

LIVING WATER

"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst"
John 4:14

Remember...

There is something that I've seen that I have found to be quite amazing and even heartwarming. I saw it once at a memory care facility during the Christmas season. In a room filled with dementia patients at varying stages, with so many of them having lost their ability to recall details and names, they were singing Christmas carols. They could not remember many things, but they remembered the words and the tunes of Christmas carols. And they were singing with enthusiasm!

I recognize there are different stages and levels of dementia and corresponding effects, but what I have noticed in some dear people that I have known that have struggled with dementia is that it seems there are some things they never forget – or at least, they hold on to some memories longer than others. I noticed this with a dear sweet lady named Pat Parenteau. She struggled with her short-term memory, but there were things that she never forgot.

I heard it in my own personal conversations with "Miss P" (my name for her) in the last few years of her life. Because of her dementia, she would often repeat questions. Here were two of the questions she often repeated to me: "How's everybody at church?" "How is your Mama?" She loved my Mom, and my Mom – and countless others – loved her.

How is it that many people with dementia are able to remember certain things? Why is it that there seem to be memories that we retain longer than others?

Here's my theory, as I learned it from "Miss P": she may have been fuzzy about many things, but the memories that she continued to retain mostly had to do with people that she loved.

Jesus Christ instituted a memorial with His disciples that is to be kept by all followers of Jesus until He comes again (see Matthew 26:26-29). It is called "the Lord's Supper" or "communion."

The Apostle Paul recounted the Lord's instructions for the observance of the Supper, reminding the Christians in Corinth that Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me" (see 1 Corinthians 11:17-30).

Why would Jesus institute this supper and expect His followers to "remember Him" in this way?

Because the supper commemorates Jesus' death on the cross for the sins of the world. Jesus paid the price for our redemption by taking the punishment for our sins upon Himself (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 2:24). Those who accept His offer of salvation will receive forgiveness and eternal life (Romans 6:23).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life on the cross to save us. He rose again the third day to give us hope beyond the grave. Through Him, we can be reconciled to God. Only those who accept His offer on His terms can truly remember Him in the observance of the Lord's Supper with gratitude for what Jesus did for us.

Jesus said, "Remember Me..." This we should do with love, gratitude, and submission to His will.

-- David A. Sargent

* In loving memory of Patricia "Pat" Parenteau (April 18, 1937 - April 20, 2024), until we meet again.
Thank you for loving us so memorably.

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Sunday	Morning Worship	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Class	10:15 AM	Evening Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Morning Bible Study	10:00 AM	Evening Bible Study	6:30 PM		

April 28, 2024

WELCOME TO CREEKWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST

We would like to welcome all our visitors to Creekwood! Please sign the guest register in the foyer. We also invite you to stay for our Bible classes immediately following morning worship services.

TODAY'S MESSAGES:

AM – "Be Different!"

PM – "How to Do Right When You've Been Done Wrong"

Listening Devices for the Auditorium are available in the Control Room.

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Know Your Bible on the WHBR station on Mediacom channel 13/Comcast channel 7; Sundays at 6:00 PM CT.

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Both of these broadcasts are co-sponsored by the Creekwood Church of Christ.

Please remember those listed below in your prayers and with other expressions of love (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)

OUR COUNTRY & THOSE SERVING: Chris Campbell - Navy (Italy), Nick Marcet – (Air Force), Lt. James Chapman III (Kuwait), Harry Lehman – (Coast Guard), Mitchell Englund – (Marine Reserves), Dylan Butler – (Navy), Jacob Jones - Navy (Charleston, SC), Pam Bradshaw - (Air Force), Charley and Neezy Burch – (National Guard), Kelly Leverett – (Army)

EXPECTING MOTHERS: Britney Mitchell (boy) July, Haley Presley (boy) September

OUR MISSIONARIES: Jaya Paul (India), Michael Fordjour (Ghana)

PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE WAR IN ISRAEL!

PRAYER REQUEST for the Parenteau and Whittle families in the passing of Pat Parenteau. A funeral service was held on Thursday here at the building.

PRAYER REQUEST for Lester Sellers who is still undergoing IV antibiotics for the infection in his finger. It was also discovered that Lester will need surgery to correct a blockage in his carotid artery.

PRAYER REQUEST for Jake and Hannah (Presley) Newcomb on the birth of their daughter, Gemma Grey Newcomb. She was born on Monday, April 22 weighing in at 9.5lbs. Both Hannah and Gemma are doing great!

PRAYER REQUEST for Rick Gray, son-in-law of Bob & Alona Gobble, who suffered a stroke recently and is suffering effects on his right side. Rick is under hospice care.

PRAYER REQUEST for Pam Davis, the daughter of Nancy White, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Surgery and a treatment plan are being formalized. Let's pray for strength and success!

PRAYER REQUEST for Sheila Hudson. After over 100 days in the hospital and rehab, she is now HOME and improving. Let's continue to pray for Sheila's recovery.

PRAYER REQUEST for Makenzie Hall who is now HOME! Let's continue to pray for her as she continues to recover from her surgery.

PRAYER REQUEST for Bernice Fables who is recovering from surgery on her leg. She is now at home recovering.

PRAYER REQUEST for Sandra Dowling who is undergoing physical therapy at Eastern Shore Rehab. Please pray for Sandra. Home

PRAYER REQUEST for Peggy Holt who had an accident a few weeks ago that resulted in a broken leg, ankle, and middle toe. She underwent surgery and is not able to put any weight on her leg. Please pray for mental and physical strength and complete healing.

