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Sunday:

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

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Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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Help Those Women: Philippians 4:1-3 Wade Webster

Women were a pivotal part of Paul's work. He often mentioned them by name and expressed appreciation for them (Rom. 16:1-2, 6). Perhaps, nowhere did women play a greater role in Paul's work than at Philippi. As you may recall, the church began with Paul speaking to some women who were gathered for prayer by the riverside (Acts 16:12-13). One of the women that heard Paul on that day was Lydia, a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira. Lydia quickly became the first convert in that city and constrained Paul to use her house as home base for his efforts to win others (Acts 16:15). The church that started with women and prospered initially because of women was now being adversely affected by women. Near the end of the book of Philippians, an extremely positive epistle, Paul addressed a problem between two women named Euodias and Syntyche. It is possible that these two women had heard Paul on that first day by the riverside and had afterwards responded to the call of the gospel. We know at least that they had labored with Paul at some point in the past. Paul begged them to work out their differences and he encouraged a special individual at Philippi, identified simply as the true yokefellow, to help these sisters to do so. The context bears out three things that this trusted servant was to help these sisters to do.

To Be Unmoved In Their Savior

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved (Phil. 4:1).

Clearly, the admonition in this verse was not just for the two sisters who were struggling with each other, it was for all the saints who were struggling against Satan. However, the two sisters were clearly included. Perhaps, Satan was trying to get a place in the lives of these sisters and in the local congregation through them. As you recall, Paul gave a warning to the saints at Ephesus regarding this very thing. He wrote,

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil (Eph. 4:26-27).

Many commentators have noted that the admonition to "stand fast in the Lord" has a military ring to it. As Christians, we are soldiers of Christ. It is our duty as soldiers to stand. Again, to the saints at Ephesus, Paul wrote,

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and

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blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness (Eph. 6:10-14).

Three times Paul told them to stand, and once to withstand. In addition to standing fast in the Lord (Phil. 4:1; 1 Thess. 3:8), the New Testament instructs us to stand fast in the faith (1 Cor. 16:13), to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free (Gal. 5:1), and to stand fast in the traditions that we have received from the apostles (2 Thess. 2:15). In all these closely connected things, we are to be unmoved. Paul wanted the true yokefellow to help these women to be unmoved in their Savior.

To Be Undivided In Their Spirits

I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord” (Phil. 4:2). Euodias and Syntyche were divided. It is interesting to note that Paul had earlier in the epistle addressed the need for the Philippians to be of the same mind. In the first chapter, we read,

Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel (Phil. 1:27).

Please notice that they were to stand fast. This is the matter that we addressed in the first verse of the fourth chapter of Philippians. Notice also the emphasis on striving or working together. In our study of the third verse of the fourth chapter of Philippians, we will discuss this matter more fully. The matter under consideration in this part of our study is that of one mind or one spirit. Paul expected the saints at Philippi, like the saints at other places (1 Cor. 1:10-13), to be united (John 17:20-21). Evidently, the division that existed between these two sisters was a matter of opinion and not a matter of doctrine. If it had been a matter of doctrine, Paul would have defended the doctrine. The division that existed between these women was not good. Paul called them out by name and begged them to get back on the same page. Paul wanted the true yokefellow to help these women to be undivided in their spirits.

To Be Unhindered In Their Service

And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow labourers, whose names are in the book of life (Phil. 4:3).

Euodias and Syntyche had both labored with Paul and others in the past. However, it now seems that they were no longer working with each other. That would hinder both of them in their work for the Lord. They would now likely want to know if the other was involved before they committed to being a part of a certain work. Strained relationships between brethren sooner or later affect the work that is done. As Christians, we must keep our relationships in good repair so that we can work effectively together for the Lord. We must never forget that God expects us to work together with Him. To the saints at Corinth, who often struggled with each other, Paul wrote,

For we are laborers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building (1 Cor. 3:9).

Paul and Apollos had to work together. In like manner, so did Euodias and Syntyche. Paul needed these women to work together with him in the future as they had done in the past. He wanted the true yokefellow to help these women to be unhindered in their service.

Paul wanted the true yokefellow at Philippi to work with him at Philippi to help some women named Euodias and Syntyche to be unmoved in their Savior, to be undivided in their spirits, and to be unhindered in their service. Male or female today, God’s word is still trying to help us to do these things today.

