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We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that – if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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Saved To Serve

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Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4).

We who, by the grace of God, are the saved in Christ, were saved not just that we might go to heaven, but that also we might work the works of God. A believer's life should be of use to God and man. Time and again the Scriptures emphasize that we are saved to serve, and that God condemns, as much as any sin, the sin of doing nothing!

Why, then, are we usually so lax in our Christian service? Why are so many inactive? Why does it take so long for so many Christians to reach so few persons with the Gospel of Christ? We want to point out that there are barriers to service which we need to emphasize and break down in order that we be effective laborers for Christ.

SELFISHNESS is probably the number one barrier to effective Christian service. We are basically selfish and are more concerned about our own problems than about anyone else's. My ingrown toenail will possibly cause me more concern than my neighbor's cancer. My needs always seem much more pressing than the needs of anyone else. Often, what God wants done must take second place to what I want done. It is easier to sing "King of my life, I crown Thee now" than it is to crucify self and enthrone Christ in my life. Lord, deliver me from SELF; help me tear down the barrier of selfishness in my life.

PRIDE is another barrier to Christian service. The thankless, often behind-thescenes job in the Lord's vineyard often goes begging. Anyone can serve amidst recognition and praise. It takes a true servant of Christ to serve when man does not see and man does not care. There would be no limit to what the church could accomplish if we didn't care who got the credit. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier teaches a great lesson—a nation's victories are mostly won by the blood of nameless men. So, also, in the kingdom of God, the real heroes are the humble, unheralded saints who serve tirelessly simply because they love the Lord.

PROCRASTINATION is possibly one of the most common barriers to service. All true Christians want to serve the Lord, but too frequently it is something that we regard as preferably done tomorrow. From experience I know that I have lost opportunities because I delayed too long. How quickly the night comes when no longer will work be possible. How quickly the harvest season will be past!

May the Lord, in His grace, give power to break down the barriers such as selfishness, pride and procrastination that we may get on with the Master's work.

by Ron Bartanen

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher undergoing dialysis 3X times a week, she goes back June 5 to check her arm again; Wayne Hatcher had a MRI on his head and ear to find the reason for hearing loss; so far no reason found; Billy Bybee at home; Bessie Brooks is having trouble walking due to possible neuropathy; Dennis Hatcher on limited use of oxy-Sydney Bunnell; Mary Whittington; Joey gen; Palmore recuperating at home still some pain after shoulder surgery; Mark Hatcher is feeling better; Mike Thompson at home; Becky Bush was able to be out Sunday & Wed.; Becky Bush's sister Debby; Joyce Dye; Jackie Coop may be facing surgery soon; Diana Proffitt has two sisters Debbie and Linda with health issues; Brenda Jaggers has returned to her son's home in Canmer, address is on the bulletin board; Carl Thomas; Steve Seaton; Terry and Debbie Bunnell both finished with treatments, waiting on scan results; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Brenda Brooks is halfway through radiation treatments. She expressed her appreciation for the many cards and prayers. Her address is on the bulletin board; Jerry Cherry a friend in our community; Melinda Grant ask for our prayers; while door knocking a lady ask to pray for her husband Doug Ready

NHC in Glasgow

Randal Lockett (Doris Wallace's brother-in-law)

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks World English Institute (WEI) Darrell Wallace Manna Project

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP/BIBLE CLASS 10

a.m. We are studying the Gospel of John. Dennis Hogan does a great job teaching

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan Pride: the Genesis for Rebellion (Part 1)

5 pm Dennis Hogan Pride: the Genesis for Rebellion (Part 2)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

We are studying the Parables of Jesus. This week Wayne Hatcher will be our teacher.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are very pleased to sponsor "In Search of the Lord's Way" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with Phil Sanders. Please pray for this great ministry as the seed of the gospel is being sown by means of this biblical program. Phil Sanders does an excellent job!! is produced in Edmond, OK

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God the Artist

The Artist of the universe Has never ending ways Of crowning nights with starry joy And blessing all our days.

He uses colors rich and bold But also soft and varied. His autumn hues from distant views Seem sweetly, gently married.

No spot on earth however small Slips by His gaze forgotten. Bright skies of blue are dressed up, too. With clouds that look like cotton.

He loves the dark lines that He draws. He also loves the dim But mostly He just loves to "draw" Our hearts and souls to Him.

- Selected

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