



The Power of Family

Hurting Christians are often heard to say, "I just do not know what people do who do not have church family." They say this because they are experiencing the wonderful comfort of having brothers and sisters come to offer whatever help they may be able to give in a time of need. The hugs, expressions of concern and prayers at such a time sustain in ways beyond the imagination.

Paul's first letter to the struggling church at Thessalonica is filled with reminders of the relationships we have in God's family. They were being tormented, but Paul wanted them to focus on family. He thought of them as his brothers in Christ and wrote, "Knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God" (1:4; 2:1). He pictured his own approach to them as being with the gentleness of a mother nursing her child (2:7).

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
all ages & Pew Packers
each Sunday at 12:30

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He also approached them as a caring father urging his child on to better living. "You are our witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children" (2:10-11).

His concern for the Thessalonians reached such an intensity that he "sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith" (3:2). The entire



statement overflows with affection, especially his description of Timothy as "our brother."

Let us resolve to strengthen one another in the same way loving families do. Let no opportunity to be with the brethren in Bible study, worship or prayer pass without taking full advantage of it. Lean on your brothers and sisters in time of need. Ask for their prayers. Be ready to offer them a listening ear and fervent prayers when life tumbles in on them. In Christ, we know the ultimate power of family.

-written by Gary C. Hampton
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2014 VBS SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who was present before and after. Thank you to each person who labored in making things happen, especially our teachers. Thank you to Jerry for coordinating everything. To God be the glory.



^ The aftermath. Please don't miss Joe in this picture.

< We had a great time singing!

Sermon Review

THE CHRISTIAN RACE (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

- I. A Prize that is Obtainable
- II. A Crown that is Incorruptible
- III. A Body & Spirit that are Trainable

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Seth Daniel, taking medication equivalent to chemo, which causes great fatigue; Thankful to have several back from traveling but there are still more traveling; Several will be at camp this week; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

NetCasters
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Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Andy's grandmother, hospice; **Laura Swayne & family**, Patrick Swayne's mother, uterine cancer removed recently and her mother just passed; **Carla Carlson**, continuously receiving chemo; **Blair Jefferies**; **Trent Childers**, has been very sick with major stomach issues, still in ; **Toranda's mother**, to have surgery June 3; **Janet Colvett**, recovering well from mastectomy; **Trixie Savage**, Lara's grandmother; **Joey Smith & family**, Jerry's cousin; **Janie Brister**; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**, **Charles Savage**, prostate cancer; **Jason Spencer**; **Frankie Burfield**, hip replacement surgery and kidney cancer; **Jack Higginbotham**; **Tasha Higginbotham**, on donor list for kidney transplant; **Lauren Harrell**, breast cancer; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**, Ashby Johnson's mother, cancer; **Renee Loya**, Ruth's niece, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Eli Williams**, cancer returned, receiving treatments; **Ray Maples**; **John & Anita Simpson**; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, stage 4 cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, stage 4 lung cancer; **Joy Angel**, various health problems; **Linda Perkins**, leukemia; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**, toddler with leukemia; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**; **Joe & Josephine Johnston**, and their sons, Charles and Chris.

Birthdays

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| 6/3 | Amanda Ferrell | 6/13 | Melaney Ferrell |
| 6/5 | Betty Culbreath | 6/18 | Grace Williams |

Anniversaries

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| 6/3 | Larry & Joyce Campbell |
| 6/5 | Andy & Molly Ratliff |
| 6/8 | Caleb & Elizabeth Baker |
| 6/26 | Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell |
| 6/28 | Jim & Mischel Jackson |

Get Involved!

Sardis Lake Christian Camp Session 2
TODAY – Saturday

Coldwater Singing Night -- June 25 -- 7 PM
Song leaders, get your songs to Clifton by June 22, please

Thyatira VBS -- July 6 – 9, 7 – 8:30 each night
Theme: Dreams of the Bible

Nesbit VBS -- July 14 – 18, 7 PM nightly

Independence VBS -- July 21 – 23
7 – 8:30 each night

Angel Wedding Reception -- July 26
Come celebrate with the newlyweds anytime between 2 & 4, more details to come.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 15

Morning

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| Prayer Before Class | Jim Jackson |
| Announcements | Jason Bayless |
| Song Leader | Andy Ratliff |
| Lord's Supper: | |
| Preside | Billy Bland |
| | Ron Johnson |
| Assist | Geoffrey Dunn |
| | Payton Jackson |
| Opening Prayer | Joe Owen |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Closing Prayer | Jeremy Moore |

Afternoon

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| Song Leader | Andy Ratliff |
| Opening Prayer | Jeffrey Ferrell |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Lord's Supper | Ron Johnson |
| | Payton Jackson |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry Davis |

Wednesday, June 18

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| Song Leader | Jared Brown |
| Prayer | Seth Daniel |
| Invitation | Payton Jackson |
| Prayer | Jerry Davis |