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good works by our brethren. Taking food to the sick or visiting the shut-in are things that Christians often do because of the encouragement of a brother or sister.

**4. To serve as an example for others.** In Titus 2:7, the apostle Paul told Titus, *"in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works."* All of us have influence on others. Even if we are unaware of it, others (especially children) watch what we do, and may well imitate it. We need to provide a "pattern" of good works for others that is worthy of imitation.

This week, make a conscious effort to do good deeds, and then do the same thing again next week. Make doing good works a habit. You've got plenty of reason to be motivated. Challenge yourself to be more dedicated and consistent in performing good works than you are in maintaining your car, your house, or your yard.

--Steve Klein

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**Answers to Questions on Page 3:**

- 1. Manasseh; 2. David; 3. Peter; 4. Achan;
- 5. David; 6. The Prodigal Son; 7. Moses;
- 8. Pharaoh; 9. Nehemiah (1:6); 10. Balaam;
- 11. Saul; 12. Daniel (9:20); 13. Isaiah (6:5)


**In Christ We Have:**

- ◆ A love that can never be fathomed
- ◆ A life that can never die
- ◆ A peace that can never be understood
- ◆ A rest that can never be disturbed
- ◆ A joy that can never be diminished
- ◆ A hope that can never be disappointed
- ◆ A glory that can never be clouded
- ◆ A happiness that can never be interrupted
- ◆ A light that can never be extinguished
- ◆ A strength that can never be overcome
- ◆ A beauty that can never be marred
- ◆ A purity that can never be defiled
- ◆ Resources that can never be exhausted

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***"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!"***  
**Romans 11:33**

- ELDERS:** Doug Driver  
Johnny Felker
- DEACONS:** Ralph Brown  
Mark Clavpool



**Service Times**

**SUNDAY**

**Bible Study—9:00 am**

**Worship—9:55 am & 6:00 pm**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Bible Study 7:00 pm**

# Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

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

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## Maintain Good Works

To maintain something one must give attention to it. To maintain a car, you have to give attention to changing the oil, keeping the tires inflated, checking the fluids, washing and waxing, inspecting the brakes, and having periodic tune-ups performed. Most car owners understand that if they want their car to provide them with reliable long term transportation, they must provide it with maintenance. So, they have a motivation for doing so.

The phrase "maintain good works" occurs twice in Titus chapter three. Titus 3:8 states that *"those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works."* And Titus 3:14 says, *"And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful."* Some Christians probably give more attention to their cars than they do to performing good works. We could all do a better job of being *"careful to maintain good works."* And we will, if we are properly motivated. So, what is our motivation for maintaining good works? Consider the following:

**1. Christ gave Himself for us.** Titus 2:14 states that Christ *"gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."* Our enthusiasm for doing good works rests largely in the appreciation we have for what Jesus did for us.

**2. God will be glorified.** In Matthew 5:16 Jesus said, *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16). 1 Peter 2:12 teaches that people of the world will *"glorify God in the day of visitation"* because they have observed the good works of Christians. What a wonderful opportunity it is for us to bring glory to the One who has created us, richly blessed us, and promised us eternal life.

**3. Encouragement from brethren.** As brethren in Christ, we are to *"consider one another in order to stir up love and good works"* (Hebrews 10:24). We can be motivated or stirred up to do

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**Good deeds are not attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ heaven by good works.**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of \_\_\_\_\_, that no one should boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)*

**Good deeds are the result of \_\_\_\_\_ work in us.**

*For we are \_\_\_\_\_ workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10)*

**Good deeds reveal our \_\_\_\_\_ for the redemption we've received through Christ.**

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every \_\_\_\_\_ deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, \_\_\_\_\_ for good deeds. (Tit. 2:11-14)*

**Good deeds are acts that meet pressing \_\_\_\_\_.**

*And let our people also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, that they may not be \_\_\_\_\_. (Tit. 3:14)*

**Good deeds are a tree of \_\_\_\_\_ to the dying.**

*The \_\_\_\_\_ of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 11:30)*

**Good deeds bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your \_\_\_\_\_ who is in heaven. (Mt. 5:16)*

**Good deeds will cause us to be \_\_\_\_\_ with love and gratitude by others.**

*...and all the widows stood beside him weeping, and \_\_\_\_\_ all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. (Ac. 9:39)*

**Paul prayed that the Colossians might be "bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10). Let us also then "stimulate one another to love and good deeds..." (Heb. 10:24).**

## Remember in Prayer:

### The Sick:

**James Tanksley** is at home after having surgery on an abscess on his foot.

**Lucille Hall**, Ethel's Wohlrabe's mother, is improving at home after being hospitalized again last week.

**Pansy Hensley** is improving and has been moved to Room 104 at HQM of Nashville on McCampbell Ave.

Continue to remember others recovering from sickness, surgery and those dealing with cancer or chronic illness including:

**Dennis Blanton, Xenna Gooch, Ronald Miller (Larry's father), Carolyn Lowder, Wayne Reeves (Debra Baham's father), Burton Brown (Bettye's brother).**

### **News & Notes:**

--**Group 2** will meet today in the Library after the morning service.

--If you can help in **preparing the Lord's Supper**, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the lobby.

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*"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Psalm 18:2).*

## Confessions

1. What wicked king of Judah confessed his sins when he was taken into captivity in Assyria? 2 Chronicles 33:11-13
2. Who confessed to God that he had done wrong in taking a census of Israel? 2 Samuel 24:10
3. Who confessed his denial of Jesus? Mt 26:75
4. What sneaky Israelite confessed that he had stolen goods from fallen Jericho? Joshua 7:20
5. What king confessed his adulterous affair after being confronted by the prophet Nathan? 2 Samuel 12:13
6. What young man confessed his riotous living to his forgiving father? Luke 15:18
7. Who confessed the building of the golden calf to God? Exodus 32:31
8. Who made a false confession to Aaron & Moses? Exodus 10:16
9. Who confessed Israel's sins after he heard the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins?
10. Who confessed his sin to an angel that only his donkey had seen? Numbers 22:34
11. Who confessed to Samuel that he had disobeyed God by not destroying all the spoils of war?
12. Who was visited by the angel Gabriel while he was confessing his sins?
13. Who confessed his own sin and Israel's after seeing a vision of God on his throne?

*Answers on back page, column 1*