

## THE VALUE ADDED LIFE

A key phrase in today's business world is the phrase "value added." It simply means the value that an employee adds to the overall value and success of any business operation. We have come to expect "value" in everything we purchase. No one wants an automobile that doesn't run, a house which offers no protection from the elements, or a chair in which we can't sit. If we possess anything that has little value attached to it, we simply repair it (if it's repairable) or replace it with something of equal value.

The same is true in the spiritual world. God has little use for a Christian who does not add "value" to His kingdom (cf. Matthew 25:14-30; John 15:1-6). In our Lord's teaching of judgment, all who were condemned had **lost their usefulness**. For example, the fishermen cast the useless fish away (Matthew 13:47-50). The one talent man was called an "unprofitable servant" (Matthew 25:30 KJV). The foolish virgins were shut out of the marriage festivities because they didn't serve the purpose for which they were selected (Matthew 25:1-13). The fig tree was cut down because it bore no fruit (Luke 13:6-9; cf. John 15:2; John 15:6).

It's easy for us as Christians to be lifted up with pride when God blesses us so richly. When this happens, we are likely to forget the basic reason for our existence as Christians (Deuteronomy 6:10-12; Isaiah 43:7; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Revelation 4:11). The inspired writer Paul expressed it this way in Romans 15:5-6:

**"Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."**

Brethren and friends, the bottom line is this: God **expects us to be of value** to His cause. We are to be fellow workers with God in fields that stand ready to be harvested (1 Corinthians 3:9; 2 Corinthians 6:1; Matthew 9:37-38; John 4:35).

The individual or church which has no usefulness is thoroughly condemned in God's word (2 Timothy 4:10; Revelation 2:1-5; Revelation 3:1-6; Revelation 3:14-19). This is why Paul urges us to engage in self-examination so we can determine whether or not we are useful in God's kingdom (2 Corinthians 13:5; cf. 2 Timothy 2:20-21).

Today, let's ask ourselves the following soul-searching questions:

- Are we adding value to God's kingdom? (John 15:8; cf. Matthew 5:16; Philippians 1:11).
- Are we setting forth the kind of example before others that we should? (1 Corinthians 11:1).
- Are we busy preaching and teaching the gospel message to the lost? (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).

Our eternal destiny may very well hinge on the answers we give.

**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.*

## 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:

•Friday night Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> and Sat. night the 15<sup>th</sup> DIANA SINGING: '[www.dianasinging.com](http://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** Joe Butler has had tests; Carnell McAlister; 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:** Tabitha Caviness, T. J. Goodrich; 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)

**Trezevant church of Christ**, 114 Church St., Trezevant, TN 38258, 731-669-3448, Tim Rogers, Minister

## 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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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
PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS
GREET	DAVID AND PAM	DAVID AND PAM	DAVID AND PAM	DAVID AND PAM	DAVID AND PAM
POWERPOINT	JOSHUA BRASHER	JOSHUA BRASHER	JOSHUA BRASHER	JOSHER BRASHER	JOSHUA BRASHER
ANNOUNCEMENTS	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	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	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN	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 PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	
DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY	TIM ROGERS	MARK WRIGHT	DALE BALLENTINE	STEVE FOSTER	
CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	JACOB KEEN	JOSHUA BRASHER	NOAH BRASHER	DYLAN HOLT	