

## Be Content, God is With You

*“ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper, I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6*

There is no need for Christians to have such a fixed desire for materialism that it would turn to a lust which could lead us to sin. The Christian can and should have contentment. Contentment is to be learned. The apostle Paul said of his state, *Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:11-13)* Even though Paul was writing this letter while imprisoned, he was still content because he knew that Christ was with him and would never leave or forsake him.

Every Christian has the same promise; every Christian can learn to be content no matter what the circumstance of this life. Perhaps we are not always as content as Paul was because we do not fully realize the depth of this promise. God said that He will never leave us or forsake us. This means that every attribute of God is there for our behalf. Every Christian enjoys all of His love, all of His mercy, and all of His care. God has absolutely no partiality toward any one Christian. So this means that all of His power is there to help in times of need; there is nothing you can ask for that He cannot provide. There is nothing living in this world or the next which can prevent God from keeping His promise. Even in our death, God will never, ever leave us. Since God is for us, why would we fail to be content?  
**God Bless, Bill**

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**I Cor. 11:1 — Pray that you will become more like Jesus Christ!**

## Schedule of Services

## Fellowship this Evening

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:00 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:45 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM  
 Wed. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 AM  
 Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM  
 Sunday Morning Radio Program  
 KMOO 99.9 FM 9:00 AM

**Dr. Milton Sewell**, Chancellor of Freed-Hardeman University, will be speaking to us at this evening's service. Please stay after service and get to know Dr. Sewell and his wife **Laurel**. We will be having sandwiches and cookies in the Fellowship Hall.

## The Angels in Heaven Rejoice!

After the evening service last Sunday, **Rosie and Tim Discher** made the great confession and were baptized and the Lord added them to His Church. We rejoice with this beautiful couple who started attending services here because they were invited to our July 4th Celebration. