

Sunshine Baskets for 11/21/2010

Kathy Trisdale, Debbie Martin, Ann Flatt,
Crystal Maberry, Mindy Dennis, Jennifer Thomas

Happy Birthday!

Jack Honeycutt (11/14), Kayla Sloan (11/18),
Elizabeth Howell (11/18), Judy Cantrell (11/19),
Charles Mitchell (11/19)

Pantry Items Needed:

Sweet Potatoes or Yams

Announcements & Upcoming Events...

TODAY: Bridal Shower for Ashley Call &
Jeremy Broome. 2:00-4:00 pm in the
fellowship hall.

Nov.15: Retirement age trip to Kentucky. We'll
leave the building @ 9:00 am. A sign-up sheet
is in the back of the auditorium. If you have
any questions, please see Ronald Strong!

Nov.17: Teachers' meeting after Wednesday
night Bible study.

Nov.21: Youth Unite @ Allon's church of
Christ. Worship services will begin at 5:00 pm
there, so we'll leave our building by 4:00 pm.

Nov.23: We'll have Bible study on Tuesday
night instead of Wednesday due to
Thanksgiving!

Nov.28: Jackson County 4th Sunday singing here
at 2:00 pm.

Dec.3: Parents' Night Out here! 6:00-10:00 pm.
Food will be provided, just please bring \$2 each
to help cover the cost of food. Also please
bring an ornament for each child. There is a
sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium. See
Donna Loftis-Young if you have any questions.

*****If you're going to be unable to serve, or if
you need to add someone to the prayer list or
let us know about an upcoming event, please
email us at centergrovefamily@gmail.com**

Privileged To Serve Nov. 21st, 2010

Ushers	Travis Thomas
.....	Raymond Haney
.....	Roy Flatt
.....	Greg Scott
Announcements	Steve Hensley
Song Leader	Bill Coe
Scripture Reading	Jeremy Broome
Speaker	Ronald Strong
Opening Prayer.....	Jeremy Kirby
Closing Prayer	Roy Flatt
Oversee Lord's Supper..	Chris Mabery
Prepare Trays.....	Rellon Burris
Scripture Reading.....	Benjamin Gentry
Serve	*Corky Trisdale
.....	*Jeremy Broome
.....	*Mike Martin
.....	Alan Dawson
.....	Brian Dawson
.....	Burton Young
Alternate to Serve.....	Charles Whitaker
.....	David Wilson
Dismiss Classes	Roy Young
Count Contribution	Robert Crabtree
.....	Tom Gothard
.....	Greg Scott
.....	Blake Maberry
Response Card.....	Jerry Young
Power Point.....	Brian Trisdale

Sunday Night (11/21/2010)

Speaker	Jeremy Broome
Scripture Reading	Larry Howell
Song Leader	Mike Martin
Opening Prayer.....	Bill Coe
Closing Prayer	David Wilson
Power Point.....	Jesse Anderson

Wednesday (11/23/2010)

Song Leader	Billy Scott
Devotional.....	Farlin Flatt
Opening Prayer.....	Roy Flatt
Closing Prayer	Roy Smallwood

*Take to the sick & shut-in.
Let Rellon Burris know if you can't serve.
Home: 268-4738.....Cell 319-4720

Elders:

Ted Ragland	268.9387
John Mabery	268.0651
Carl Call	268.2040
Sjon Gentry	268.3273

Deacons:

Billy Scott	268.0569
Robert Crabtree	268.4417
Raymond Haney	268.2493
Rellon Burris	268.4738
Bobby Haney	268.2754
Jerry Young	268.2215

Ministers:

John Mabery	268.0651
Cell:	265.3835
Bill Coe	268.1777
Ronald Strong	432.0374
Cell:	267.5480

To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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Discouragement

By Ronald Strong

If I asked several people this question: "What are some of the Devil's most effective tools?", I am sure I would get an assortment of answers, each one dealing directly with our own personal lives. One might reply "deceptiveness" or "by appealing to the pride of life or the lust of the eyes," and I would agree that the devil has the ability to deceive and lure us in many ways. Look at the story of Eve in the Garden of Eden. Satan used all of these tools to persuade her to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree. However, Satan has an even more effective tool that he uses against us and that is discouragement. Think about how Satan uses discouragement against us. If he can get us headed down the path of discouragement, he can lead us to despair and eventually to destruction. My point is that in our lives discouragement will come. However, I believe there are some Biblical passages to better help us in dealing with discouragement.

Pray

The first tool we want to consider is prayer. James 5:16 tells us that "... The effective prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much." We can look at different prayers in the Bible offered by many different characters of faith who called on the Father for help. One could look at David in the Psalms. David many times calls on the Father when he was at a point of discouragement. Psalms 38:10: "My heart throbs, my strength fails me; And the light of my eyes, even that has gone from me." Psalms 109:22: "For I am afflicted and needy, And my heart is wounded within me." The book of Psalms is filled with examples

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.
Our A.M. Service is Televised on Monday
on Cable Channel 16 @ 6:00 pm

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday

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of David calling on the Lord and the Lord giving him strength.

