

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddy Dickinson

Opening Prayer: Josh Berryhill

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery
Servers - Arlen Foss
Gary Addison
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Lannie Key

Preparing the Lord's Supper Deborah Box

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

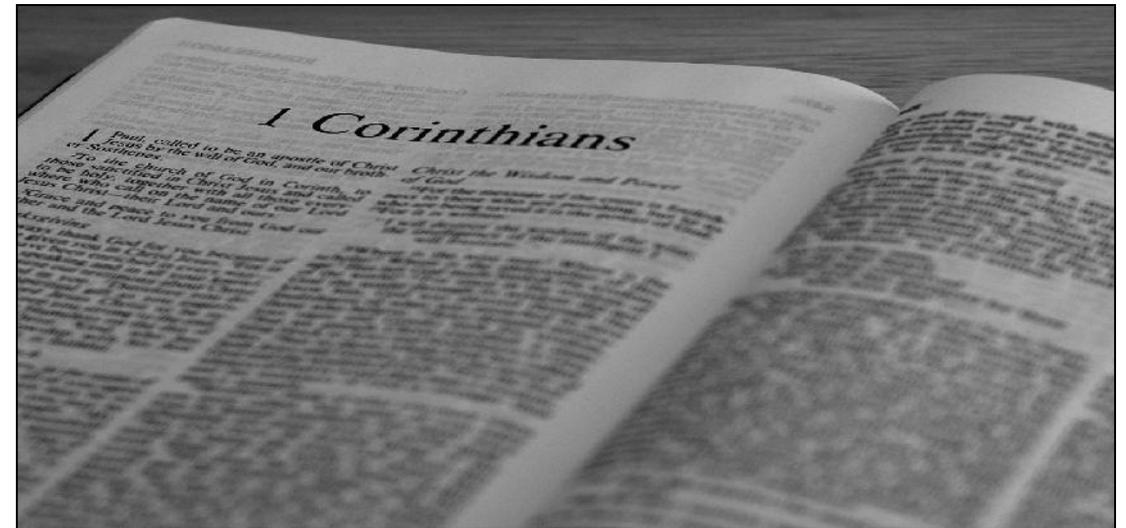
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Our Efforts Are Not Wasted



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Little Things Are Humongous

By Dan Jenkins

The Bible is filled with emphasis on the little things we can so easily overlook. In recent weeks, we have mentioned Gideon’s small army, the little oil the widow of Zarephath shared with Elijah, Moses’ rod, the widow’s mites and the little “pegs” God used for His purposes. God does not need the grandeur of mortals to show His glory. He can use little things.

Little ants and laziness

America has largely become a nation of people who have become dependent on others instead of knowing the blessing of working hard and reaping the fruit of our labor. Yet, the Bible plainly says, “If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat” (2 Thess. 3:10). America’s attitude of laziness was also part of the ancient world. Solomon said, “Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which having no captain, overseer or ruler provides her supplies in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest” (Prov. 6:6-8). Wisdom comes from little things.

Little children and humility

The disciples of Jesus often struggled as to who would be the greatest in the kingdom. In one simple act, our Lord showed them the true path to greatness. “Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, ‘Assuredly I say to you, unless you be converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven’” (Matt. 18:2-3). Lazy people need to look at small ants and arrogant people need to look at small children.

Little garments and love

Hannah promised God that that she would give her firstborn child to Him (1 Sam. 1). After he was weaned, she brought Samuel and gave him to Eli, and only saw that child once each year. Hannah would “...make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year” (1 Sam. 2:18). What a treasure those little robes must have been. Every stitch made by his mother’s hand was a stitch of love. There are so many little things we can do for others to show them this same kind of love.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers

Danny Berryhill: having trouble with his lungs, please pray that he can receive help with this problem

Dewight Kitchens: (Al’s Boss) recovering from recent colon cancer surgery, please praying that they all the cancer was removed

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Doug Roberts: recently had another stroke, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Patsy Busbee: her surgery went well to remove a tumor from her thyroid, please pray that nothing serious will be found and that she will have no further problems

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Bobby Sanderson: is showing signs of improvement from knee surgery, please pray that this improvement will continue

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Angie Ganey Gardner: she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Deborah Pollard: is currently taking cancer treatments, please pray that these treatments will be successful in defeating her cancer

Bobby Burleson: (Mrs. Barbara’s Brother) he has throat cancer and doctors not giving much hope, please pray for him and his family

Rosa Melton: she has been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver, please pray that the doctors can help her to overcome this great problem

Upcoming Events

Today	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
June 17 th	Fellowship Meal	
June 17 th – 21 st	Gospel Meeting	
June 17 th	Bible Bowl {Fayette}	2:00 pm

Little sips of water and His eyes

When we are reminded that God sees everything, some immediately think of His remembrance of idle words, hidden sins and angry words spoken to family members in our homes and in our cars. However, we must never overlook that He sees every cup of cold water given to others (Matt. 10:42). Remember the judgment scene in Matthew 25? He sees food prepared and taken to the least disciple; He sees visits we make to the sick, especially the least among us; and He sees our hospitality to the least among us. It is these little things we might overlook which determine whether we are on the right or left hand.

God, help us to see Your lessons in “little things”.

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For You Notes

Living the Christian Life

By Jay Jones

When an individual decides to become a Christian (a follower of Christ, a child of God), he or she has decided to turn his or her life over to God, surrender the will to His will and live the remainder of one's life in subjection to His Word. This procedure begins by obeying the Gospel.

Hearing (Romans 10:13-17)

Believing (Mark 16:15-16)

Repenting of sins (Acts 2:36-47)

Confessing faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10)

Being baptized into Christ for forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16; 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21)

Living a faithful life (Romans 12:1-2; Revelation 2:10)

After this, baptized believers are babes in Christ. They begin their journey; it will be a tough journey, but it will be worth it. Jesus said in Revelation 2:10, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." No reward is ever given when one runs a race until he has crossed the finish line. The apostle Paul said at the end of his life in 2 Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

The young Christian studies God's Word daily to learn what he or she is to do—and not to do. Also, Bible study draws strength from His powerful Word. The apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." The apostle Paul wrote to the younger evangelist in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Peter penned, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

In addition to growing themselves in faith and knowledge, a thorough understanding of God's Word equips one with the ability to lead others to a saving relationship with God. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

How comforting it is to know at the end of a person's physical life that his or her soul or spirit will spend eternity in Heaven with God. We all have that opportunity. God wants us to be saved. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

All Christians are listed somewhere on a spiritual scale. Spiritual growth is no different than any other type of growth. It happens one day at a time. Let us not become complacent or dormant in our service to the Lord. Jesus said in Matthew 7:19, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." The apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:9-10, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

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