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ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship:
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening
Worship:
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other
times by appointment

ARE ANY LONELY?

By: Ryan Cox

It would be hard to find someone that can say they have never been lonely. In fact, there are even special groups which people may attend where they deal with this very common problem. Some people are lonely some of the time and others all of the time and it can last for hours, days, and even years. So how do we overcome this uncomfortable experience of worthlessness and painful feeling of inner emptiness and hopelessness? First we recognize what causes it and the Characteristics of it, then we seek out a solution. Today we approach this from a spiritual aspect and a general social aspect.

Remember when Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal with the help of God (1 Kings 18,19)? He should have been on top of the world, but instead he faced rejection from the multitude and threats on his life. "Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time" (1 Kings 19:1,2). This led him to flee into the wilderness of Judah, leaving his servant in Beersheba. It was here he pleaded with the Lord to take his life (v. 4). It was because of rejection, feeling unwanted, and being alone, that he wished his own life to come to an end. It was because of this pitiable situation that he took such a narrow and poor outlook on life. The Scriptures read, "And he came thither unto a cave and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away" (1 Kings 19:9,10).

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Welcome

We WELCOME you in the name of the Lord to our worship services, and invite you to attend regularly. If we can be of assistance to you in any way, in counseling or spiritual help, please feel free to call upon the Ministers and Elders!

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time.

Please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 & under and Bible classes offered for ages 3-4th grade during the lesson.

To our members: Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week. Thank you.

-The Elders



The Watering Hole
Gospel Minutes
"I Will Bring You Out..."

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Joe Wolf
Song Service led by: Jay Allison

47-*Holy, Holy, Holy*
180-*Jesus Is Lord*

Prayer: Norman Alexander

555-*Seek Ye First*

Contribution

351-*He Bore It All*

The Lord's Supper

1st Prayer- Jim Harrison

2nd Prayer- Joe Wolf

97-*I Sing Praises*

(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

712-*Jesus Is Coming Soon*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:3-6
Gary Johnson

Congregation: Psalms 118:24
*"This is the day the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!"*

Lesson: Gary Meeker

948-*I Am Resolved*

Announcements: Robert Allison, Sr.

768-*Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You*

Prayer: Mike Wade

Sunday Morning Sermon: Domestic Violence

Text: Ephesians 5:25-29

25) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26) to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27) and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28) In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife, loves himself. 29) After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-

I. Relations Between Husband And Wife

A. The husband's duty to his wife

B. The wife's duty to her husband

II. Relations Between Parents And Children

A. The parent's duty toward their children

B. The children's duty to their parents

Sunday Evening Sermon: The Three Loves Of A Disciple

I. The Three Loves Defined

A. Loving the Lord

B. Loving the brethren

C. Loving the lost

II. The Loves Demonstrated

A. Through worship and keeping His commandments

B. Through fellowship

C. Through evangelism

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Had he kept his focus on the positive things, he would have remembered that he still had his servant, he would have noticed that he had many friends on his side, as the Lord affirms, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him" (v. 18), and furthermore, the Lord was always with him. Loneliness is a serious problem with which we must deal, but we can overcome it. The first step to overcoming it is identifying the problem and admitting it; then we can take steps to overcome it. Remember, to "Cast all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). We need to count our many blessings, and remember those who are close to us and care for us. Turn to the church (Hebrews 10:25), which will encourage and help us through hard times. Most importantly and above all "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." (James 4:7,8). The greatest loneliness from which one could suffer would be that which is caused by separation from God (Isaiah 59:1,2). If we want God to draw near to us, then we must draw near to Him (2 Thessalonians 2:14; Romans 1:16; Acts



In Our Prayers:

Lois Montgomery did not have surgery last week as scheduled.

Faye Ramsey has not been feeling well for awhile now.

Mary Anne Watters was to go home last Thursday.

Mike & Becky Wade welcomed granddaughter #2 early this morning! Nikki gave birth to **Adrienne Dakota**, who weighed 8lbs., 3oz., 21 in.

In The Hospital:

LaTheda Hathcoat– St. John’s, room 607

Rebecca Sanders - IU Med Center, room 2748, 550 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202. (Rebecca is doing well and labor will be induced on Feb. 12!)

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, John & Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mary Anne Watters

OUR HOMEBOUND: Bessie Coppock, Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Robbie Dickerson, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Chalus Masters

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins

Primrose: Charlie Callendar

Manor Care: Selbert & Jewell Braden

Summitville Convalescent Center: Lola Conner

Rawlins House, Pendleton: Betty Wunder

Community Parkview, Elwood: Albert Burton

Meadowbrook Rehab Center: Hubert Oliver, Anna Norris, LaTheda Hathcoat

Miller’s Merry Manor, Chesterfield: Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson

Miller’s Merry Manor, Middletown: Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat

OUR MISSION WORKERS: Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

Medicine Bottles

The Allen Parke Church of Christ in Michigan is collecting clean medicine and vitamin bottles with labels removed. Please place your old bottles in the box provided in the Family Room. These will be sent to the African Christian Hospital.



