

## The Value of Companionship

"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor..." -Ecc. 4:9
It has been noted frequently that close human relationships, such as that which is characteristic of the family, provide a person with many advantages in life. In Ecclesiastes 4:812 , Solomon provides illustrations of this principle which are most vivid.

An analysis of this text reveals several life-situations in which companionship can be an advantage.
(1) Companionship may be beneficial in business. Friends can share the labor and the reward. It is infinitely more gratifying to labor for the benefit of those one loves, rather than for self alone. There is nothing more pathetic than the lonely miser. Howard Hughes was a prime example of such. He died a billionaire but with scarcely a friend in the world - a lonely, pathetic recluse.
(2) Friends can help one another in times of dire need. How tragic is the circumstance when one becomes ill and there is no one to provide sustenance and care. Countless lives have been saved by the proximity of friends in times of tragedy.
(3) Companions can find comfort in one another. Verse 11 likely contemplates travel during those chilling Palestinian nights. Companions share body heat by huddling together. The implied bone-cold misery of the lonely sojourner stands in stark contrast.
(4) Companionship also affords protection in times of danger. Two companions are much more of a deterrent to violence than is the lone potential victim.

Let us acknowledge the value of godly human relationships and cultivate rich friendships. Family members need to be friends (a strange observation to make!) And Christians should be friends to one another.

## Take Your Calculator...

 Begin with 66, the number of books in the Bible. Add 13, the number of books by Paul in the New Testament. Add 7, the number of the "churches of Asia." Multiply by 3, the number of the Godhead. Multiply by 12 , the number of tribes of Israel. Multiply by 12 the number of apostles. Add 666, the number of the Beast in Revelation. Tum the calculator around so that you can read the answer upside down. You will see the source for the solution of the world's greatest ills.- Wayne Jackson via Madison, Alabama

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| N | THE TONGUE |
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| N | "The boneless tongue, so small and weak, |
| N | Can crush and kill," declares the Greek. |
| N | "The tongue destroys a greater horde," the Turk asserts, |
| N | "than does the sword." |
| N | The Persian proverb, wisely saith, |
| N | "A lengthy tongue -- an early death;" |
| N | Or sometimes takes this form instead, |
| N | "Don't let your tongue cut off your head." |
| N | While Arab sages this impart, |
| N | "The tongue's great warehouse is the heart." |
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| E | The sacred writer crowns the whole, |
| ( | "Who keeps this tongue, doth keep his soul." |
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## BIRTHDAYS \& ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: June 17-Ann Ford, 23-Jeanie Brasher, 25-Sara Beth Wright, 26-Bladen De Priest, 26-Ginger Foster. July 7-Linda Ballentine, 7-Angie Holmes, 10-Helen Pinson, 15-Orvaline Mann, 23 -Emily Hall, 25 -Rhonda Aden, 28-Wendy Rogers.
Anniversaries: June 21-Sherrill \& Wanda Smith, 21-John Henry \& Nina Long. July 7-Shane \& Brooke De Priest, 15Derek \& Tonya Box, 28-Jimmy \& Tina Kelly.

## HEALTH WATCH

Charles Foster was feeling much better at last report. Scott Owens (Mark Wright's cousin) had open heart surgery. Scott Bloodworth is having back problems. Lisa Acklin (Shirley Butler's cousin) was diagnosed with cancer. She is from Franklin, Tennessee. Jay Rogers scans were good. Bleeding in brain has resolved, tumors that were radiated are much smaller, activity in bone marrow is stable with some improvements. He will continue chemo and have scans again in six weeks.

## SHUT-INS \& NURSING HOME

Annie Lee Hall, Billy Bennett, Helen Pinson, Horace Ray Coleman, Glenda Rogers, Betty De Priest.

## PRAYER LIST

Kayla Belew, Doug Gordon, Gerthal Leach, Kary Granade, Leon Purvis, Lois Arrington, Jeff Bell \& family (Preacher at Union City), Judy Garrard, Norma Garner, Ruth Bennett, Josie Plunk, Sherry Parker, David King, John David Presson, Rena Arrington, Jerry \& Betty De Priest, Reitha Martin, Zach Crider. CANCER: Lisa Acklin, Lizie Sims (Benjie's Aunt), Ronnie Barner, Diana Bray, Martha Bobo, Jerri Ann Bennett, Keri Dodd, Joy Hays, Sam Bailey, Judy Robinson, Donald Kelly, Ann Spain, Becky Bledsoe, Bobby Giles, Linda Bynum, Ruby Fesmire, Natalie Jackson, Sherry (Argo) Stout, Tolbert Ray, Gail Pritchard, Mary Wilson, Jay Rogers, Dwayne Bateman, James Green, CJ Wachsmuth, Joey Anderson, Pat Schneider, Samantha Wallace, Beth Ann Potter, Jerry Martin, Vickie Foster, Josie Plunk. MILITARY: Troy Pollack
Fo Let's continue to remember our men and women in the military.
Schedule for Wednesday Night Devotionals!
Shane De Priest - June 20
David Brasher - June 27
Mark Wright - July 4
Dale Aden - July 11
Hayden McClain - July 18
Jacob Peevyhouse- July 25
Shane De Priest - August 1
David Brasher - August 8
Norris De Priest-August 15
Charlie Wachsmuth-Aug 22

