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of ...*

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“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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SUNDAY
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AM Worship 10:45 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM
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(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermon:

*The Spread of
the Gospel*

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ing what we teach and practice,
please feel free to ask*

Respect of Persons

By: Robert Turner

via-The Charlottesville Beacon—11/16

The Corinthians used the time of assembling (“when ye come together in the church” or “congregation” **1 Corinthians 11:17-22**) to satisfy their personal appetite. The thing done was out of place (“have ye not houses to eat and to drink in?”) and their inconsideration for others compounded the error. I think I have seen the same error committed, repeatedly, in present day assemblies — with not a morsel of food in sight.

“One is hungry, and another is drunken.” Some say the word “drunken” does not necessarily mean intoxicated but rather “having partaken”. In either case, it shows inconsideration for a brother or sister in Christ, and this is my point. Repeatedly I have stood at the back of a building, just before worship, and have been able to “spot” those who are hungry for association and attention — while inconsiderate brethren enjoy a last-minute social visit, and then settle at one another’s side for worship. With the closing “amen!” these brethren resume their visits with close friends, and the “hungry” ones, no part of the “inner circle”, gather their belongings and slip quietly and sadly away.

Some reply, “We are assembled to worship God, not for social visits. These people should be satisfied with the purely

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“Christian” fellowship.” Well, that is all they are getting, and if they come again it would seem they find it satisfying. I wonder how many of the “visiting” circle would continue to come if they were given such limited personal reception. And, are we not assuming that

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friendly conversation with these lonely ones must be of a purely social nature? If we have so much in common IN CHRIST, is there no place for conversation relative to spiritual matters?

Let us not deceive ourselves. We are the ones who are feeding on personal and social association. I am aware that all public gatherings have some social aspects; and often the “separate” ones are poorly orientated to society — they separate themselves and hurry from, the building, or huddle in a corner with little to say. If we act selfishly, love only the lovely, we will pass them by for social contacts more to our taste. Perhaps this sort of selfishness caused the Corinthians to seek so-called social and economic equals, and “take before other his own supper.” It may also have moved James to write. “Have not the faith... with respect of persons.” **(Read James 2:1-f)**

When we gather to worship God what better time could we find to practice unselfish love and regard for all the saints. Here is a new convert, in new and different surroundings, embarrassed, uncertain, feeling alone. You may, indirectly, save a soul from drifting and death by simply sitting next to this person, showing genuine sympathy and concern, making him or her feel truly a part of this church. A formal handshake and “Welcome!” at the time of their baptism is NOT enough.

“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous. ...” (1 Peter 3:8-f)

Think awhile!

Those We Long To See

By: Matt Allen

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Paul’s letter to the Philippians is one of the most uplifting and encouraging epistles in the New Testament. The Christians in Philippi had a very special relationship with Paul, supplying his spiritual and physical needs at every opportunity. The congregation even sent a servant of the church, Epaphroditus, to minister to Paul in a time of need. The picture painted for us in Philippians is one of warmth, love, compassion, and grace. It is a true portrait of how Christian fellowship should be. In speaking of his brothers and sisters, Paul writes, “*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel,*” (Philippians 1:3-5a). As Paul began to conclude his letter, you can imagine him reflecting personally on individuals within the congregation. You can almost see the smile on his face as he says, “*my beloved brethren, whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord. ... Greet every saint in Christ Jesus ...*”. (Philippians 4:1,21)

The joy of a fruitful relationship between brethren is truly special. This is especially true when you have an opportunity to work with and encourage brethren on foreign soil. Since 2003, I have had the privilege of traveling to Ukraine three times to work with brethren in the industrial city of Mariupol. Our most recent visit was this past March. It had been four years since our previous trip, but upon our arrival, we were greeted just as if we had been there the day before. Their smiling faces, extended hugs, and kisses on the cheek let us know just how much they appreciated our coming back. There is nothing like the feeling you have in moments like this. There is pure joy in the room. It is joy that transcends the language barrier. It is joy that comes only from a bond in Jesus Christ. It is

the kind of joy that you want to experience over and over again and is, I believe, a glimpse of the joy we will experience every day in eternity.

I am often asked is the time and expense are worth the effort of conducting foreign work. And the answer is always a resounding "Yes!" Not only will God bless us with the opportunity of effecting the lives of countless others eternally, but God will change *us* in the process. I am a better person because of my experiences in foreign evangelism. The sacrifices of my brethren in Ukraine inspire me to



higher service. The spiritual hunger of the saints abroad stimulates me to learn as much as I can about the incredible wonders of God's revelation. Their genuine humility challenges me to work harder to instill this quality into my life. And the generosity expressed through their hospitality and acts of kindness move me to be more giving.

Foreign evangelism is worth every bit of effort we can muster. I understand that not every person fits into this type of work, but there are countless persons who may have some unused or unknown talents that could be put into service abroad. How about your? Pray about it. Investigate various opportunities that may come along. Brethren overseas need your encouragement, teaching, and most importantly, your Christian love and companionship. Your life will be forever changed in ways you cannot possibly imagine.

The Quarter

Author Unknown

Submitted by Lora Smith

Several years ago a preacher moved to Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, you'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it. Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway the bus company already gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a gift from God and keep quiet." When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change." The driver with a smile replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town? I have been thinking lately about going to worship somewhere. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change." When the preacher stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole and held on, and said, "Oh God! I almost sold your Son for a quarter." Our lives may be the only Bible some people will ever read.



Just for Fun!

How to have a Successful Marriage:

A couple had been married for 45 years and had raised a brood of 11 children and were blessed with 22 grandchildren. When asked the secret for staying together all that time, the wife replied, "Many years ago we made a promise to each other; the first one to pack up and leave has to take all the kids."

Submitted by Lora Smith

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Nathan Marshall
Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Ezekiel 33:17-33
Reader	Dan Marton
Prayer	Harold Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Earl Miller
Fruit of the Vine	Ed Roberts
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Don Coen, Sr.
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Ezekiel 34:1-15
Reader	Earl Miller
1st Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Harold Marshall
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.

Wednesday

Announcements	Chuck Isinghood
Class Prayer	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Invitation	Harold Marshall
Closing Prayer	Ken Prager

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Recovering:

- Ann Rudolph
- Mary Jane Myers
- Joyce Coen
- Marie Roberts

Traveling:

- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers

Prayer Requests:

- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother, is in the hospital
- Kathy Johnston's cousin, Jacky Haught had a heart attack and is in Wheeling Hospital—Medical Park
- Phyllis Coen recovering from a broken ankle
- Albert Miller, Earl Miller and Marie Robert's brother, as he recovers from heart surgery.
- Alfred Myers diagnosed with a leaky valve in his heart
- Mary Jane Myer's daughter-in-law has cancer in her neck .
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry
- Frank Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's brother
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Cary and Grace Lancaster

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call 304-914-2262