



Senior Heartbeat



TEMPLE
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COME GATHER AROUND THE WORD

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Brown to launch new luncheons season

By Dale Oden

What a blessing it was to have Argile Smith with us for our Summer Bible Study! He certainly has a gift for teaching the Word of God. Hopefully, each one of us will continue to grow in our prayer life.

As Argile reminded us, "Lord teach us to pray," not just "Lord teach us how to pray." There were over 207 present on Sunday night and over 140 (average) for the morning ses-

sions.

You can mark your calendars for our Summer Bible Study in 2020. Yes, Argile is planning to be with us Aug. 16-19 next year. Hooray!!

I want to thank all who had a part in making the Bible Study a success again this year.

Thanks to Jeremy, Barbara and Margie for the hymn each morning. Special thanks to Richard, Dennis and Jimmy for the special music all three mornings.

Hubert helped out with the sound and the recording of each session.

All of us appreciate the "kitchen crew" (Bill, Billy, Don, Mike, Cecil, Ted, Ben and Patsy) for getting the two delicious meals for us Monday and Tuesday.

We will be getting back to our monthly luncheons next month. The date for the September luncheon is Tuesday, the 17th.

I hope you will

come join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration. You are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or a dessert for the luncheon. There is always lots of great food available!

I am excited about the program for Sept. 17. Becky Brown from Richland, Miss., will be with us for the luncheon and program.

Some of you may receive the devotional on your computer each morning called, "EThoughts." Becky is a frequent writer for the devotions.

She is on the staff at First Baptist Church, Richland (just out of Jackson). She is a graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary. Her Daddy was pastor of Downsville Baptist Church in the late '80s.

Becky is also

known for sharing stories and songs and writings about the joys of abundant life now and eternal life forever through faith in Jesus.

She was in school at Louisiana College with Dr. Rick and Jonann. She is also a friend of Dr. Reggie and family, plus a friend of Argile and Connie Smith.

What more do you need for an endorsement? Come join us on Tuesday, Sept. 17, and welcome her to Temple Baptist Church.

Our trip to Branson is full. We can put you on a waiting list if you are still interested.

There is plenty of room on the trip to Oberammergau in 2020. We have 18 planning to go and would love to have a few more to join us. Give me a call if you have an interest.

Husbands don't always understand

You really have to give this guy an A+ for effort.

George was a thoughtful husband. He wanted to give his wife something special for her birthday, which was coming up soon.

As he sat on the edge of the bed, he watched his wife turning back and forth and looking at herself in the mirror.

"Reta," he said, "What would you like for your birthday?"

His wife continued to look at herself and said, "I'd like to be six again."

George knew just what to do. On the big day, he got up early and made his wife a bowl of Fruit Loops.

Then he took her to an amuse-

ment park where they rode all the rides. Five hours later, Reta's stomach felt upside down and her head was reeling.

Nevertheless, George took her to McDonald's and bought her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

Next, it was a movie with popcorn, soda and her favorite candy.

As Reta wobbled into the house that evening and flopped on the bed, George asked her, "Well, Dear, what was it like to be six again?"

Reta looked up at him. Her expression changed. She said, "I meant my dress size!"

—From Fred Benefield

**More info about
Becky Brown:**

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Chuckle Corner



A couple once attended a non-denominational People's Church in Michigan where the minister was especially long-winded. The minister always went 15 minutes over his allotted time for his sermon.

One Sunday, the custodian got up from his pew in the middle of the sermon and started to leave. When the minister asked him where he was going, the custodian replied that he was going to get a haircut.

The minister asked him why he didn't get one before coming to church,

"Didn't need one then," the custodian replied.



A company hired a very energetic and ambitious man as the new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers.

Touring the facility, the CEO noticed an idle young man leaning against a wall. The room was full of busy workers, and the CEO wanted to let them know that he meant business.

"You're fired," the CEO told the young man. "Pick up your pay and get out of here and don't come back."

Pleased with himself, the CEO then looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?"

From across the room a voice said, "He was the pizza-delivery man from Domino's."



Church sign: "Exercise daily: Run from Satan. Walk with God."

—From *The Joyful Noiseletter*.