(from *Christian Worker*, September 2017)

Season’s Greetings

As 2017 comes to a close, let me express appreciation to all our readers and wish each one a happy holiday season with friends and family. God has blessed our work at Forest Hill during this past year. His promises are steadfast and sure. “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isa. 55:11). “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb. 13:5).

As we approach the beginning of 2018, may each one of us resolve in our hearts to let Christ shine forth through our lives (Phil. 2:15) as we bring glory and honor unto Him.

Barry

PRESIDE: B.J. Clarke
ASSIST: Jack Braddock
 Jerry Manning
 Edison Ray

Dennis Woods
 Lawayne House
 John Manning
 Sam Rickles

A.M. OPENING: Jason White
A.M. CLOSING: Randy Elliott
P.M. OPENING: Keith McAlister
P.M. CLOSING: Lewis Elliott

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

RECORD, WEEK of December 17, 2017

BIBLE STUDY: 215
 A.M. WORSHIP: 310
 P.M. WORSHIP: 230
 CONTRIBUTION: \$16,342.00

OUR SICK

Joe Baxter, Room 104, Methodist Hospice Residence, 6416 Quince Rd.

Jim Crowe is scheduled for surgery Tuesday, January 9.

Carolyn Hayes will have cataract surgery on Wednesday, December 20.

Helen Palazola, Room 127-2, Highlands of Memphis Rehab.

Josh Phillips, great nephew of Jim and Brenda Crowe, is in critical condition with the flu and pneumonia, LeBonheur.

Brooke Tate, sister of B.J. Clarke, surgery date was moved to December 20, UMC of AR.

ILL AT HOME: Marsha Beliew (recovering from surgery), Jerry Bouchillon, Sherry Brown, Marlene Latimore, John Pope, Walt Safronoff, Mary Sharp, and Pearl Washington.

HOMEBOUND

Joe Baxter
 Bessie Berry
 Ann Castleman
 Virginia Ditto
 Hazel Eskew
 Tommy & Nell Herndon

Anita Hopper
 Albert & Ruth House
 Clarine Justice
 Helen Palazola
 Jerry & Betty Robbins

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

HEARTS AND HANDS

There will be no team assignments the weeks of December 24 and 31.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Thursday, December 21 through Tuesday, December 26.

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, December 24.

BILLY BLAND WILL SPEAK at Forest Hill, Sunday, December 31, during the afternoon service regarding his recent journey on behalf of Far East/World Evangelism.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY/WORK DAY for the teens at the building from Sunday, December 31 at 4p.m. until Monday, January 1 at 4p.m. Please bring snacks, work clothes, and \$10 for food.

LADIES AND MEN'S CLASSES meet each Tuesday at 10:00. Classes will resume January 9.

59TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING Forest Hill Church of Christ, Sunday, January 14. A fellowship meal will follow morning service. Zones 5 and 6 will be responsible for set up and clean up.

NEW MEN'S CLASS

Barry Grider will begin a leadership training class for men, beginning Sunday, January 7 at 9:30. We will be studying *Down Front and Ready* by Gary Colley. Class will meet in Room 201 of the Education Building.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO: John Palazola and family in the passing of his sister-in-law, Barbara Palazola.

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Dale Neil and Sarah Ray.

Last week's solution:
And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
Daniel 12:2-3

CORNERSTONE
Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.
**ROF TRHEE SI ENO OGD, NDA ENO TROMIEDA WTNEEBB
 OGD NDA NME, EHT NMA TSRIHC USSJE; WOH VGEA
 SMLIHFE A SRONMA ROF LLA, OT EB TTSIIFED NI UED
 TMIE.**

January 2018

Coordinating Elder-Keith McAlister

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Elise Barnes Lisa Hinton	3 Jimmy Gantt	4 Chris Massey	5	6 Caroline Dawson Diane Ray R.J. Tracy
7	8 Gerald Brown Sr.	9 Anita Hopper	10 Ethan Sewell	11 Francis Fairley	12 Betty Robbins	13
14 Paul Davenport Kathy Maund	15 Joan Liddell	16 Randy Elliott	17	18	19 Hannah Frederick Dale Neil	20 Leah Connell Greer Mangrum
21 Grant Bancroft	22 Avis Terry	23	24 Andy Ammons	25 Robert Berch Doris Cooper Connie Streiber	26 Margie Holliday Kadie Summitt	27 Sarah Ray
28 Lisa Jeter Jordan Kreidler	29 Sue Glass	30 Kathleen Beard Jonny Royal	31 Bonnie Gordon			

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