

THE REMINDER

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Class.....10:00 A. M.
Worship..... 11:00 A. M.
Afternoon.....1:30 P. M.
WEDNESDAY
Ladies' Bible Class.....11:30 A. M.
THURSDAY
Bible Class..... 6:30 P. M.

BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU FEEL YOU HAVE ARRIVED!
"Going on to perfection", (Heb. 6:1) is a must for the Christian life, but it is not without dangers.

The danger of feeling you have arrived is that you stop growing, and the Christian should never stop growing.

The satisfaction of achievement should be coupled with the will and determination to never stop growing.

The satisfaction of achievement should be coupled with a challenge of reaching a greater height. Have an ultimate goal in your life, but don't let it become the final goal. When you have achieved it, there will be another goal that you can not see unless you are reaching for a higher plain.

In life, we must realize there is no final summit, but there is a higher one; it can only be seen after obtaining the previous goal Paul wrote, "... I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

--Floyd

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NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a visitor's card so we will have a record of your visit.

PRAYER LIST: Ryan (Jessica's son – neurofibromastosis,, Kyle and Brad Young-health issues, Deby Maldonado, also her son Michael- health issues, Verdos & Wanda Mullins-heart issues and cancer, also John and Dorothy Callahan their care givers, Dub Holland, Sarah Hickman, Dick Keith.

PRAY for our congregation and the efforts to reach the lost. Let us all work together to make the church the best it can be, and remember to pray for our fall meeting, September 9-12 with Mike Bonner.

JULY 16TH, NM Children's Home truck. (Need paper towels).

SINGING GOSPEL MEETING – Information on the bulletin board.

JUST FOR THE RECORD Last Week Last Year

SUNDAY:

Bible Class 14 10

Worship 39 29

Evening 15 7

EVENING

Bible Study 15 8

CONTRIBUTION \$876.00 \$978.00

WORDS OF WISOM

Problems are only opportunity in work cloths.

Life is what happens while you are making other plans.

I'VE GOT THE JOY DOWN IN MY HEART

During VBS, this has always been a favorite song that the kids like to sing. Why shouldn't we have joy in our heart? The apostle Paul mentions "joy" 19 times in letter he wrote to the church in Philippi. How could this man be so happy? Especially when he was a prisoner.

Joy does not depend on what is going on around you, but what is going within you! No one can make you unhappy unless you are willing to admit that other people can control your life. One of the teaching of God's Word is the fact that we are to control ourselves. Ever man is to "rule his spirit" (Prov. 16:32). Each one of us is accountable to God, not only for our actions, but also for our attitudes.

If we center our plans and actions on the Lord, like Paul, we can be filled with joy. But when we do our own way rather than God's, we generate our own misery.

When one has a sour, gloomy, negative attitude, will usually be a tired, exhausted and unsuccessful person. It takes a lot of energy to be sad. A joyous person is always accomplish more than a sad person. Nehemiah wrote, "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:19). Isn't a job always easier to do when you are happy about it?

Have you ever wondered, "What kind of person am I? Am I that enthusiastic, happy, joyful person?"

If you let other people control your life, then you are never sure what is going to happen to you. If you let others control your feelings, you are never quite sure whether you will be sad or full of joy. When we submit ourselves to Christ and let Him control us, He will give a wonderful, beautiful and joyous life regardless of where you are, what the circumstances may be, or what others may do to you. There can be peace, purpose and a genuine joy when we have the "Joy, joy, joy down deep in our hearts!"

--Floyd