## Don't Forget!

Our new Wednesday night class in the auditorium is starting. You may turn in your questions, topics or concerns facing Christians today. There are sheets of paper and a box in the back of auditorium for your ideas. This will be a great class and opportunity for spiritual growth if everyone will participate.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June $17^{\mathrm{th}}$ - Conduct services at the McKenzie Rest Home.
2:00pm. Care Group \#3
June $18^{\text {th }}$ - SYS at Wildwood Valley. Van leaves at $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$.
"Who am I that I should go?" on Service.
June $25^{\text {th }}$ - SYS at Trezevant. Topic: "Who is on the Lord's side?" Exodus 31 (A lesson on morality.)
July $1^{\text {st }}$ - Elders \& Deacons meeting at $3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$.
July $2^{\text {nd }}-$ SYS at McEwen. Van leaves at $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$. "...as in obeying the voice of the Lord?" on Worship.
July $4^{\text {th }}$ - Monthly Singing.
July $8^{\text {th }}-$ Monthly Fellowship meal after our morning services. July $9^{\text {th }}-$ SYS at Huntingdon. Van leaves at $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. "Shall we not accept adversity?" on Suffering.
July $15^{\text {th }}$ - Conduct services at the McKenzie Rest Home. 2:00pm. Care Group \#1
July $\mathbf{1 6}^{\text {th }}-$ SYS at Van Dyke. Van leaves at 6:30pm. "If a man dies, will he live again?" on Immortality.
July $23^{\text {rd }}-$ SYS at Waverly. Van leaves at 6:00pm. "Why are you so fearful?" on Anxiety.
July $\mathbf{2 7}^{\text {th }}$ - Trezevant Annual Singing.
July $29^{\text {th }}$ - Conduct services at the Huntingdon Rest Home. 2:00pm.
July $\mathbf{2 9}^{\text {th }}$-August $1^{\text {st }}-$ VBS. Classes all ages through adults. July 30-SYS at Camden. Van leaves at $6: 15 \mathrm{pm}$. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" on Prejudice.
August $1^{\text {st }}-$ - Monthly Singing.
August $5^{\text {th }}$ - Elders \& Deacons meeting at $3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$.
August $6^{\text {th }}-$ SYS at Henry. Van leaves at 6:30pm. "For what is a man profited...?" on Discipleship.
August $12^{\text {th }}$ - Monthly Fellowship meal after our morning service.
August $19^{\text {th }}$ - Conduct services at the McKenzie Rest Home. 2:00pm. Care Group \#2
August- VBS
August $26^{\text {th }}-\mathbf{2 9}$ th - Fall Gospel Meeting. Tony Taylor will be the speaker.
September- Annual "Golden Age Banquet"
September $15^{\text {th }}-10^{\text {th }}$ Annual Fall Festival at Potter Children's
Home. For more information (270)843-3038.

> Great Job last week! We had a wonderful "Family \& Friends Day"!



| Sunday <br> Morning | June 17, 2012 <br> 9:00 am | June 24, 2012 <br> 9:00 am |
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| Power Point | Shane De Priest | Shane De Priest |
| Greet | David -Pam Bryant | David -Pam Bryant |
| Announcements | Greg McClain | Greg McClain |
| Song Leader | Jacob Peevyhouse | Jacob Peevyhouse |
| Scripture Reading | Jay Rogers | Norris De Priest |
| Opening Prayer | Nick Bryant | Dale Aden |
| Preside - Table | Hayden McClain | Hayden McClain |
| Preside - Table | Jimmy McClain | Jimmy McClain |
| Table | Garrett Wright | Garrett Wright |
| Table | Dale Ballentine | Dale Ballentine |
| Table | Monte Morris | Monte Morris |
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| Closing Prayer | Norris De Priest | Charlie Wachsmuth |
| Sunday | June 17, 2012 | June 24, 2012 |
| Night | 5:00 pm | 5:00 pm |
| Song Leader | Hayden McClain | Hayden McClain |
| Opening Prayer | Mark Wright | Greg McClain |
| Scripture Reading | Nick Bryant | Ben Holmes |
| Table | Hayden McClain or <br> Jimmy McClain | Hayden McClain or <br> Jimmy McClain |
| Closing Prayer | Jimmy McClain | Garrett Wright |
| Wednesday | June 20, 2012 <br> 7:00 pm | June 27, 2012 <br> 7:00 pm |
| Opening Prayer | Jay Rogers | Mark Wright |
| Devotional | Shane De Priest | David Brasher |
| Closing Prayer | Zac Chrisman | Terry Hall |

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## It's Not Easy

It's not easy to apologize, to begin over, to admit error, to keep trying, to take advice, to be unselfish, to be charitable, to face a sneer, to avoid mistakes, to be considerate, to endure success, to profit by mistakes, to keep out of a rut, to forgive and forget, to think and then act, to make the best of little, to subdue an "unruly" temper, to recognize the silver lining, to shoulder a deserved blame, but IT ALWAYS PAYS.
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