PRAYER REQUEST for Rowena Leekley, who is undergoing chemo treatments. Please pray for Rowena and Phil.

MEMBERS: Betty Nichols, Bob Gobble, Ryan James, Sara Sargent, Bernice Fables, Dawn Sims, Kitty Morris, Betty Gunnells, Esther Boulanger, Nancy White, John & Sharon Bogle, Valary Smith, Tom Busby, Patti Mitchell, Kathy Stacy, Ken Grisham, Richard McDonald, Pat Parenteau, Martha & Bill Franks, Jeannie Aldred, Betty Thompson, Bennett Gibson (Omak, WA)

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS: Sandra (Ryals) Shell; Madeline Petite & baby (friend of the Buzbee's), Jimmy Linder (father of Angie Bacon), Marie Waters (aunt of Kristy Adams), Julie Todd (friend of Brook Oglesby Grice), Diane Glover, Logan Moore, Kruz Kohrumel (1st grader at Mobile Christian), Rick Gray (Penny Davis's brother-in-law), John & Betty King Fuller, Daniel Mitchell Brabham (the brother of Stephanie Hulon), Lisa & Albert Andrews (sister and brother in law of Sheila Marcet), Barbara Bradford (grandmother of Erin Cunningham), Larry Tart (brother of Jerrol Sawrey), Betsy McCaskill (friend of Larry Duncan), Nelda Carr (former member), Dawson Moorer (former member), Diana Pierce (Shawn Cobb's mother), Vic Johnson (friend of John Bogle), Donna Lucas, Sally Tindell (sibling of Nancy Moorer), Boots Carson (mother of Gina Englund and Ka Kinman), Alona Gobble (Penny Davis' mother), Kellen Franks (grandson of Bill & Martha Franks), Don White (brother of Celeste Chandler), George Smith (friend of John Bogle)

SHUT-INS – Martha Irvin Esther Boulanger Barbara Roley Hurley Crews Betty Wheeler

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEALS ON WHEELS RECIPIENTS. Many are struggling with health issues. Some of which are: **Betty Arnold.**

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL – We host a devotional on Sunday afternoons at Mobile Nursing & Rehab at 2:30 p.m. Please come and visit with the residents, sing a few songs, and have a brief Bible study.

SENIOR DAY will take place on Sunday, May 5 after Bible class. The seven seniors we'll be honoring are **Sean Bean, Reagan Burch, Makenzie Hall, Douglas Leverett, Aidan Love, Josh Moore, and Seth McGaughy.** Immediately following Bible class, we'll have a potluck fellowship meal and a ceremony honoring each of the seniors. Please make plans to join! A table is already set up in the foyer where you can place gifts.

The **MOBILE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE** is scheduled for Monday night, May 13, in the Creekwood auditorium. Congratulations, graduates!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES: **Autrey Moorer** is graduating from Auburn with a degree in Business. **Lincoln & Callie Butts** are graduating from Auburn. Lincoln is the grandson of Ricky & Freda Butts. (Please pass along other graduates' information to us.)

NEEDED: READING GLASSES. Beth Brooks is collecting reading glasses to take to Honduras. Many people in the U.S. have reading glasses in every room, several in the car, purse, etc. Many adults haven't been able to read anything (including the Bible) in many years because they simply don't have reading glasses. Please give your donations to Beth or Jonathan.

MOBILE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL will be holding the **annual Corporate Meeting** on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:00 pm in the Mobile Christian Library (in the High School Building). During this meeting, a brief update on the school/school year is planned.

From the Family Room (4/28/24)

Fellowship and Loneliness

Now the Lord God said, "It is not good for man to be alone." -- Genesis 2:18

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. -- Acts 2:42, 46-47

We live in a time of great contradiction. We are connected to each other in many ways by technology, but at the same time, loneliness is a sad reality for more and more people. Loneliness can be defined as sadness because one has no friends or companions. Recent studies indicate that the number of lonely people in the United States is 20% of the total population. This is approximately 60 million people. The average American has only two friends with which they can discuss important matters. Almost 25% of Americans have no such friend to serve as a sounding board.

Loneliness has many harmful effects. It has been determined that one of the top indicators of a long life is how much interaction we have with people as we go through the day. A second indicator of a long life is how many intimate and devoted relationships we have. These are people with whom we can freely open up and who would sit and talk with us in times of trouble when we are at rock bottom.

All of this was foreseen by God. He looked at His creation and said everything was very good. The only thing He said was not good was for humans to be alone. He created us with the need to be loved by others and to belong. In a spiritually strong family, we learn how to develop successful relationships. We learn where we fit in and how to get along with others.

God also created a spiritual family for us. In the church we should have real fellowship with others who have a common faith in God, a common love for God, and a common love for each other. Fellowship is defined as friendly association, especially with people who share interests. The early church grew for several reasons, including having fellowship with one another.

May our homes be incubators for fellowship. May our spiritual family at Creekwood be a source of fellowship so no one stands alone. It is not good for any of our members to be alone. We should be aware of and sensitive to others who may be lonely. We should be quick with a cheerful greeting and a kind word. We should eagerly and constantly send cards of encouragement. May we copy the first century church we read of in Acts 2 and continue steadfastly in fellowship with one another.

Ricky Butts
Family Minister
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