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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 Study 7:00 P.M.

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I Was Afraid

Carl B. Garner

[Editor's Note: Brother Carl B. Garner, evangelist and educator, passed from this life April 29, 2016 in Dripping Springs, Texas at the age of 80. His daughter, Carla Moore, and her husband, John, have been with us at Forest Hill on numerous occasions for gospel meetings, lectureships and ladies days. Brother Garner, through his excellent writings, will still be speaking to generations to come.]

The old Civil War Cemetery in Fort Worth ran right by my paper route on Grand Avenue. It was always about 4:00 A.M. when I rode by there on my bike...and I always had a queasy feeling in my stomach. Nothing ever "reached out and grabbed" me, but I always hurried by and kept my eyes open. Fear is not always an unhealthy emotion, for a wholesome fear can serve as a valuable tool of protection causing us to take proper precautions. It can also keep us from doing what needs to be done.

We can easily see why Israel was fearful as they approached the Red Sea (Ex. 14). Egypt and slavery were behind them and a deep body of water before them, and they had not learned to put their trust in Jehovah. Virgil, a first century Roman poet, wrote: "Fear added wings to the soldier's feet." My "fears" may have been silly and unfounded, but I couldn't pedal fast enough going by that cemetery.

Fear in the Old Testament

It was fear that prevented more than a million Israelites from living in God's "promised land." Only Joshua and Caleb trusted in God enough to enter that land promised to Abraham's "seed" (Gen. 12). "There we saw the giants, the sons of Anak...and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight" (Num. 13:26-33).

Fear of his own people was at the root of Saul's rebellion following his victory over the Amalekite enemies (1 Sam. 15:24). Fear can destroy a person-it can cause one to flee needlessly from imagined danger. The account of Joseph's brothers' fear reveals that they sold him to Midianite traders because they were jealous, and fearful of him having power over them (Gen. 37). Daniel's defeat of fear helped him to maintain his faith in God's commandments (Dan. 1:8-21). His friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego sustained their lives and gained respect in Babylon by their refusal to cave in to the fear of a "fiery furnace" (Dan. 3:17).

We can understand Esther's fear when told she must approach her husband, the ruler of Persia (Est. 4:14). What she was called upon to do could have brought punishment upon her to the point of death, but she overcame fear and responded to her uncle Mordecai, saying: "...so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish" (Est. 4:16). Yes, fear can bring us to the brink of great danger, but when we trust in the Lord, that fear can be overcome by faith: "In God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me" (Psa. 56:3-4).

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What Should Christians Fear?

In Ecclesiastes 12:13 we are told that we must “Fear God, and keep His commandments.” Why should we do this? “For this is the whole duty of man.” And do you realize that when we “fear God” we begin to obtain wisdom and knowledge? “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov. 9:10, 1:7). By studying this principle, we discover that the term “fear” in the Bible is often from a word meaning to possess a “reverential fear as a controlling motive of life; a wholesome dread of displeasing God; a mingling of fear and love that constitutes the piety of man toward God” (W. E. Vine’s Expository Dictionary).

We need not be “scared” of God. Our relationship with Him should be one of love and respect, while dreading to displease Him. We respect Him to the extent that we obey Him, knowing that this is best for us and for those who know us and observe our lives. My father’s belt held a degree of fear for me, but I was not “scared” of my father. I knew what the results of disobeying him were, and I loved him because he was my father. Neither are we “scared” of God. The fear of God is not the fear of the lash in the hand of a tyrant, a deranged despot who will destroy wantonly. It is a fear that recognizes the justice and truth of God’s promises and His righteous judgment.

What If We Refuse to Fear God?

We would have little respect for God if He were not just. So, we realize that justice is part of God’s nature. The book of Hebrews spells out the consequences of one who refuses to have that “fear of God”:

“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation, which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy, who hath trampled the Son of God under foot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb. 10:26-31).

In 1 John 4:18 we read: “Perfect love casts out fear.” What is this “perfect love”? Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). We seldom fear the policeman if we abide by the law. But if we violate the law, we dread to see him. Thus, when by faith we “keep” His commandments, we no longer need to be troubled with the fear of the judgment of God.

(from *The Sword*, Vol. 19)

The Bible Palace

Billy Sunday

With the Holy Spirit as my Guide, I entered this Wonderful Temple called the Bible. I entered the portico of Genesis, walked down through the Old Testament Art Gallery, where pictures of Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob and Daniel hung upon the wall. I passed into the music room of Psalms, where the Spirit swept the keyboard of nature and brought forth a dirge-like wail of the weeping prophet Jeremiah to the grand impassioned strain of Isaiah, until it seemed that every reed and pipe on God’s great organ of nature responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

I entered into the beautiful chapel of Ecclesiastes, where the Preacher’s voice was heard, and into the conservatory room of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley’s sweet-scented spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business office of Proverbs, then into the observatory room of the Prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes, some pointed too far-off events, but all concentrated upon the Bright and Morning Star which was to rise above the moon-lit hills of Judea for our Salvation.

I entered the audience room of the King of Kings and caught a vision of His glory from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; passing on into the Acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in forming the Infant Church. Then into the correspondence room, where sat Paul, Peter, James, John and Jude penning the letters. Stepped into the throne room of Revelation where all towered in glittering peaks, and I got a vision of the King sitting upon His throne in all His glory and I cried:

All Hail the power of Jesus name!
 Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem,
 And crown Him Lord of all!

