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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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Sherrie L. Clarke
1942-2016

The Forest Hill church was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our beloved sister in Christ, Sherrie L. Clarke, who departed this life, March 4, at the age of 73. Sherrie's husband, TJ (Ted) Clarke, serves as an instructor in the Memphis School of Preaching. Her son, BJ Clarke, serves as its director. This congregation has long been acquainted with this very special Christian family. Ted and Sherrie came to Memphis in the late 60's so that Ted could attend the school of preaching. BJ, along with his brother, Bryan, and sister, Brooke, were just children at the time. Brother Ted has been preaching all these many years and next to him has been his faithful wife and companion, Sherrie. It would be very difficult to find a kinder, gentler Christian woman than she has been. Sister Sherrie has served her Lord sacrificially and patiently.

Upon becoming the director of the school, brother BJ Clarke, along with his wife, Tish, identified as members of the Forest Hill church. Likewise, during that time, Ted and Sherrie, have been members here. Since then I have had the privilege of getting to know Ted and Sherrie better than ever. This association has been a real blessing for me personally, and for the entire congregation. Sister Sherrie has encouraged me and my preaching. She has warmed me with her smiles and her sweet embrace.

Proverbs 31 speaks of God's ideal woman and, therefore, it is not surprising that thoughts of sister Sherrie Clarke come to mind when studying that passage. She exemplified what is under consideration in that chapter. Truly it can be said of this noble lady,

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised (Pro. 31:28-30).

It is always a great testimony to the life of an individual when children and grandchildren arise to eulogize a beloved parent and grandparent. The funeral service for Sherrie L. Clarke was conducted at the Forest Hill Church building on Tuesday, March 8. Sherrie's grandson, Michael, spoke on behalf of his siblings and numerous cousins, as he brought to life, once more, vivid pictures of his loving grandmother. Her son, BJ, not only shared precious memories with the large gathering, but also, spoke comforting words from the Bible, that holy Book divine, that his mother had taught him to love and follow. A funeral service that moves an audience closer to God truly serves a marvelous purpose. I have to believe that all of us in attendance were moved to be more faithful to Christ and more zealous for His cause. Such was the impact of our dear sister upon all of us.

The earthly tabernacle of Sherrie L. Clarke was laid to rest in Memphis Memory Gardens. We are confident that her soul is in the Paradise of God, awaiting the great resurrection day. Let us keep following the One who is the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25) and on that day we shall not be disappointed.

Barry

Joanne Howe From Nun to Priest



The story of Joanne Howe is truly amazing to those of us who love and appreciate New Testament Christianity. I can remember before I ever attended preaching school, which was over 25 years ago, being familiar with sister Howe and her book, *A Change of Habit: The Autobiography of a Former Catholic Nun*. This remarkable lady, because of her sincerity and honesty, left Catholicism and obeyed the simple gospel of Jesus Christ in 1972. Sister Howe grew up in a Catholic family and for 19 years served as a nun among the Sisters of St. Joseph in Baden, Pennsylvania. Having been steeped in Catholic doctrine from her childhood, once she became a New Testament Christian she served as a valuable instrument in the Lord's hand to lead other Catholics out of religious error.

I met sister Howe just once in my life. It was in Pottsville, Pennsylvania in 1996 when 3 gospel preachers met 3 Catholic priests in debate. Sister Howe was not only present for the debate, but also set up her own display booth which provided information concerning her conversion and other material that exposed Catholic doctrine. It was a joy to share a meal with her one day and listen to her tell her story. She was highly intelligent and also very witty. She also made an impression upon me when she stated her primary goal in life was personal holiness. In addition to her biography, she wrote, *From Nun to Priest*, based upon the biblical teaching that every Christian is a priest before God (1 Pet. 2:5; Rev. 1:6).

Sister Joanne Howe passed from this life February 4, 2016 at the age of 80. Even though she has now gone on to her reward it is my prayer that through her writings, through her many ladies days she held across the country, and through the many she taught in personal Bible studies, her message will still resonate with those seeking the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 2:10).

Barry

Taking the Bullet Barry Grider

This past Friday, former First Lady Nancy Reagan was laid to rest beside her beloved Ronnie, the former President of the United States. Many dignitaries were in attendance. Her funeral service was conducted at the Reagan Presidential Library, which sits majestically atop a beautiful mountain in Simi Valley, California, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Some have suggested that the Reagans were the most romantic duo to ever occupy the White House. Indeed, the first couple did appear to have a very loving and close relationship during their 52 years of marriage.

Many of our readers will remember that just a few months after President Reagan's inauguration he was shot outside the Washington Hilton Hotel. At the time, the nation did not fully realize just how serious the President's condition was. Mrs. Reagan naturally was very shaken by the events of that day. Several spiritual advisors were called in to encourage her and pray with her, including the Reagans family minister, Don Moomaw, and Billy Graham. Those who were present were visibly moved as the First Lady began to speak of the feelings that overwhelmed her, including feelings of guilt. She said, "I'm really struggling with a feeling of failed responsibility. I usually stand at Ronnie's left side. And that's where he took the bullet." Let those words sink in, dear reader. Mrs. Reagan was actually saying she wished she had been at his side that fateful day, like she had been on so many occasions, that way she could have taken the bullet for him. What a statement of unconditional, sacrificial love.

