

*“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.”* Hebrews 10:24

When one considers another, there is a special kinship that occurs between them. When a congregation considers one another, there is a whole family involved in the concerns, fears, doubts, difficulties, temptations, trials, etc. Within that context, consider that we should not be selfish, only caring for ourselves. We will likely only get so far by ourselves, but “two are better than one...and a threefold cord is not quickly broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

“Strength in numbers” is a phrase we have likely heard throughout our lives. Here the Hebrews writer encourages brethren to be thoughtful of each other and to “provoke unto love and good works.” – Paul Sain, Daily Lift – GBN, 11/24/16

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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”(Matthew 5:16)*



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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

## **Please, Daddy, Won't You Go?**

A little girl with shining eyes,  
Her little face aglow,  
Said, “Daddy, it is almost time  
For Sunday school, let’s go.”  
“Oh, no,” said Daddy, “Not today.  
I’ve worked hard all the week,  
And I must have one day of rest.  
I’m going to the creek  
For there I can relax and rest,  
And fishing’s fine, they say,  
So run along, don’t bother me;  
We’ll go to church some day.”

Months and years have passed away  
But Daddy hears that plea no more...

“Let’s go to Sunday school...”

Those childish days are o’er.

Now that Daddy’s growing old,  
When life is almost through,  
He finds the time to go to church...  
But what does his daughter do?

She says, “Oh, Daddy, not today...”

I stayed up almost all night  
And I’ve got to get some sleep.  
Besides, I look a fright.”

Then daddy lifts a trembling hand  
To brush away the tears.  
He seems to hear the pleading voice  
Distinctly through the years.  
He sees his small girl’s little face  
Upturned, with eyes aglow,  
Saying, “It’s time for Sunday school,  
Please, Daddy, won’t you go?”

## ***FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:***

### **PRAYER POINTERS**

In one of my Bibles there is this marginal note: "Work as if everything depends upon you; pray as if everything depends upon God." These two ideas, which are emphasized in the book of James, are not contradictory but complimentary. The epistle is well known for its "faith without works is dead" message (James 2:14-26). The inspired penman forthrightly states that justification is "not by faith only" (v. 24). The holy alliance between faith in God and the resulting works of obedience is logically and beautifully portrayed.

James calls upon his fellow-followers of the Christ to also give attention to prayer. He sets forth several important points about prayer and the blessings derived from it. *First*, we should "ask in **faith**, with no doubting" (1:6). The previous verse states: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally, and without reproach; and it shall be given to him." On the other hand, the one "who doubts ("wavers" - KJV), "is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind". Such an one should not "suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord" (v. 7), because "he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (v. 8). James also alludes to the effectiveness of "the prayer of **faith**" in connection with suffering, sickness, and sin (5:13-15).

A second point of emphasis is that our prayers should be **fervent**. "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, **fervent** prayer of a righteous man avails much" (5:16). Elijah is cited as an example of a man who "prayed **fervently**" (ASV; "earnestly", NKJ). He literally "prayed with prayer", which denotes the intensity of the prayer being prayed. The earnest supplication of "a righteous man avails much", quite unlike that of the "double-minded man". This "man" is just, does what is right, and keeps the commandments. We are given a glimpse of the fervency of prayer as Jesus prayed in the garden (See Luke 22:44).

The fervency of prayer leads us to think of its **frequency**. James asks, "Is anyone among you suffering?" (5:13). The reply: "Let him pray." There is much suffering in the world, so there should be much praying. Jesus teaches us to always pray (Luke 18:1ff). Paul urges Christians to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17), and to "continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Col. 4:2). So, "Watch and pray" (Matt. 26:41). "Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?"

*Edward L. Anderson*

## ***NEWS & NOTES:***

**WELCOME VISITORS:** A warm welcome is extended to all our visitors. Please come again! Members, please meet and greet our guests.