God calls workers to do His work

God never goes to the lazy or to the idle when He needs people for His service.

When God wants a worker, He calls for a worker.

When He has a work to be done, He goes to those who are already at work.

When God wants a great servant, He calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest to this truth.

Moses was busy with his flocks at Horeb.

Gideon was busy threshing wheat.

Saul was busy searching for his

father's lost beasts.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep.

Elisha was busy plowing with 12 yoke of oxen.

Amos was busy following the flock.

Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine cup.

Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea.

James and John were busy mending their nets.

Matthew was busy collecting customs.

Saul was busy persecuting friends of Jesus.

William Carey was busy mending and making shoes.

—From *The Sword Scrapbook*

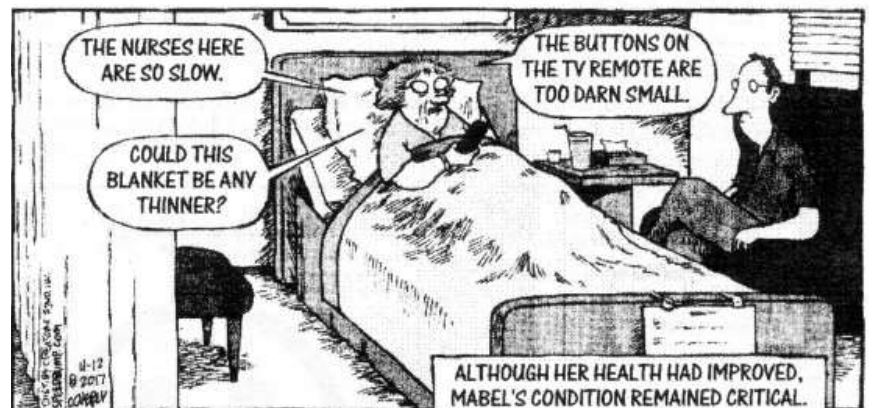
A Hometown Witness

*Desiring to witness,
I volunteered to preach,
But Jesus said to me,
"Go witness on your street."
"I seek a larger place,"
I pled in bold self-pity;
"Then go," He whispered low,
"Go witness in your city."
"I mean elsewhere," I begged,
"Like some far-distant place;
Lord, here in my hometown
They'd laugh right in my face."
He wept, "But Judea mocked;
Galilee turned me down;
Jerusalem spat on me;
They laughed in my hometown."
Deeply touched, I went forth
To witness to my neighbor
Who welcomed and made me glad
I dared to go and labor.
And I, surprised, soon learned
There are no distant places
With needs more deeply etched
Than on familiar faces.*

— Perry Tunksley

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Look up and pray each morning

By Ann Clark

Psalm 5:5 — "My voice shall thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."

Philippians 4:6 — "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto god."

Make this a daily habit. Making the Lord and His Work your first focus each day will become a lifeline for your strength. You will be infused with confidence and peace. If you will begin each morning by "looking up" and putting

God's Word in your heart, and making the Lord your focus, it will absolutely change your life. You will experience God's Word speaking to you, feeding you, and guiding you.

Furthermore, Proverbs 4:20-23 states a divine admonition — "... attend to My Words, incline your ear to My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto them that find them, and health to all their flesh ..."

In letting your requests be known, include the finest, most minute details. God already knows

your heart, but He likes for us to be honest and open with Him. We have to purpose in our hearts to seek His direction and then allow God to plot the journey. We may chart our course but if we ask He will guide our feet. To be certain we are in step with Him, we await our marching orders by "looking up" and "making our requests known."

Take all your unfulfilled longings, needs, and desires of your life and lift them up in prayer — then watch your God go to work! Why? Because Psalm 145 declares "that the Lord is near to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him. He hears their cry and saves them." Then we don't have to drift aimlessly. Success can be ours. His Spirit and His Word will guide and instruct us.

Don't forget prayer though, for prayer is what keeps us in constant contact with our Commander-in-Chief. Paul tells us to "pray without ceasing" in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. The only way to do this is to develop a lifestyle of prayer. Starting early in the morning is the best way to get started — and then you can keep it up throughout the rest of the day.