Another story I enjoy is the story of Job because there is not any other man recorded in the Bible that deals with discouragement as well as he did. Imagine the fact that Job literally lost everything. His children were killed, he lost all of his wealth, his health, and his wife and friends turn against him. If any one person had any right to be discouraged to the point of giving up Job would be at the top of the list, but as we continue reading the story we read that Job does not become discouraged to the point of giving up. He uses his situation for the greater good.

One of the things so special about prayer is that we, as children of God, can bring anything and everything to Him in prayer. We have the chance to just talk to our Father who is in Heaven and let Him know what is on our hearts. Jesus told us in Matthew 11:28-29: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." I share this passage many times and especially with those who are feeling discouraged. I believe it tells us in everything we can come to Him. Prayer is our first line of defense when being attacked by discouragement.

Talk about it

Our second tool against discouragement is talking to our brethren. In Proverbs 27:17, we are told that "Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another." We need to seek our brethren in times of discouragement so we can sharpen one another so we can get strength from one another. Most of the problems or discouragements I face, many others face also and it is essential we communicate with one another to encourage and uplift each other in our time of discouragement. It is for this same reason we confess our sins to one another (James 5:16). Encouragement from our fellow brothers and sisters is a strong tool against

discouragement.

Sing

Our third tool to use when fighting discouragement is singing. The great thing about singing is that no matter when, no matter why, you can always sing a song. If we are happy, we can sing. If we are sad, we can sing. And even when we are discouraged, we can sing! A song has many meanings. A song could be a remembrance of something or someone. A song could represent a feeling and a song is also a great tool for encouraging not only ourselves but others. Do you remember back in Acts 16, when Paul and Silas were thrown in prison? What were they doing? Acts 16:25 tells us that "But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them" Most of us have never been arrested, or been put in prison, and I am reasonably sure no one has been violently persecuted for their faith yet we all become discouraged about frivolous things. We can find a lot of courage and strength in the story of Paul and Silas.

Picture this in your minds: your hands and feet are shackled to a wall in a prison. It is cold, dark, filled with the worst of the worst, and you are awaiting your accusation and punishment. Most, I would assume, would not be singing at such a critical time as this, but Paul and Silas obviously found encouragement in singing. Not only was discouragement defeated in this instance, but souls were added to the household of God that night! Singing encourages us and lifts our spirits and it is an effective tool to use when feeling discouraged.

Discouragement indeed comes in many shapes, sizes, and forms, and all of us will become discouraged to some degree at some point in our lives. Therefore, Satan can use discouragement against us to keep us from doing God's will. We have three very powerful tools we can use when fighting discouragement. First and foremost is prayer, next would be talking to our brethren, and finally singing to lift our spirits. We can talk to our loving and caring Father about all of our heartaches and struggles. We can seek our brethren for understanding, strength, and encouragement. We can sing to teach, admonish, and uplift our spirits in troubled times. In using these tools, we can successfully overcome Satan's attempt to lead us to despair. As Paul said to Timothy in 1st Timothy 6:12, "...fight the good fight of the faith...". Let us also continue in our spiritual journey regardless of the discouragements that may come along. Let us keep fighting the good fight and keep the faith.



<u>Prayer List</u>	
Ken Nelson	Bobby Elkins
Bobby Haney	Mildred Elkins
Sandy Haney	Charlie Ward
Roberta Hix	Fenis Flatt
Jean Haney	Anna Lou Flatt
Roy Jones	Zola Flatt
Don Chaffin	Billy Joe Stafford
Stan Hensley	Delenn Strong
Braxton Hibbs	Opal Pippin
Tony Pulsifer	Jerline Stafford
Ann Johnson	Merlene Hall
Faith Jacobson	Ernest Williams
Hugh Young	Jewell Fox
Mary Young	C.J. Mabery
Nell Haney	Catherine Mabery
	Bobby Elkins
	Jan Pippin
	Joann Ledbetter
	Bill Wisdom
	Bessie Young
	Jerrie Duke
	Hollis Chaffin
	Brenda Meredith
	Amber Smith
	Earl Jones
	Jamie Young
	Jan Pippin
	Jimmy Stewart
	Terry Ford

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

NHC: Dorothy Burris, Ruby Ward

Mabery Assisted Living: Edna Roberts, Velvia Denson, Gillie Gentry

Masters: Mary Pearl Judd, Ila Petty

Rivergate Terrace Mich.: Lassie Oliver

Hospitalized This Week:

Baptist: Jessica Turner

Clay County: James (Red) Allen

Requested Prayers: Diane Duke, Ashley Call

Our Sympathy & Prayers Goes Out to

the Families of: Tommy Pruett, Donald A. Johnson