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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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Forest Hill Church of Christ Laboring for the Lord in 2018

- *Fortifying the Faithful
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- *Focusing on the Family
- *Saving the Sinner

**“For we are laborers together
with God”
(1 Corinthians 3:9).**

How Christians Should View Death

George W. Bailey

(continued from last week)

How Precious Is The Death Of A Saint!

The Psalmist once said, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalms 116:15). This is the Lord's view of death, and this can be our view of it. But how can the death of a saint be precious in the sight of the Lord? Why would He regard it as such? Because He can see the victory that lies beyond the grave! "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). If man could only realize how great are the things which God has prepared for them that love Him, he too would view death as something precious!

Jesus said, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3). But for man to occupy one of the mansions God has prepared for him, he must first make his exit from this world. Death is that exit! In death the door to this world is closed, but the door to the next world is opened. Death then can be indeed precious when we anticipate the entrance into that grand and glorious world that lies beyond!

In Death Mortality Shall Put on Immortality!

"Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:51-54).

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: He shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Philippians 3:20, 21). When the saint realizes that in death mortality shall put on immortality, and that his vile body will be fashioned like unto the glorious body of Christ, and that death will be swallowed up in

victory, then he will no longer fear death, but will look upon it as something indeed precious!

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked" (2 Corinthians 5:1-3).

With such a view of death, no wonder Paul could say, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). To Paul life meant one thing—to live for Christ! His whole life was centered around Christ. If life meant Christ to Paul, what did death mean to him? In what way did he regard death as gain? To the Colossians he gave this answer, "When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:4). Thus, Paul had a desire to depart and be with Christ, for he considered that to be far better than anything earth could offer (Philippians 1:23).

Had Christ not been in Paul's life, there would have been no gain in his death. There can be no gain in any man's death if Christ has been absent from that man's life! Hence, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, That they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

With his whole life centered around Christ, Paul could say when he came to the end, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

Paul considered death a gain because of the crown of righteousness that was awaiting him on the other side. He said that this crown of righteousness would not only be given to him, but would also be given to all them that love the appearing of the Lord. But such a crown would not have been given to Paul had he not fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith. But since he had done this, he cherished the very thought of the Lord's coming. Oh, what gain death can bring, if we are ready for the Lord's appearance!

(To Be Continued)

PRESIDE: Lawayne House Chris Weight
ASSIST: Gene Kuehn Garrett Olney
 Sam Rickles Billy Rodgers
 Jason White Oakley White

A.M. OPENING: Warren Davenport
A.M. CLOSING: Zach Gross
P.M. OPENING: Kalon Brown
P.M. CLOSING: John Connell

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

RECORD, WEEK of January 21, 2018

BIBLE STUDY: 225
 A.M. WORSHIP: 285
 P.M. WORSHIP: 185
 CONTRIBUTION: \$19,140.00

OUR SICK

Jim Crowe, at home recovering from surgery/pneumonia.
June Faulkner, Baptist East, ICU, asthma.
Myrle Parsons, mother of Rebecca Connell, is recovering from flu/pneumonia.

ILL AT HOME: Sherry Brown, Diane Callahan, Nancy Price, Joyce Phillips, and Brenda Woods.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry Anita Hopper
 Ann Castleman Albert & Ruth House
 Virginia Ditto Clarine Justice
 Hazel Eskew Jerry & Betty Robbins
 Tommy & Nell Herndon Velton & Dorothy Trimm

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Jonathan Jenkins and Matthew Jones.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT foresthillcofc.org.

HEARTS AND HANDS

TEAM "F" (STEVE ALLMOND) will meet Saturday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Tony and Diane Callahan for breakfast. Please see Diane for what to bring. Maps will be in the foyer.

TEAM "B" (WARREN DAVENPORT) will meet Saturday, January 27 at 5 p.m. for a fish fry at the home of Warren and Lisa Davenport. Food will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES AND MEN'S CLASSES meet each Tuesday at 10:00. We will meet for breakfast at Cracker Barrel Tuesday, January 30 at 8:45.

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, January 28.

JC ACTIVITY Sunday, January 28 after morning service in the Education Building hosted by Jason and Leah White. Food will be provided.

MONEY MANAGEMENT COURSE begins Tuesday, January 30 at 6 p.m. in the Education Building. Please sign up for class/materials at fpu.com/1048923. Additional information will be posted on the main bulletin board.

BRIDAL SHOWER honoring Taylor Tribble, bride elect of Jonah Woods, Sunday, February 4 following the morning service in the fellowship hall. Since they will be living in North Carolina, this will be a gift card/money shower.

SUPER BOWL/GAME NIGHT Sunday, February 4 at 5 p.m. at the home of home of Greg and Christa Mangrum. Please bring finger foods and/or drinks. This event will be for high school seniors and above.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

Last week's solution:
 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. Psalm 15:1-2

CORNERSTONE
Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.
 NDA EHT WROD FO EHT ROLD MECA OT SOONML, YSNIGA, RONNNIGECC TSIH USOHE WIHHC UTOH TRA NI UNLIIGDB, FI UTOH WTLI WLKA NI YM UTTTSSA, NDA XUTEEEC YM UTSNMIGED, NDA PKEE LLA YM TSONNMMMEDCA OT WLKA NI TMHE; TNHE WLLI I RRPOMFE YM WROD WTIH EEHT, WIHHC I SPKEA UTON VIDDA YTH TRHFEA; NDA I WLLI WLLED ONMGA EHT RNLIHEDC FO SRLIEA, NDA WLLI TON SROKFEA YM PPOLEE SRLIEA.

February 2018
Coordinating Elder-Tony Callahan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cason Grider Billy Rodgers	2 Adam Barcroft Jack Woods	3
4 Daniel Berch	5	6	7	8	9	10 Carlton Graham
11	12 Terry Bland	13 Bob McConnell	14 Beth Billings	15 Jackie Feng Jennie Feng	16	17
18 Andrew Suttles	19 Caleb Hull	20	21 Marsha Beliew	22 Norma Stricklin	23	24 Jason Moore Tumelo Thobosi
25 Parker Jenkins	26 Ethan Ulrich	27 Olivia Barnes Christa Mangrum	28			

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