**SICK:** W. A. Gibbs spent a few days in Vanderbilt/Lebanon due to chest pains and BP issues, but is now at home. Mike Ruis remains in ICU at St. Thomas and was to undergo a heart procedure this week. Lola King is continuing treatments. Faye Maberry is now in remission. Ruby Anderson has concluded her radiation treatments. Conner Hackett, Tony's niece, is now at home after a hospital stay due to gall bladder issues. Phyllis Davis, Chris Klamm's mother, underwent recent knee surgery. Dimple Hicks and Darlene Hackett were back with us Sunday. Erlene White was unable to be with us Sunday. Barry and Linda Cook are still unable to be out. Barbara Anderson underwent her second cataract surgery (left eye), yesterday (Tuesday). Steve Harper is in the process of being fitted with special shoes and braces to aid his balance. Cobie Sadler is to undergo a lung biopsy tomorrow (Thursday). Hal and Anne Kirby are improving. Joe Massey is undergoing another series of treatments. Dale Sadler continues recuperation from hip surgery. Phil Bains (Rome) is improving from his arm injury. Grant Lollar, son of Cary and Kelli (former members), is awaiting surgery on his other foot. Gary Lawrence continues to recuperate at home. Remember (Red Boiling), who is dealing with cancer. Dennis Hackett's aunt, Joyce Kilgore, is in Vanderbilt in Lebanon. Ruby Anderson continues radiation. Her kidney biopsy was postponed. Jaden Anderson is to have wisdom teeth extracted this week. Joe Hensley is. Jan Anderson is still rehabbing in the local nursing facility. Barbara Jenkins was able to be with us Sunday after a stomach bug. Jimmy and Carolyn Rigsby, Melinda Spivey's parents, are now at home after hospitalizations. Prayers are requested for Barbara Dixon (Tenille Allison's mother), who had a kidney removed last Friday. (Please call 615-735-0114 with updates and news items.)

**NURSINGHOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS:** Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

**IN THE MILITARY:** Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss's grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC); Cameron Huff (USMC).

**CARDS FOR SHUTINS:** It is time to prepare bundles of Christmas cards for our shut-ins. If you have names to be included, please give them to Patty Piper ASAP. Bags and bundles of cards will be available in the foyer November 15.

**ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS:** November 8, 4:30 PM in Annex.

**PRAYER LIST:** Chuck Jordan; Gary White; A. J. Purkey; Tammy Crockett; Josh Dillard; Dot Holliman; Lavern Hardee; Mike Ruis; Alan Fitts; Joe Massey; Steve Higginbotham; Wayne Lankford; Sandy Waggoner; Nancy Hicks Bane; Barbara Williams; Michael Parsons; Laurie Adcock; Wendy Williams; Roslyn Fox Stout; Judy Fox Jones; Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Patsy Link; Emily Moss and children; Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Roy Hicks; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn; Emily Allen; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debby Flatt; Ken Miller; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Pattie Birdwell; Mary Ellen Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich.

**ATTENDANCE/CONTRIBUTION:** Our attendance has been on the increase for which we are thankful. We continue to urge all to take precautions. Individual communion supplies are available as well as masks and hand sanitizer. We fell just short of our budget last quarter. Let's try to exceed it this quarter. The budget for 2021 is presently being prepared and will be presented around the first of the year.

**THANK YOU:** The church has received recent "Thank You" notes from Hal and Anne Kirby; Tennessee Children's Home; and Linda Cook.

**SYMPATHY:** Sympathy is expressed to the family of Sammy Webb (faithful gospel preacher, teacher, and friend to many), in his passing (September 21), after an extended illness.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Allen White and Alexis Bartley were married October 24. We wish for them many years of wedded bliss!

**VIRTUAL GOSPEL MEETING:** A Virtual Gospel Meeting is scheduled the third week of November with three of our young men delivering lessons on the theme of "Reasons to Believe the Bible is from God". Make plans to view and participate.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to everyone who helped with Trunk or Treat. Gratitude to those who prepared food and refreshments and treats for the children. Thanks to all who assisted with take down, clean up, and trash removal.

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM (To be resumed when permitted); *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotionals:* 2:00 P.M. (To be resumed when permitted).

"May the Lord bless and keep you."