

Remember in Prayer:

The Sick:

Xenna Gooch is having some problems with the regulation of medications being used to treat her arterial blockages.

Alice Beard is scheduled to undergo cataract surgery tomorrow.

Burton Brown, Bettye's brother who was undergoing treatment for lung cancer, is undergoing radiation treatment for cancer that has metastasized to his brain.

Lucy Karnes, Martha Felker's sister, has a perforated colon and is in the hospital in Maury County.

Louis Mullen is in the Intensive Care Unit at StoneCrest Medical Center in Smyrna with complications from colon surgery including an infection in the gallbladder.

Ronald Miller, Larry's father, has begun radiation treatments for a recurrence of cancer which is now in his thyroid.

Sherry Hatch's father, **Mr. LaFever**, is in the hospital in Cookeville with complications from surgery on a hiatal hernia.

Continue to remember those recovering from sickness, surgery and those dealing with cancer or chronic illness: **Brownie Spicer, Karen Shelton, Cecelia O'Brien, Carolyn Lowder, Neal Smith, Johnny Adams** (Anita Carman's uncle) and **Ernestine Reed**.

News & Notes:

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

--**Thanks to Stanton & Mark** for filling in for Johnny last week while he was away.

--It's time to **update our Directory!** There are draft copies of the directory in the lobby which list the most current information we have. Please review your information and make any changes that are needed directly on one of the drafts. Don't forget to check the birthday section to make sure we have the correct date listed.

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"...For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

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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Being Spiritual

Are you spiritual or carnal? It is obvious from reading Galatians 6:1 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-4 that the church had members who were spiritual and member who were carnal. It is also obvious, from direct observation, that many Christians today are so caught up in worldly activities and pursuits that they are no longer spiritual, but carnal. If most of my time and thinking is dominated by television, movies, sports, finances, music, education, exercise and things of this world, I am not spiritual and will miss out on real life here and eternal life in heaven. Romans 8:6 says, *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."* Don't let the world rob you of real life, genuine peace, and the joy of being spiritual!

How can I become spiritual? I must begin by realizing that there is a war going on inside of me between the flesh and the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26). I must then determine that the Spirit is going to win that war as I let the dominant influence on my mind and life become the Spirit of God working in me through the word of God. As I begin to feed the Spirit and starve the flesh, it is exciting to see the Spirit's influence growing stronger and stronger and that of the flesh growing weaker and weaker. Romans 8 powerfully teaches me that I must walk after the Spirit, mind the things of the Spirit, through the Spirit kill the deeds of the body and be led by the Spirit of God to truly be a child of God and have life! There is no greater plan for being spiritual than that given by God in this great chapter. Isn't it great to know that we can become spiritual by letting God's Spirit, through His word, change our minds, our actions, and lead us on to higher ground?

How would you recognize someone who is spiritual? A person's spirituality is not evidence by appearance and possessions, but by what they are and do! Being spiritual is:

- ◆ Taking time each day to read, study and meditate upon God's word.
- ◆ Praying with your children.
- ◆ Singing with grace in your heart to the Lord at assemblies and from day to day because you worship and adore Him.
- ◆ Living in awe of your great God .
- ◆ Honoring the Almighty.

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Preacher's Pen points

God's Plan for Spiritual Fruitfulness



When we work together with God, we can live a fruitful life.

What ____ has provided (2 Pet. 1:2-4)

He has given us the _____ we need.

... His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true _____ of Him who called us ... (2 Pet. 1:2-3)

He has given us the _____ we need.

...He has granted to us His precious and magnificent _____...(2 Pet. 1:4)

What ____ must provide (2 Pet. 1:5-7)

"...applying all _____, in your _____ supply moral excellence" (2 Pet. 1:5)

We must use our _____.

We must put forth _____.

The results of our partnership with God (2 Pet. 1:8-11)

To do as God has commanded is to be useful and _____.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither _____ nor _____ in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Pet. 1:8)

To do otherwise is to be _____, and _____.

For he who lacks these qualities is _____ or short-sighted, having _____ his purification from his former sins. (2 Pet. 1:9)

To live a fruitful life is to live with _____ that we will enter God's eternal kingdom after the judgment.

for as long as you practice these things, you will never _____; for in this way the entrance into the eternal _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you. (2 Pet. 1:10-11)

We can live a fruitful life if we will implement God's plan in our lives.

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- ◆ Inviting people over to your house just to sing songs of praise unto the Lord.
- ◆ Having your affections set on things above.
- ◆ Remembering your Creator and being mindful of Him in all you do.
- ◆ Striving to please God in all you do.
- ◆ Being kind to young and old alike.
- ◆ Hating sin and loving righteousness.
- ◆ Being like Jesus and not being ashamed of it.
- ◆ Loving the Lord so much you can rejoice when you're persecuted for His sake.
- ◆ Having brothers and sisters you love so much you can rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those that weep.
- ◆ Trust in God doing what's right.
- ◆ Living in hope of the resurrection, the coming of your Lord and celebrating the victory He's brought you.
- ◆ Having active compassion on sick folks.

Why should we be spiritual? Galatians 6:7-8 says it best: *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."*

The choice is yours! The consequences eternal! Let's be spiritual!

--D. Bradford, Christianity Magazine

"For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Peter 1:5-8