA SLLHA EB NO EHT WRROOM. ROF WTHA SI YURO
EFIL? TI SI VNEE A VRPOA, TTHA TRPPHEEAA ROF A TLLIE TMIE, NDA
TNHE VTSNIHHEA YWAA. ROF TTHA EY UTOHG OT YSA, FI EHT ROLD WLLI, EW
SLLHA VLIE, NDA OD TSIH, RO TTHA.