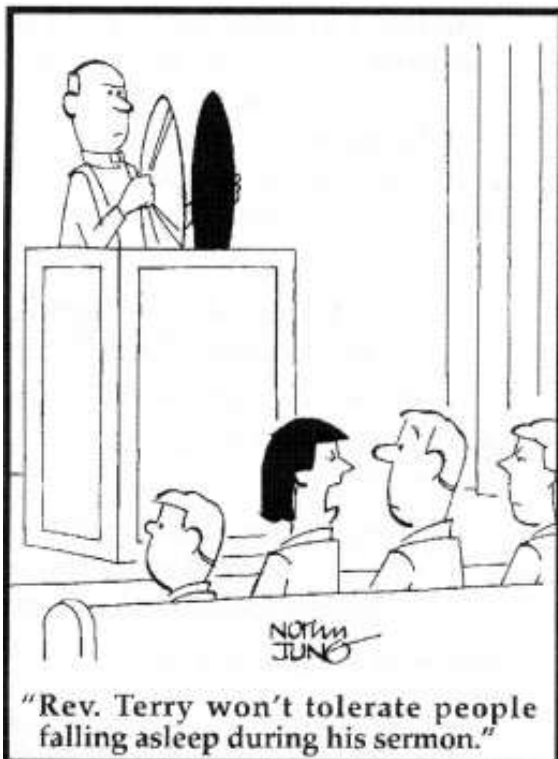
When so much in life seems to be beyond our control, it is good to pause and acknowledge that God is on His throne and is righteous in all His judgment — regardless of what you see, what you feel, or what others are doing or are failing to do. Pausing to recognize this at various points throughout your day will energize your atmosphere and keep you "connected" in your soul to the Living One! No power can defeat the God who guides you. The God who guided and blessed the saints of old is just as capable of doing the same for you.

The same God who gave them victory over seemingly

invincible enemies, who provided for them when their own resources were insufficient, and who guided them in their decisions, is prepared to work as powerfully in your life today. Times may change but God's power and presence remain the same.

Pray always. Stay in constant communication with the Captain of the Angel Armies. Arm yourself with the all the weapons God has already provided for you. Stand on His Word and stand firm against the attacks of the adversary. He does not stand a chance against all that God has working for you.

Remember, Look up and Pray.



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Congratulations!!!

September Birthdays

1 Don Hogan	10 Walter Carpenter	17 Carole Carson	23 Jean Hall
1 John Hood	10 Pam Garbarino	19 Tommy Smith	23 Ed Harris
2 Mable Best	11 J.V. Jones	20 Jo Ellen Clark	24 Jean Hays
2 Gary Kleinpeter	11 Deborah McCarthy	20 Susan Elkins	25 Gary K. Hathorn
2 Tommy Ledford	12 Margaret Aston	20 Bill Elmore	25 Patsy Price
2 Gerald Reeves	12 Cindy Murphy	21 Vernell Willett	26 Terry Gardner
2 Marlene Young	13 Rosy Bromell	21 Betty Ruth Bryan	26 Frances Sumrall
3 Marsha Holland	13 Louise Adams	21 Joy Faulkner	27 Doyle Holstead
3 Pete Smith	13 Larry Mobley	21 James Davison	28 Billy Rich
4 Sherry Pody	13 George Murphy	21 Martha Stinson	29 Luann Moore
6 Ron Edinger	14 Dolora Gregory	22 Anita Pumphrey	30 Bud Alexander
7 Mary Jane Lewis	14 Tommy Stinson	22 Karen Sanders	30 Bill Austin
7 Jodie Williams	15 Gordon Williams	22 Betty Fuqua	30 Barbara Orren
8 David Gullatt	16 Joe Gaido	22 Ronny Volentine	30 Vergie Shealy

September Anniversaries

1 Carolyn and Billy Jack Talton (1962)	11 Cathi and Thomas Boniol (2010)
7 Johnie and Glen Echols (1956)	30 Ancie and Donnie Parkman (1966)
8 Mary and Joe Lanning (1972)	30 Delaine and John Moseley (1988)

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary added to the lists published each month in Senior Heartbeat, please call the Church Office (255-3745).