

## CAN GOD CALL YOU...?

Every person loves to know that he/she is dear to someone else. It brings a great sense of joy and deep emotion when you feel that someone appreciates you and the work you do. It is great for a person to refer to you as a friend, but wouldn't it be even greater for God to refer to you as His friend or as His servant.

### HIS SERVANT

Almighty God referred to a man by the name of Job as His servant: "And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil" (Job 1:8). Notice when God called Job His servant. Satan had come before God when the angels came to present themselves before God. God inquired of Satan concerning what he had been doing, and Satan said that he had been going to and fro on the earth. Satan seemingly claimed that he was having his way on the earth and with the people living on the earth. It was in this instance that God called Job His servant. When Satan thought he had control of those on the earth, God said, "Hast thou considered my servant Job?" God knew that Job was His servant and knew that Job would be faithful to Him through anything. Job would come out of the trial as gold because he was gold all along (Job 23:10).

If Satan came before God today, could God place us before Satan and call us His servant? Could God describe us as "a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" If we desire for God to call us His servant, then we must submit to His will and obey His commands. When we give our lives to God, then we will be His servant.

### HIS FRIEND

Almighty God referred to Abraham as His friend. James recorded: "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God" (James 1:21-23). Abraham was called the friend of God after that he had obeyed the commands that God had given unto him. God commanded Abraham to offer his son Isaac. Abraham did not question the command of God or look for a way around it. Instead, he rose up early in the morning to obey God: "And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him" (Genesis 22:5).

If God is going to refer to us as His friend, then we must follow the example of Abraham and obey the commands of God. Jesus said: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14). It is not enough just to acknowledge that God exists and that you believe in Him. To be acceptable in His sight we must obey His commands (Matthew 7:21; James 1:22). Can God call us His servant or His friend? If we are obeying His commands, then we are His servant and His friend!

Chance

## Remember in Prayer

**Sam Swiney** is at home with hospice.

**Sarah McCaleb** is scheduled for knee surgery on Wednesday at Trinity Medical Center.

**Jerry Gibbs** (the late Sam Gibbs' brother) is scheduled for surgery on Thursday at Brookwood.

**Lezora Hart** (Tommy Reid's sister) had a heart attack on Wednesday.

## Military

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

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Hazel Willingham** who passed from this life last week. Mrs. Willingham was the sister of **Lewis Mobley**.



## CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS

**Robbie & Tera Hardin** have moved to 7604 Robins Place, Dora, AL 35062

## A message from our Sunshine Girls:

For the past two years The Sunshine Girls have collected much needed items for Childhaven. This year they stated a need for new towels and wash clothes for the children. If you would like to help with this effort, please put them in the box labeled Childhaven in the Library. We will collect through July 22 and deliver them at the end of the month. Thank you for your continued support.

**The Sunshine Girls**

## Wednesday Night Summer Series

Our **Wednesday Night Summer Series** will be entitled, "Voices from the Past." We will be viewing sermons presented by godly men who have since passed from this life unto their reward. The work of these great men still lives on today through the material which they wrote and through their sermons that were recorded. Please make plans to attend every Wednesday evening this summer as we study together.

July 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Don McWhorter</b> -- The Power of Calvary
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Winfred Clark</b> --Going Back to Jerusalem
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Franklin Camp</b> -- What Will Distinguish the Church?
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Vacation Bible School
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>V.P. Black</b> -- The Judgment Day
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hugo McCord</b> -- Psalm 3 – The Morning Prayer
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bobby Duncan</b> -- The Price of Our Redemption
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth Wednesday Night Singing

## Mark Your Calendar

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

## Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

In Memory of  
**Hazel Willingham**

by

Eulan & Robbie McCaleb

## Youth Notes

**Monday Night Meditation** will meet each Monday at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

**Timothy Class** will meet Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.



