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FAMILY MATTERS

by Bill Allen

How **flexible** are you? How does it affect you when things don't go quite according to schedule?

When we went to Ukraine we had to be flexible. Plans for the day could change—and many times did change—at the very last minute. We did our best to work with whatever schedule we could get, for we knew we were there as guests. As the camp officials saw the good that was done, they would do what they could to work with us as well, knowing how much our lessons and relationships helped the children and the staff at camp. But it did get a little crazy sometimes.

I'm a routine kind of guy. I like to know what I need to do during the day or week ahead, and then have the time and opportunity to accomplish that. And that's probably a good thing. They (whoever "they" are) say that "the tyranny of preaching is that Sunday comes every seven days." What that means is, it's probably a good thing that I'm okay with routine and schedules. Even before I've preached this week's sermon, I'm already thinking about next week's, and usually have the outline started. Because Sunday comes every seven days—ready or not!!

Every preacher—well, the truthful ones anyway—will tell you that there are some weeks where things just don't come together as well or as easily in sermon preparation as they do in other weeks. And it's those weeks where the good Lord likely hears some, um, unusual prayers. Like for a weather incident that cancels church services on Sunday! Flexible!

This week, we get another shot at being flexible. We "get" to lose an hour of sleep, as Daylight Savings Time hits again. That's a scheduled event, true. But I would say it's anything but routine. Flexible.

So hopefully you'll be able to make the needed adjustments. Like **making up your contribution** this week that you didn't have the chance to put in the plate last Sunday! And **moving your clock ahead one hour** this Saturday night so that you're here on time and bright and cheery for Bible class at 9:00 Sunday morning! Flexible.

And our schedule is a bit unusual as we begin our new adult Bible class quarter. You can see the details inside. Flexible!!

There are only three times in the gospels where the story is told of Jesus raising someone from the dead. Only three! And in a sense, all three were interruptions, demonstrating our Lord's flexibility.

Jesus healing **the daughter of the Jairus** was delayed by a woman who stopped Him because she believed that if she could only touch "the hem of his garment" she would be healed. And she was, physically and spiritually.

The incident involving **the widow from Nain and her son** actually was an interruption, as Jesus noticed the funeral procession and walked up to the casket and restored the life of this woman's son.

In the case of **Lazarus** and his sisters, friends of Jesus, the Lord dealt with other things rather than go to him when he was sick. By the time Jesus arrived he had been dead four days.

One of Amy Morin's *13 Things Mentally Strong People Don't Do*—the study I'll begin in the New Classroom March 15th—relates here. "**They don't focus on things they can't control.**" She says not doing that—and instead being flexible—has its benefits, including less stress, better relationships, and increased happiness.

These resurrection stories of the Lord indicate that what we might see as interruptions requiring some flexibility may very well be part of a bigger plan, a different schedule, of which we may just not quite be all that aware. **Be flexible!**

WELCOME

If you are visiting with us today you are our "Special Guest!" Please fill out one of the blue visitor's cards located on the pew in front of you. Please accept a loaf of bread in appreciation of your visit today at the end of our services.

Our Mission: To glorify God by obeying His will, loving and encouraging one another, serving others as if serving Christ, proclaiming His Word; Offering authentic worship in all we do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14th - Peacemakers - 9:30 AM
March 15th - Two new Sunday morning adult Bible classes begin.
March 21st - VBS Workday - 9 AM
March 28th - Ladies Day at Warners Chapel Church of Christ
April 26th - Friends and Family Day

CLEMMONS FOOD PANTRY

March 8th - Canned Pears
March 15th - Canned Peas
March 22 - Canned Chicken
Place all food items in the box in the hall.

DOLLAR CLUB REPORT

March 1, 2015
\$ 0
YTD Total Benevolence Fund - \$ 477.49

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES

Piper Ferree - 3/9
Wesley Coffield - 3/10
Shannon Major - 3/11
Peyton Jones - 3/12
Don Stroud - 3/12
Jordon Lowery - 3/13



Phil and Darla Bradley - 3/12

VBS WORKDAY



March 21st will be the first workday for making props and decorations for our Vacation Bible School. If you are able to help, be at the Family Center at 9 AM. If you have questions see Rhiannon Whitley or Candace Bradshaw.

PRAYER LIST

Wes Cogar
Betty Sell
Marzell Price
Grady Morris
Richard and Montine Griffin
Mary Rackley is in Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center, Room 2321.



Emilee Mills had outpatient surgery Tuesday to remove her gallbladder.

Simmie Sell is at Homestead Hills, Room 510.

Joyce Allen had a heart cath on Wednesday which went well.

Addison Ashley had his tonsils out last week.

Gloria Latimer, mother of Tashia Thomas

Elizabeth Wallace, mother of Deborah Smith

Sandra Lawson, mother of Candace Bradshaw

John Segee, father of Kathy Palmer, is in ICU in Alamance Regional Hospital. While still battling pancreatic cancer, he also has had double pneumonia, a heart attack and other complications.

