

Remember in Prayer:

The Sick:

Xenna Gooch is improving some but is still being closely monitored by her physicians due to blood pressure problems.

Lucille Hall, Ethel Wohlrabe's mother, underwent surgery last week after breaking her arm. She is improving at home.

Continue to remember those recovering from sickness, surgery and those dealing with cancer or chronic illness, including **Brownie Spicer, Karen Shelton, Burton Brown (Bettye's brother), Cecelia O'Brien, Celia Vozka, (Dorothy's sister) and James Tanksley.**

News & Notes:

--**Group 3** will meet today in the Library after the morning service.

--Everyone is invited to the **wedding of Amy Cummings to Michael Pittman** on



March 21 at 5:00 pm at the Hermitage Golf Course. If you can attend the reception, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the lobby.


--Come to a **bridal shower** for Amy on March 8 from 2:00 - 4:00 at the home of Linda Driver. Amy and Michael are registered at Lowe's, Belk & Target.

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attitude (I Peter 3:3-6), of a genuine respect for others and unpretended love of the brethren, of a holy and harmless life of doing justly, loving mercy, and being ready unto every good work, of a heart in which is no guile! How beautiful is the simplicity of worship: hearts that are attuned to the will of God, voices blending together in songs of praise, heartfelt prayers of supplication and thanksgiving, the solemn yet joyful fellowship of the Lord's Supper, the earnest exhortation and edification of the church through teaching, and the sacrifice of our financial resources to the Lord's work! Let the words of "A Beautiful Life" ring in our hearts as each of us gives himself diligently to the task of being "a worker who does not need to be ashamed" (II Timothy 2:15). Surely the "beautiful people" are the godly people who shine as lights in a dark world of sin and degradation!

--Gilbert Alexander

ELDERS: Doug Driver
Johnny Felker
DEACONS: Ralph Brown
Mark Claypool



Service Times

SUNDAY
Bible Study—9:00 am
Worship—9:55 am & 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 7:00 pm

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"...let us consider how we may encourage one another"
Heb. 10:24

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A Beautiful Life

The finest adorning in life is not an outward adorning of the body, but rather dressing oneself in the beauty of holiness and righteousness. While the outward adorning of the body is pleasing to the eye and physically appealing, the inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit appeals to the heart and soul and makes one's life rich indeed.

David speaks of "the beauties of holiness" (Psalm 110:3); and Paul, quoting from Isaiah 52:7, says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" Again, the Psalmist says, "For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation." Isaiah says, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels" (Isaiah 61:10). How shallow and hollow indeed is a beautiful countenance behind which is a corrupt and immoral life. We often sing, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me," but we know that the prophet has said of the Christ, "He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him" (Isaiah 53:2).

The beauty of selfless sacrifice is seen in its finest hour in the suffering and death of Christ. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13). Of the life of Jesus, Peter stated it simply, "...who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him" (Acts 10:38). The people of God can do little to improve their physical appearance, but each one can adorn his life with meekness and holiness, doing good and sharing, "for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).

The beauty of the Lord's church is in its purity as a cleansed body, and the continued purity of the church depends upon the purity of the lives of all the saints. "A little leaven leavens the whole lump;" therefore, we must "purge out the old leaven" so that we may be a new, unleavened lump (I Corinthians 5:6, 7). How beautiful is a life of "golden deeds", of kind and compassionate words and works, of pure and wholesome speech, of a meek and submissive

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Preacher's Pen points

Getting Rooted by Assembling with the Saints #3



If we are to bear fruit for the Lord, we must get our roots down deep into the word. Assembling with God's people provides opportunities to become more fruitful.

Fulfill our role in the _____ of Christ

But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are _____ members, but _____ body. (1 Cor. 12:18-20)

...from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which _____ joint supplies, according to the proper working of _____ individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. (Eph. 4:16)

Send a more powerful message to _____ who come among us

But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is _____ by all, he is called to account by all; the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that _____ is certainly among you. (1 Cor. 14:24-25)

Encourage those who _____ and _____

But we request of you, brethren, that you _____ those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you _____ them very highly in love because of their work. (1 Thes. 5:12-13)

Provide an _____ to the unbelievers around us

Keep your behavior _____ among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they _____ them, glorify God in the day of visitation. (1 Pet. 2:12)

Our services are an important part of what we do as a church. Our interest is not in improving the count on a stat board. It's about growing people and about bearing fruit for the Lord. We need to get rooted by assembling with the saints!

The Tick

Ever had a tick on you? Ticks are small bloodsucking mites. They spend a good bit of time just waiting in bushes, grass and woods for a victim -- you! Once you happen by, they jump on you and attempt to quickly crawl to a protected spot on your body. Then they sink their mouth parts into your flesh and begin to feed on your life blood. If undetected, a tick will fill itself full and then drop off, often leaving its host inoculated with some debilitating disease such as spotted fever, relapsing fever, Lyme disease, tularemia, encephalitis, or rickets.

The tick is a lot like many kinds of sin:

- It may get on you when it is small and almost undetectable
- It doesn't demand much sacrifice, but it may cause a little irritation.
- Once imbedded, it's hard to get off.
- It gets bigger the longer it stays on you.
- It leaves you very seriously ill.

Some advice for dealing with ticks and sins:

- Don't walk in places that are infested. *"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise"* (Ephesians 5:15).
- Examine yourself daily. *"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith..."* (2 Corinthians 13:5).
- Have others examine you, and help examine them too. *"But exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."* (Hebrews 3:13).
- If one gets on you, get it off immediately. *"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed..."* (James 5:16b).

If you realize you are getting sick, see the Doctor. Jesus said, *"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance"* (Mark 2:17).