COUNTING THE COST

From today's <u>Montana Street</u> bulletin, comes the following article by Vance Havner regarding the builder found in Luke 14:26–35:

The builder in our Lord's parable started his construction job enthusiastically enough, no doubt, but called a halt when the bills began to come in. The cost was more than he thought. Many an undertaking starts with a bang and ends in a bog when the expenses exceed the original estimate.

Our Lord was speaking of discipleship and probably thinned the multitude that followed Him (Luke 14:25) with a short sermon on counting the cost. Many a superficial Christian hears the Word and anon receives it with joy (Matthew 13:20), but has no root and no depth and when the bills begin to come in, when he reads the price tag of real discipleship, he falls away (Matthew 13:6,21).

The early <u>church</u> got off to a glorious start, but when the public began to catch on to what being a Christian really meant, "of the rest did not man join himself to them" (Acts 5:13). The first flush of the new venture was past and the bills were coming due.

Our Lord was careful again and again to stress the cost of all out devotion to Him. He was not interested in gathering a mixed multitude of enthusiasts, mere joiners just going along for the ride (John 6:26–27).

He knew that by and by, when persecution arose, they would be offended (Mark 4:16-7). Every prospective follower of Jesus Christ ought to understand that discipleship costs everything he has (Philippians 3:8). But it pays because all things become his "in Christ."

And never forget that it costs to be a sinner. The bills come in there as well, because "whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). And it never pays, for "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

"I'm very determined and stubborn. There's a desire in me that makes me want to do more, and to do it right. Each of us has a fire in our heart for something. It's our goal in life to find it and to keep it lit." Mary Lour Retton, Olympic Gold Medalist, Gymnastics

Every great achievement is a result of a heart on fire. At your day of judgment what will the Lord say your heart was on fire for? Let's hope it is for him! If not, change your plan and start a new fire. What did you have on your schedule last week that kept you from making God a priority?

SEPTEMBER:

BIRTHDAYS: 1-Betty McCaslin 4-Jennifer Moore 7-Jack Lawrence 8-Garrett Wright 8- Gail Keel 10-Noah Brasher 18-Clint McClain 21-Brooke De Priest 21-Logan Chrisman 22-Christine Aden 22-Shane De Priest 23-Jimmy Kelly 23- Jay Cruz Rogers 25-Betty Jo Sullivan 26-Rita Foster

ANNIVERSARIES: 1-David & Jeanie Brasher 20-Keith & Scarlet Peevyhouse 30-Dale & Rhonda Aden

LET TIM OR RITA FOSTER KNOW IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOU LISTED HERE ON YOUR MONTH.

September 9, 2018

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17

We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16

We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21

We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

•THOSE TO SERVE - SEPTEMBER LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- •**TODAY!** Sept. 9th- Fellowship Lunch Day -- Everyone Invited!
- •Friday night Sept. 14th and Sat. night the 15th DIANA SINGING: 'www.dianasinging.com

SHUT-INS / NURSING HOME:

Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201 Elvy Sauls Jr, Life Care of Bruceton, 105 Rowland Ave., Bruceton 38317

PRAYER REQUESTS Sympathy for the family of Shane Hamm, who was killed in vehicle accident this past week. He leaves a whife and two young children attend WCES. Jimmy McClain has been sick this week; Joe Butler has had tests; Carnell McAlister had a fall this past week and was sent back to Jackson for a repeat heart cath; Wanda Smith, Penny Warren; Toni Wallace; Marty Bennett, Lou Burnine, Shawn Lovelace, George Aylor; Kaffie Green Kristie Deruiter, Gary Wallace, Lacey Appleton, Christophe Dunavan, Jimmy McClain; Dwayne Bateman; Sybil Hamilton, Tom Aden, Doris Haskell, Mary Bryant, Tim Rogers, Charlotte Russell, Harold Hutcherson, Charles Foster, Vicki Murphy (Lexington), Mike Lane, Ruth Bennett, Heather Harris, Chris Bowers; Aaron Sutton; Valerie Allen CANCER: Brent Cox, Dan Foster, Ray Box, Denise Clemmer, Kenneth Foster, Joe Gordon, Linda Cherry; Jackie Smith, Keith Inman. Lynn Harrison, Deborah Browning; Hattie Brinkley Berry, Christine Johnson, Jimmy Greene, Lalanie Murphy

(Please provide update. Names normally remain on prayer list for 1 month, unless requested to remain)

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Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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Youth Coordinator: Nick Bryant 694-2983 MISSIONS: Partners in Africa; West TN Children's Home

SEPTEMBER '18

| DATES | WEEK OF 09/02 | WEEK OF 09/09 | WEEK OF 09/16 | WEEK OF 09/23 | WEEK OF 09/30 |
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| PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER | THE SMITHS |
| GREET | DAVID AND PAM |
| POWERPOINT | JOSHUA BRASHER | JOSHUA BRASHER | JOSHUA BRASHER | JOSHER BRASHER | JOSHUA BRASHER |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | NICK BRYANT |
| OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M. | TIM ROGERS | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE | SHERRILL SMITH | JOHN HENRY LONG | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE |
| LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M. | NICK BRAYANT | NICK BRYANT | NICK BRYANT | NICK BRYANT | NICK BRYANT |
| PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER | DAVID BRYANT |
| PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER | DALE ADEN |
| SERVE LORD'S SUPPER | STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GREG MCCLAIN | STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GREG MCCLAIN | STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GREG MCCLAIN | STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GREG MCCLAIN | STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GRREG MCCLAIN |
| SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M. | MONTE PAUL MORRIS | DYLAN HOLT | JACK LAWRENCE | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE | JACOB KEEN |
| CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M. | DANIEL ROGERS | NOAH BRASHER | TIM ROGERS | WILLIAM MOORE | JACK LAWRENCE |
| OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M. | GREG MCCLAIN | JOHN HENRY LONG | DALE BALLENTINE | DALE ADEN | CHARLES WACHSMUTH |
| LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M. | DALE BALLENTINE | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE | DALE BALLENTINE | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE | DALE BALLENTINE |
| SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M. | JACK LAWRENCE | DANIEL ROGERS | MARK WRIGHT | NOAH BRASHER | MONTE PAUL MORRIS |
| CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M. | NOAH BRASHER | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE | DALE BALLENTINE | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE | MARK WRIGHT |
| OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY | SEPT 05 DALE ADEN | SEPT 12 TIM ROGERS | SEPT 19 DAVID BRYANT | SEPT 26 STEVE FOSTER | |
| LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE | KEITH PEVVYHOUSE | KEITH PEEVYHPUSE | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE | |
| DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY | TIM ROGERS | MARK WRIGHT | DALE BALLENTINE | STEVE FOSTER | |
| CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY | JACOB KEEN | JOSHUA BRASHER | NOAH BRASHER | DYLAN HOLT | |