Ella Mae Weatherman, sister of Marzell Price

Bob Barney, brother of Manchel Tesh

Michelle Dearien, sister of Allisha McFarland

Lorene Scott, mother of Mickey Studevent

Martha Todd, mother of Kiera Keen

SAVE THE DATE!

**Friends
&
Family
Day**

We will have a Friends & Family Day on April 26th and need your help to make this a special day of fellowship and love for everyone.

Some of the areas that we are looking for volunteers are publicity and advertising, welcome packets, decorations for Family Center, set-up/clean-up, parking lot attendants and ushers. Please mark your calendars and save this date.

Remember the one thing that everyone can do is invite your friends, family members, and neighbors to worship with us that day. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the hall. Please sign in the area which you would be willing to help. More details will be forthcoming.



SHEPHERD GROUPS SCHEDULES

Clauset Group – 11:30 AM at the building
Clincy/Gregg Group - 11:30 AM in the New Classroom
Gardner/McFarland Group - 5:30 PM at the Gardners' home
Belch Group - 11:45 AM in the Family Center
Keen Group - 5:30 PM at the Ashleys' home
Hirst/Rankin - 5 PM New Classroom
Vance Group - 11:45 AM in the Family Center

NEW SPRING QUARTER

March 8th . . . Charlie Branch and David Geary will be leading a class in the auditorium entitled “*God’s Mystery.*” This is the story of God and mankind from creation to Christ to the church as told in the Bible. If you are a mature Christian in search of a simple and effective message for a skeptical friend, or a new Christian hungry to feed your growing faith, then join Charlie and David for this study.

Beginning March 15th . . .

Shaun Sidden will begin a new study for the Millennials/College/Young Professionals Class. Taken from the book *Love Does: Your Faith in Action*, this study will examine faith in action as it relates to finding, creating, and dreaming of opportunities to present God’s love in the world around us.

Bill Allen will begin a study taken from the book, *13 Things Mentally Strong People Don’t Do*. The class will be held in the New Classroom.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Men, are you looking for an area where you can serve the Lord? An opportunity is available to coordinate our Sunday morning worship leaders. Responsibilities would be to ensure that all areas of leadership are filled, replacements are found if needed, and that all attend the pre-assembly meeting and prayer. Contact Grant Wilburn or Bill Allen if you are interested in more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

March 11th: Wed. Night

Meal and Bible Study

Food @ 6 PM, Study @ 7 PM

Bring \$2 per person.

March 15th: Teen Devotional
at the Keens' home

March 20-21st:

Carolina SALT University

A Friday and Saturday leadership weekend for all teens who are serious about being the SALT and Light of the world.

SHEPHERD GROUP LUNCHEON

The Vance and Belch Groups will host the potluck luncheon and devotional in the Family Center this Sunday at 11:30 AM. This is a joint luncheon to encourage fellowship among the Shepherd Groups and to invite visitors.

AREA EVENTS

March 13th-14th - Friends & Family Weekend
Carver Road Church of Christ

March 14th - Carolina Men’s Fellowship
Rock Hill, SC

March 21st - Ladies Day, South Stokes
Church of Christ

March 22nd-26th - Gospel Meeting,
Kannapolis Church of Christ

March 28th - Ladies Day, Warners Chapel

Details of all events are posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR TODDLERS

Leslie Dunbar is in need of teachers for the Toddler Class. She will provide training if someone is willing to try! Contact Leslie if you can help in this area.



Order of Worship

480 Blessed Assurance	Luke Vance
Welcome - Jeremiah 20:7-13	
How Great Is Our God	
797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now	
Prayer	Buddy Pearson
In Christ Alone	
464 Because He Lives	
Lord's Supper	Jim Rackley
Contribution	Jim Rackley
538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	
469 Faith Is the Victory	
Scripture Reading - Hebrews 10:36-39	Rudy Stempfer
Sermon - "Living With Faith"	Bill Allen
915 Trust and Obey	
Receiving Shepherd	Chuck Downing Jr.
Announcements	Jake Dove
Prayer	
123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord	
Audio/Video System	Tom Long
Nursery Workers	Kathleen Pearson Hannah Dove

Evening Services

Song Leader: Don Shaffner
Prayer: Mike Lundgren
Communion: Jim Rackley
Prayer: Stan Matthews
Sermon: Bill Allen
"What Living With Faith is Not"

Attendance/Contribution

February 29, 2015
Morning Worship - Cancelled
Evening Worship/Shepherd
Groups - 40
Contribution - \$ 3,964.10
Budget YTD - \$ 89,343.00
YTD - \$ 88,697.51

"Living With Faith"

Introduction: One of the hardest times ever to live with faith was around _____ B.C.

A. Living with faith means _____ God.

Habakkuk 1-3 (Note 2:2-4.)

Heb. 10:36-39; chapter 11; 2 Cor. 5:7

B. Living with faith means continuing on even — _____ — when you want to quit.

Jeremiah 20:7-13 (Note v. 9.)

C. Living with faith means worshiping God _____ He delivers you.

Lamentations 1-5 (Note 3:21-24.)

Conclusion: Living with faith means trusting and _____ God.

Psalm 22; Matt. 27:46; 26:36-46; Luke 23:46