LORD'S TABLE

PRESIDE:	Cason Grider	Haston Handley
ASSIST:	Cole Bennett	Jack Braddock
	Jagger House	Caleb Hull
	Andrew Knipple	Edison Ray

PRAYERS

A.M. OPENING:	Robert Berch
A.M. CLOSING:	Allan Hart
P.M. OPENING:	Stephen Ulrich
P.M. CLOSING:	Tony Callahan

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

RECORD, WEEK of May 22, 2016

BIBLE STUDY:	215
A.M. WORSHIP:	305
P.M. WORSHIP:	200
CONTRIBUTON:	\$14,346

OUR SICK

Virginia Ditto is moving to Kennington Point assisted living, room 149.

Bertha Draughon, Kirby Pines Rehab.

Carolyn Jones, Methodist Hospital Germantown, (no visitors).

PLEASE REMEMBER: John Howard Bergstrom, brother of Bob Bergstrom; Howard Berryhill, father of Brenda Gitter, St. Francis Hospital, room 405; Mildred Bisig, sister of Dorothy Mosher; Jesse Pope, brother-in-law of Mike Sanders, Baptist Hospital.

ILL AT HOME: Vadeen Stanfill and Brenda Woods.

HOMEBOUND

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

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Billy Rodgers and family in the recent passing of his brother-in-law, Tim Chandler. There will be a memorial service Thursday in Georgia.

Martha Manley and family in the passing of her husband, Jimmie Manley, who passed away Saturday at their home in Aubrey, Arkansas. The Manleys have been friends of Forest Hill and MSOP for many years. Visitation will be Tuesday 6:00-8:00 p.m. The funeral will be Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. both at Roller-Citizens Funeral Home in Marianna, Arkansas.

INFORMATION LINE: 531-8849

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Ray Hilliard, 365 Lester Rd, Somerville, TN 38068, 901-409-3318.

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Shaunna Hanel.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Forest Hill,

Thank you for your calls, cards, prayers and offers of condolence at the time of my granddaughter Heather's death. The love and support you share with me helps me so much.

In Christian love,
Jim Woody

HEARTS & HANDS

TEAM "B" (Warren Davenport) will meet Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Bob & Mary Alice Bergstrom for brunch. Please contact Mary Alice for what to bring.

TEAM "C" (Danny Braddock) will receive assignments the week of May 29.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the breakroom.

YA DEVOTIONAL Friday, May 27 at 6:30 pm. Home of Robert & Julie Berch: 9954 Lacey Lane, Olive Branch, MS 38654.

VBS

JUNE 6-8

Theme: *The Mystery of Christ.*

VBS TEACHERS & HELPERS are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER SERIES June 22-August 10, "New Testament Worship" in the auditorium for ages 7th grade-adult. See the bulletin board for a schedule of speakers and weekly topics.

FOUNDATIONS – a week of specialized training for young men and women ages 13-19. June 24-July 1.

Last week's solution:
When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Proverbs 2:10

CORNERSTONE

Replace each letter with a different letter to reveal the scripture.

PCA YGVM MJDYG YGH XCAI CP GCMYM; OHY CLZH, DY DM J XDYYXH SGDXH, JLI D SDXX MGJEH YGH GHJUHLM, JLI YGH HJAYG, JLI YGH MHJ, JLI YGH IAO XJLI; JLI D SDXX MGJEH JXX LJYDCLM, JLI YGH IHMDAH CP JXX LJYDCLM MGJXX ZCWH JLI D SDXX PDXX YGDM GCMVH SDYG FXCAO, MJDYG YGH XCAI CP GCMYM.

P = F Solution next week G = H

NORTH SIDE GREETERS
 Harold and Carol Mangrum (Front)
 Paul and Leah Connell (Side)

June 2016

SOUTH SIDE GREETERS
 (Front) Jason and Leah White
 (Side) Randy and Mary Elliott

Coordinating Elder: Tony Callahan

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Jack Braddock</i> <i>Sarah Chandler</i> <i>Erica Grieves</i> <i>Stephen Ulrich</i>	2 <i>Rebecca Connell</i>	3	4
5	6 VBS	7 VBS <i>Maxine Brown</i> <i>Kaydence Brown</i>	8 VBS <i>Jagger House</i> <i>Mark Owens</i>	9 <i>Jason Albritton</i>	10 <i>Gene Kuehn</i>	11 <i>Carolyn Allbright</i>
12	13	14 <i>Joyce Phillips</i>	15	16 <i>Sharon Echols</i>	17	18 <i>Alissa Hanna</i>
19 MSOP Graduation <i>Aaron Patterson</i>	20 <i>Leah Connell</i> <i>Julia Grisham</i> <i>Tiffany Howard</i>	21	22	23 <i>Ronnie Gootam</i>	24 <i>Greg Rickles</i> Foundations	25 <i>Mike Sanders</i> <i>Joshua Nichols</i> Foundations
26 Foundations	27 <i>Martha McKelvy</i> <i>Jonathan Retana</i> Foundations	28 Foundations	29 Foundations	30 <i>Sabrena Sowell</i> Foundations		

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