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VISIT US SOON!

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship.....10:30 A.M.
Afternoon Worship.... 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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Dorriance H. Kirby
1927-2016

The renowned English physicist and mathematician, Sir Isaac Newton, stated, “If I have seen farther it is because I stood on the shoulders of giants.” Whatever good I have done in my life I, too, can concur with Newton, it is because of the giants who have directed me in the right way. It has been my privilege to know many faithful elders, preachers, and fellow Christians who have greatly encouraged me as minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. One whose light has shined bright in my life for over 25 years has been Dorriance H. Kirby, who, for over 40 years served as an elder of the Knight Arnold/Forest Hill congregation. During the early morning hours of April 13, 2016, the angels of glory came and swept his soul away to home prepared for him. Brother Kirby was 88.

As I reflected during his funeral service several days later, brother Kirby was a man of **wisdom**. Moses wrote, “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom” (Psm. 90:12). Brother Kirby demonstrated wisdom through his choice of a mate, Geneva Meeks. Sister Kirby passed away in 2013. I was also privileged to preach her funeral service. She fulfilled the qualifications, set forth by the apostle Paul, for wives of elders (cf. 2 Tim. 3), which allowed brother Kirby to so effectively help shepherd this flock. He wisely directed his children in the way of the Lord. He had the wisdom as a young man to obey the simple gospel of Christ, having been baptized by our late, lamented preacher of 33 years, E.L. Whitaker, Jr.

However, wisdom is not just found in intellect, though he was a man of great intellect. Wisdom is also found in common sense, which is not so common anymore. Often when I was bothered or perplexed, brother Kirby had a way of solving my dilemma and giving me peace of mind, simply through his common sense wisdom. As an elder, he was a visionary. He was a member of this congregation almost from the time of its conception. While this church continues to be involved in numerous good works, one can rest assured were it not for the vision of D.H. Kirby and others like him, we would not have this privilege.

Brother Kirby had the wisdom to separate truth from error. He was a man who loved God’s precious Book divine—the Bible. Brother Curtis Cates, former director of the Memphis School of Preaching, relayed to me on one occasion, that when he was asked to become director, he asked the elders about their willingness to always stand for the truth. Brother Cates told me that it was brother Kirby who spoke first and on behalf of all the elders, “if we only have one or two students in the school we are going to stand for the truth.”

Brother Kirby was a man of **wit**. I have so many pleasant memories of sharing a laugh with this great brother. Sometimes I still hear his quips in my memory and I smile. He was a master when it came to conducting a business meeting. He knew how to move that meeting along in a timely fashion and not allow anyone to get sidetracked. He never wanted to make a mountain out of a mole hill. Since he was the manager of Kraus Model Cleaners, I recall when I was a student at MSOP I needed to get some suits out of the cleaners before I was to

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“All Things Work Together for Good”

Jimmy Young

Paul wrote of comfort and hope to the church in Rome: “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28). We live in hope and comfort as Christians. Yes, I know our surroundings would tell us something different, but God gives us the hope we have through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. All that is negative in this life is seen to have a positive purpose in the execution of God’s eternal purpose. The negative things that seem to frustrate God’s purpose work to serve its accomplishment.

How is this a certainty? We know it by faith, “So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). The Bible does not contrast faith and knowledge, but faith and sight: “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7). One who has true faith has true knowledge.

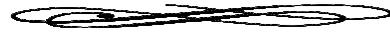
Paul tells us that all things work for good. Even the dark things in life work for good to the faithful. “And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan. And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph’s brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth” (Gen. 42:5, 6). “And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance” (Gen. 45:7). Life does not consist in an abundance of good things (Luke 12:15). We can profit from the dark things in life, too (Psm. 119:71). We have a lot of bright things to thank God for (Phil. 2:12-18). These verses set forth a positive view in a negative world. We should be joyful, and by doing so, we prove our faith and trust (1 Thes. 5:16).

Things work together for good to those who are called according to His purpose. Under God’s control, all things work like a prescription. I will admit that all things may not seem to work together—they may not seem to work together for good. What is good? It isn’t mere happiness. That which draws one closer to God is good, and what draws one from God is bad.

All things work together for good to those who love God. How do we know we love God? It is as simple as A B C; we keep His commandments (1 John 5:13; John 14:15). Let us not forget this big stipulation—we must love one another, too (1 John 4:7-11). We must not only love one another, we also are to love the lost (Mat. 28:18-20).

All things work together to those who are called according to His purpose. How are we called? This is a most important question. Many are waiting for that “special” voice or “sign” that they can interpret as a call from God. We (all people) are called by the Gospel (2 Thes. 2:13, 14). His purpose is set forth in Ephesians 1:9-11: “Having made know unto to us the mystery of his will, according to the good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself that in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth, even in him: in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.” God’s foreknowledge and providence make all things work for good for His children.

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leave on a campaign the next morning. This was a Sunday and the cleaners was closed. I said to brother Kirby, “I’ve got a real problem” and I told him what it was. He said, “Barry, some things are problems and that is not a problem.” After the service he unlocked the cleaners and I got my suits.