Buy a Bible



Shults-Lewis has asked for our help in purchasing Bibles for children. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards this great cause, please see one of the Elders.

Dates to Remember...



Feb. 1 Nursing Home
Devotional

Feb. 14 Sweetheart Banquet

Feb. 15 Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Feb. 17 Ladies Lunch

Sunshine Basket



A Sunshine Basket is being put together for Rebecca Sanders. If you would like to help, a list of items is posted on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board. Items may be placed in the box provided in the Family Room. **Today** is the deadline!



Happy Birthday to:

- Charles Lollar.....Jan. 26
- Gary Meeker.....Jan. 26
- Linda Parks.....Jan. 27
- Rebecca Sanders.....Jan. 27
- Cona Mae Winkle.....Jan. 31

Nursing Home Devotional

Don't forget we meet at the Community Northview Care Center next Sunday at 3:00 pm.



Sweetheart Banquet



If you have been married 30 years or more, make plans to attend the Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday, February 14th at 5:00 pm. It's a free, fun night, guaranteed!

Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

February 15 immediately following our evening worship in song!
Theme: Soup & Sandwiches



Ladies Lunch



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Tuesday, February 17 at 11:30 am at the Ponderosa Steakhouse. Please sign up on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board you plan to attend.

Pantry Needs



Love thy neighbor as thyself...
Our pantry is low on food, therefore we will be having another food drive in February. Let's show our love for our neighbors by stocking the shelves to help feed the hungry in our community.

CALLING ALL 3-12th GRADERS!!!!

Please let Ryan know TODAY if you plan to participate in LTC. There are many different events to get involved in:

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| Puppets | Group Singing | Song Leading |
| Speeches | Bible Bowl | Alternative Art |
| Traditional Art | Bible Class Teaching | Bible Reading |
| Radio Minute Message | Scrapbooking | Scripture Challenge |
| Service Challenge | Bulletin Boards | Christian Website |
| Christian Writing | Leadership Challenge | Speeches |
| Outreach Challenge | Live Drama | Video Bible Drama |

See Ryan if you would like information on any of the above mentioned.

Jesus is the Light, Life, Word

With Special Thanks...

This extra-special thank-you note sent to you today, holds more appreciation than any words can say, for you're among the nicest people I have ever known, and you'll never be forgotten for the thoughtfulness you've shown.

Thanks for Everything!

Gary & I wish to thank every one of you for your prayers, concerns, cards and meals. They have all been encouraging and have added richness and blessings to our lives. I only hope to be at church Sunday to give each and every one of you a hug and kiss. When I was resting one afternoon my mind went to Tanzania & I recall seeing women who very well had the same kind of cancer, pain & incision as myself. They were lying on a very old mattress, no sheets, no or little pain medicine available, but surrounded by their family & friends and their brothers & sisters in Christ who sometimes just started praying out loud for them. I then recalled the phrase location, location and it is a blessing to have this location of Columbus Ave. Church of Christ and the body of Christians that serve others willingly and unselfishly.

*Praise God for all of you. Love & In His Service,
Charlotte*

TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Ben Wade

MIDDLE: Mike Wade

NORTH: Drew Smith

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Barry King

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Brenda Hull

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Ryan Cox

OPENING PRAYER: Jim Watters

LESSON: Gary Meeker

CLOSING PRAYER: Mark Gooding

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- FEBRUARY 1, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Angy Hughes

MIDDLE: Caleb & Jared Hughes

NORTH: James Hughes

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Jim Harrison **P.M.** Gary Meeker

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Robert Allison, Sr.

2ND PRAYER: Ray Smith

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Caleb Hughes

ALTERNATE: Joe Wolf

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Robert Allison, Sr.

A.M. CLOSING: Mark Gooding

P.M. OPENING: Bill Etchison

P.M. CLOSING: Jay Allison

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Shirley Allison

WEDNESDAY EVENING- JANUARY 28, 2008

SONG LEADER: Miles Gooding

DEVOTIONAL: Gary Johnson

CLOSING PRAYER: James Hughes

Goals & Achievements

| <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Last Week</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sunday Bible Class | 84 |
| Sunday A.M. Worship | 175 |
| Sunday P.M. Worship | 86 |
| Wednesday Bible Class | 95 |

| <u>Gifts & Offerings</u> | | <u>Difference</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | |
| \$3,716.78 | \$3,550.21 | (-\$166.57) |

JANUARY ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

Bob Fraser John Hollingsworth Austin Hawkins
Larry Brown Bobby Milliner Donovan Archer

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Ray & Patsy Smith

COMMUNION: Ray & Patsy Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Robert Allison, Sr.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER

Ages 3-5: Lorna Gooding & Carla Wable

Grades K-4: Richard Shelton

SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Norman Alexander 378-6420
Robert Allison, Sr. 534-3569
Barry King 778-4624
Gary Meeker 778-2868

PREACHING MINISTER

Gary Meeker 778-2868

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER

Ryan Cox 643-5152

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INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison 642-8668
MISSIONS, Jay Allison 649-5607
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