I am sure that many husbands and wives would gladly stand in harm's way to protect a mate or one's children. But think of the one who stood in our place and paid our sin debt. Peter, speaking of Jesus, wrote, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree..." (1 Pet. 2:24). Jesus was crucified for us. He took the bullet for you and me.

In 1829, two men were convicted of robbing the U.S. Mail, and were sentenced to death by hanging. Three weeks before the execution was to take place, one of the men, whose last name was Wilson, received a pardon from President Andrew Jackson. Strangely enough, Wilson refused the pardon. The case went to the Supreme Court and the court finally handed a decision: "A pardon is a deed, to which delivery is essential, and delivery is not complete without acceptance. It may then be rejected by the person to whom it is awarded; and if it is rejected we have discovered no power in this court to force it upon."

Most people would agree that Wilson was foolish for refusing to accept the pardon. Yet so many daily reject the pardon which God has graciously provided. Your debt has been paid. Jesus died to offer you a pardon. Will you accept that pardon by surrendering your will to His? The simple gospel plan of salvation which includes faith, repentance, confession, and baptism can be obeyed and you can be pardoned from sin. However, you can reject the pardon. Sins are pardoned in Christ or punished in Hell. What will you choose?

LORD'S TABLE

PRESIDE: Francis Fairley Eddie Ray
ASSIST: John Connell Robert Jeter
 Andrew Knipple Raymond Pipkin
 David Richardson Cecil Sowell

PRAYERS

A.M. OPENING: Rufus Washington
A.M. CLOSING: Cason Grider
P.M. OPENING: Jason White
P.M. CLOSING: Evan Manning

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

RECORD, WEEK OF March 13, 2016

BIBLE STUDY: 220
 A.M. WORSHIP: 275
 P.M. WORSHIP: 215
 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,508.00

OUR SICK

Ann Caughron, sister-in-law of Julia Grisham, Primacy Parkway Rehab, room 114.

Jazmyn Howard is scheduled for oral surgery Wednesday, March 16.

ILL AT HOME: Carolyn Jones, Dale, Amber & Courtney Neil, Mary Sharp, Sabrena Sowell and Aspen White.

HOMEBOUND

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

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KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, March 27.

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



BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS please remove all projects and works in progress for the teacher's workroom.

N.B. HARDEMAN LIBRARY
 is open each Sunday afternoon from 12:45-1:15.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for all the support for our children's closet. You have donated clothing, given money to buy needed items, washed clothing, and worked in our closet, organizing and recently filling bags with clothes for eight children. We currently do not need any 0 to 9 months sizes. However we especially need boys and girls sizes 4 to 8. Thank you again for all your support.

Patsy DeShields

HEARTS & HANDS

TEAM "F" (John Connell) will receive assignments the week of March 20.

There is be no assignments the week of March 27.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' CLASS and MEN'S CLASS meet each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at Cracker Barrel for breakfast, Tuesday, March 22 at 8:45.

LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the breakroom.

YOUTH DAY Saturday, March 26. Theme: *Faithful Love*.

EGG HUNT Sunday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m. hosted by JCs and parents. Meet in the fellowship hall. Bring a basket.

50th MSOP LECTURESHIP March 27-March 31. Theme: *Preach the Word*.

YOUTH RETREAT at Crowley's Ridge April 15-17.

VBS June 6-8. Theme: *The Mystery of Christ*.

YOUTH CAMPAIGN to Chalmette, Louisiana, June 11-17.

FOUNDATIONS June 25-July 1.

CANNED Coca-Cola Products
are needed for Lectureship & Youth Day.
 These include Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and Dr. Pepper.
Little Debbie Snack cakes are needed for Youth Day.

Last week's solution :
Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. I Thessalonians 5:16-18

CORNERSTONE
 Replace each letter of the alphabet with a different letter to reveal the passage of scripture.
 AIP PSCR C RZT, SO VSCJS RHVOPS RLZECGNMT
 RSZMM EOZL ZMRH RLZECGNMT; ZGY SO VSCJS
 RHVOPS AHIGPCDIMMT RSZMM EOZL ZMRH
 AHIGPCDIMMT. OWOET BZG ZJHEYCGN ZR SO LIEL-
 HROPS CG SCR SOZEP, RH MOP SCB NCWO; GHP NEL-
 YNCGNMT, HE HD GOJORRCPT DHE NHY MHWOPS Z
 JSOOEDIM NCWOE.
 Clue: T = Y Solution next week Clue: S = H

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YOUTH DAY

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 26, 2016

“Faithful Love”

9:00 -9:30 Registration

9:30-10:00 Singing (Stephen Sutton, song director)

10:00-10:35 “Faithful Love in Marriage”
(Steven Ford, Benton Arkansas)

10:45-11:20 “Faithful Love in the Church”
(Jonathan Burns, Pulaski, Tennessee)

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30-12:45 Singing

12:45-1:20 “Jesus Christ: Our Example of Faithful Love”
(Josh McCrary, Ripley, Mississippi)

1:20-1:30 Closing Remarks

1:30-5:00 Fun & Games

His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 106:1

50TH ANNUAL

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