

“I have made thee a watchman...”

“Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul” (Ezekiel 3:17-21).

There is the reality of being a watchman. God told Ezekiel that he had made him a watchman (cf. v. 17). As God’s workmen today, we are watchmen as well. Unfortunately, some will take the attitude of Cain. When asked of the Lord, “...Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother’s keeper” (Genesis 4:9). The answer to that question is YES! James said, “Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins” (James 5:19,20). We are not detectives to snoop about someone’s private life, but we are brothers and sisters who should care about our loved ones who might be taking pathways of destruction.

There is the responsibility of being a watchman. It is not good enough to just watch, we must watch and warn. We must warn even when the one in the wrong isn’t interested in the truth. We see an example of this when Christ gave the parable of the Good Samaritan. The scriptures tell us “...a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him...” (Luke 10:25). It is obvious this lawyer wasn’t interested in the truth, but the Lord gives him more than he ever dreamed. What do we do with our responsibility toward the Lost?

There are the results of a being a watchman. With our watching and warning comes the choice. When warned we can either heed the warning or reject it. Those who reject the warning of God will find themselves separated from God (cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9). The question for all is, “What will our choice be”?

Brethren, what kind of watchmen are we?

Ronnie

Remember in Prayer

Sam Swiney is at Princeton back in MICU. Faye Brown, Sonny Duke, Betty Pierce, Sara Morgan, and Finley Tuggle continue to recover at home.

Our Members With Long Term Needs

Gertrude Blackwell, David Burford, Ruby Glidewell, Earl Martin, Sara Morgan, Ruth Parsons, Bernice Snow, Glenn Terry

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the friends and family of **Ivis Byars**. Sister Byars was a long time member here and is **Paul Byar’s** mom.

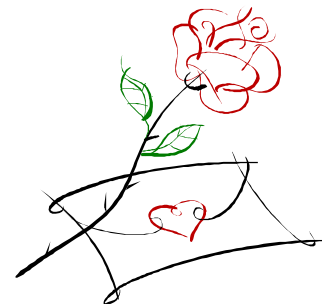
Also to the friends and family of **Red Pate**. He was the husband of **Doris Pate** and the late **Polly & C.D. Dickinson’s** son in law. He passed away in Georgia on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Military

Please remember the following who are currently serving for our country: **Kevin Black, Tyler Burger, Mark Davis, Chris Ham & Chris Pridmore**

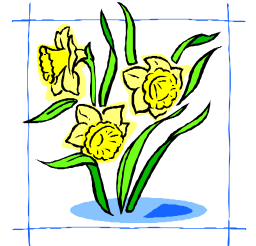
Rejoice

We rejoice with **Angie Hall and Barry Hyché** for being restored on Sunday.



Visitation Team #2 will not meet on Sunday. Your worksheets will be handed out by your team captain on the Sunday night. Please continue this good work.

Mark Your Calendar/2009



May 8-9 -- Men’s Retreat
May 21--Senior Banquet
May 24 -- Jr./Sr. High Devo following PM service
June 7-10 -- Gospel Meeting: **Ken Tyler**
July 5-10 -- Ronnie’s week @ICYC
July 26-29 -- VBS
Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting:
Curtis A. Cates
Oct. 17 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill
Dec. 31 -- New Year’s Eve Singing

Gospel Meeting

Our Spring Gospel meeting will be June 7-10 with **Ken Tyler** from Arab church of Christ. Continue to pray for, invite friends and family, and plan to be here for this time to learn more from God’s Holy word.

Monday Night Meditation

Our first meeting of Monday Night Meditation was a huge success. The Psalmist speaks of the blessed man as the one whose “delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:2). Our goal is to encourage our young people to think deeply upon and give their minds toward the Word of God. This study for grades 9-12 includes the reading of Scripture together, note-taking on the provided handouts, and memorization of several passages of Scripture. Thank you to those who were able to attend this past Monday! Please make plans to attend Monday night at 7 pm and bring your Bible!



OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE: May 3, 2009

BIBLE CLASS: 173

WORSHIP AM: 212

WORSHIP PM 176

CONTRIBUTION: \$11,947.70

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 Return Service Requested



Please worship with us at the following times:

SUNDAY
 Bible Class 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM
 Worship 5:00 PM

TUESDAY (September-May)
 Bible Class 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY
 Bible Class 7:00 PM

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Happy Mother's Day

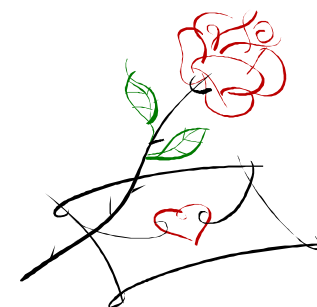
Sunday, May 10, 2009

A Mother's Love

by Helen Steiner Rice

"Happy Mother's Day" means more
 Than have a happy day.
 Within those words lie lots of things,
 We never get to say.
 It means I love you first of all,
 Then thanks for all you do.
 It means you mean a lot to me,
 And that I honor you.
 But most of all, I guess it means,
 That I am thinking of,
 Your happiness on this, your day,
 With pleasure and with love.

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A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
 It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
 It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
 For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .
 It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
 And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . . .
 It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
 And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
 It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
 And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation . . .
 A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
 And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Proverbs 31 describes the godly woman!

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.
 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth for her hands to the needy.
 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come,
 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.