Brother Kirby was a man of **wealth**. I am not speaking of monetary wealth, but spiritual. He did not live lavishly, rather, he invested in heaven (Mat. 6:19,20). The following passage aptly applies to brother Kirby, “He hath shown thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” (Mic. 6:8). That is exactly how D.H. Kirby lived. At his service, the hymn, “A Beautiful Life”, was sung congregationally. It was a fitting hymn to be sung at the end of this great man’s life. Heaven is sweeter because brother Kirby will be there. I look forward to seeing him again in the sweet by and by.

The funeral service for Dorriance H. Kirby was conducted Friday, April 15 at Memorial Park Funeral Home. This preacher officiated at the service, with Forest Hill elder, Greg Mangrum, directing the song service, and Forest Hill elder, Harold Mangrum, leading the closing prayer. Brother Kirby’s earthly tabernacle was laid to rest beside sister Geneva in the adjacent cemetery. Please continue to pray for the Kirby’s daughter Jo Ann Ammons, along with her husband, Andy, both Forest Hill members, and the Kirby’s son, Ronnie, and his wife, Patricia, and all the Kirby grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Barry

LORD'S TABLE

PRESIDE: Tony Callahan John Connell
ASSIST: Justin Bean Sean Ellis
 Caleb Hull Gene Kuehn
 Jason White Jim Woody

PRAYERS

A.M. OPENING: Marion Maund
A.M. CLOSING: Adam Maund
P.M. OPENING: Warren Davenport
P.M. CLOSING: Jagger House

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK OF April 24, 2016

BIBLE STUDY: 230
 A.M. WORSHIP: 290
 P.M. WORSHIP: 205
 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,252.00

OUR SICK

Virginia Ditto, Baptist Hospital, room 3227.
Ann Caughron, sister-in-law of Julia Grisham, Primacy Healthcare, room 114.
Leon Poor, step-father of Annette McAlister, Baptist Hospital, room 5414.
Randy Pope, son of Doris Cooper, Baptist Hospital, room 5227.

ILL AT HOME: Carolyn Albright, Mary Alice Bergstrom, Dianne Callahan, Julia Ferguson, Allan Hart and Pearl Washington.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry Albert & Ruth House
 Irby Cole Carolyn Jones
 Hazel Eskew Clarine Justice
 Tommy & Nell Herndon Ryan McCullar
 Anita Hopper Helen Palazola

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO: Dale Neil and family in the recent passing of her nephew.

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, May 22.

LEGACY ESTATES worship service each Sunday afternoon 3:00 p.m. conducted by Forest Hill.

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Forest Hill,
 Thank you all for the calls, cards, wonderful food and beautiful flowers shared with us at daddy's passing. Daddy was proud to be a member of the Forest Hill family and treasured his past service as an elder.
 Jo Ann Ammons & the Kirby family

HEARTS & HANDS

TEAM "E" (Jim Woody) & TEAM "F" (John Connell) will meet Saturday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall for breakfast.
TEAM "C" (Danny Braddock) will meet Sunday, May 1 after the morning service in the fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' CLASS & MEN'S CLASS will resume meeting September 13.
JUNIOR/SENIOR BANQUET Friday, May 6. You must sign the sheet on the youth bulletin board and pay Keith McAlister your \$20 Escape Room fee by Sunday, May 1.
FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY Sunday, May 15.
SENIOR CELEBRATION Sunday, May 22 after the morning service in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods and stay to celebrate with our graduating seniors.



VBS TEACHERS & HELPERS are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
YOUTH CAMPAIGN to Chalmette, Louisiana, June 11-17.
FOUNDATIONS June 25-July 1.

Last week's solution :
Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having a high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:19-22

CORNERSTONE
 Replace each letter of the alphabet with a different letter to reveal the passage of scripture.
 ABH ONME QOHJJ ABHH, CPE LHHU ABHH
 ABH ONME SCLH BKJ TCFH JBKPH IUNP ABHH, CPE QH
 RMCFKNIJ IPAN ABHH ABH ONME OKTA IU BKJ
 FNIPAHPCPFH IUNP ABHH, CPE RKDH ABHH UHCFH.
 Clue: F = C Solution next week Clue: U = P

NORTH SIDE GREETERS

Keith and Annette McAlister (Front)
Cedric and Dianne Huff (Side)

May 2016

Coordinating Elder: Harold Mangrum

SOUTH SIDE GREETERS

(Front) Lawayne and Peggy House
(Side) Jonathan and Kathleen Beard

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Johnathan Hanel</i>	2 <i>Jan Kuehn</i>	3	4 <i>Megan Munoz</i> <i>Melissa Brown</i>	5 <i>Rachael Everson</i>	6 <i>Don Grisham</i> <i>Dennis Woods</i>	7
8 <i>B J Clarke</i>	9	10	11 <i>Ethan Bean</i>	12	13	14
15 <i>Scott Ingram</i> <i>Kayla Sutton</i> Friends & Family Day	16	17 <i>Trent Sherwin</i>	18 <i>Ty Rhymes</i>	19 <i>Olivia Owens</i>	20 <i>Oakley White</i>	21 <i>Marlon Retana</i>
22 Senior Celebration	23 <i>Miranda Grider</i> <i>Tavaro Hanna</i> <i>Vadeen Stanfill</i> <i>Jerry Bouchillon</i>	24 <i>Madeleine Maund</i>	25 <i>Michelle Bennett</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Chase Green</i>				

****Birthdays are in Italics**

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