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You Are Unsafe In “No Man’s Land”

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A tale has been told about an event that occurred during the Civil War (1861-1865). A strapping young man from one of the border-states (similar to Indiana, my home state) between the Union and Confederacy was asked if he favored the cause of the Union or that of states rights. His reply was that he was not going to take sides but was going to steer a course of seeking peace with both the “Yanks” and the “Rebs.”

In an effort to show his lack of animosity toward either side he dressed to fit the part. He put on a blue blazer to represent the good old U.S.A. and a pair of gray pants to show his appreciation for the cause of Johnny Reb.

His dead body was later found in “no man’s land.” The local doctor who examined the body found that the young fellow had a mini-ball from the southern rifle that had penetrated his blue blazer. That was enough to have killed him even if he had not found that a Yankee bullet had gone through the poor boy’s gray britches.

*I must stand with anybody that stands
right, stand with him while he is right,
and part with him when he goes wrong.*

~ Abraham Lincoln ~

Similar attempts are being made today by the so called “change agents” in the church. “Community Churches” are springing up in order to be generic and not be offensive to those of denominational dispositions. Our Lord taught many years ago, early in His ministry that “No man can serve two masters...or he will hold to one and hate the other” (Mt. 6:24). James quizzed, “... know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (Jas. 4:4). Paul warned the Corinthians to not be “unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what relationship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? ... Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, says the Lord ...and I will receive you” (2 Cor. 6:14-17). We must never compromise truth or the purity of the Lord’s church to win favor with, or find acceptance by, those who teach falsehood! *If there are those who “abides not in the doctrine of Christ... receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that abides him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds” (2 Jn. 9-11).* Those in “no man’s land” will get shot in the crossfire between truth and error” (Jas. 4:17).

DON'T WAIT FOR THANKS

I guess one of the things that I struggle with is people who are totally unappreciative of kindness and love that good people bestow on others. I suppose one should not be quick to blame folks for the coldness that exists in this present world. Yet, just the other day I was walking in a store and a lady was behind me pushing a baby stroller. I paused to hold the door for her and she looked at me and said, "You don't need to do that. Will you move please?"

Needless to say I was simply astonished. I was brought up with the teaching that if a woman is walking down the sidewalk with you that you walk on the side near the road, to say please and thank you, to say I'm sorry and to be grateful and indebted to those who were so kind to go out of their way for you. My gift reminds me to keep on being nice even when people in this bitter impolite civilization don't care. You know why? It is more important what God sees in us than what the spiritually blind can't see. Heaven will be inhabited by the grateful.

"As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." Luke 17: 12-19

Did you read it? One of them said thank you. Ten were healed by the love of Jesus. Only one said thank you. In these days it is hard to keep a gentle heart of caring and being full of love. Many take advantage of the Lord's church. Many in the church take advantage of each other thinking it is a requirement. They use the church to get married, bury their dead and even as a pillow of comfort when their days are tough. Then, just like the nine they just walk off and bathe in their good things they received never uttering a sentiment of thanks.

Let me encourage all of us to keep doing the good things. I know someone who is very thankful. He matters the most.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5: 11-14). -Rick Woodall BulletinGold, 11/09

YOUTH NEWS

- We appreciate so much to Dan Cobb, Sarah Walker and Lonnie Weaver for taking our young people on a shopping trip to Memphis this past Saturday. They all reported having a good time.
- The youth will prepare fruit baskets again this year. They will meet Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19 at 5:00pm to prepare the baskets and will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, Dec 20th to deliver them.
- December's Youth Devo will be held on the 19th.

PRAYER LIST

Eleta Grimmert, is at home with pneumonia and under Home Health Care.

Jean Adams, grandmother of Richard Adams is in a Tupelo Hospital recovering from a heart attack. She received two stints.

Jim Dickerson, will have tests run on his kidneys this week.

Sympathy to the family of Kenneth & Barbara Walker. (Terry Young's cousins) Kenneth and Barbara were murdered this past week in their Paris TN home.

Continual Prayer List

Harold Russell, John Sanford, Kathy Dye, Hailey & Carol Enlow, Hugh Collins, Margaret Bailey, Vickie Chism, Chris Isbell, Donna Haynes, Barbara Smithey, Shane Crotts, Udell Wilson, Bill King, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

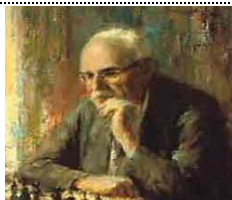
Sue Collins, Corrine Hall, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force—California, Tiffany Erwin- Army-Camp Rooker, AL; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Ham, Fort Leonard, Missouri.

SAGE WISDOM

Give God what's right....
not what's left.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



December 08.....Larry Ashmore
December 08.....Deloris Crowe
December 10.....Maria Ormon
December 13.....Clayton Hill
December 14.....Eleta Grimmert

LADS TO LEADERS

All youth interested in Lads to Leaders this year please see *Sarah Walker* or *Lonnie Weaver* for your information packets. Any adult that would be interested in judging at the convention during Easter weekend please let *Lonnie* know.

NOTE FROM PINE VALE

In the December letter from Pine Vale Children's Home there was a request for help. They had to remodel the girls' house and the expected cost was higher than estimated. They did however find the source of the moisture in the house. The dishwasher had been leaking for some time and the kitchen floor had rotted below the surface. Any help you can give them in paying for these repairs would be appreciated since their property insurance would not cover this.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

We will be updating the directory for 2011 in the next few weeks. Please take time to check the copy of the directory that is on the table in the foyer and make any corrections to your address, phone numbers, birthdays and anniversaries. We hope to also make pictures of those that are not in our pictorial directory very soon. If your picture has not been made please sign your name on the list provided.

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OUR RECORD

Sunday School 106
 Sunday A.M 122
 Sunday P.M..... 100
 Wednesday 90
 Contribution \$3,126.03
 Budget \$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dean Dillard
 A.M. Prayer..... J.L. Eaton
 Closing Prayer.....Matt Jennings
 P.M. Prayer. ..Daniel Drummond
 Closing.....Shane Crotts
 Wed. 12/8.....Bill Botts
 Wed. 12/8.....Ronnie Griggs
 Usher & LockBill Botts
 Greeters..... H & D Crowe

PANTRY ITEM:
Juice

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School 9:30
 Morning Worship..... 10:30
 Evening Worship 6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00

Elders

Richard Jennings 534-6671
 Troy Robertson..... 534-3491

Deacons

Bill Botts 316-2422
 Greg Clayton 252-9762
 Roger Clayton 534-5240
 Andy Clemmer 816-5887
 Harold Russell..... 534-4648
 Randy Wall..... 316-9255

Minister

Mike King 662-507-0625
 Home..... 662-534-6872
 Office..... 662-534-4649

PSALMS CHAPTER THREE

E A T E N D C R Y A A H T E E T	AFRAID	HELP
N C A S I N Y H R L O W E R D O	AGAINST	HILL
O G R A N N Y I E T O N A I N G	ARISE	HOLY
B A R I A I S P E E D R A K N Y	AWAKED	LAI D
H F A M E E A U N T K L D I E R	BLESSING	LIFTER
A E N D E D A G D A E H S P O D	BONE	LORD
P T A L L I H E A L S S Q U I D	BROKEN	MANY
L U P R Y B E N D S E H N A I L	BUT	PEOPLE
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H O O T E R A S B R E A D L S T	CRIED	ROUND
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G E F T O M E S E P T O O K I T	GOD	SLEPT
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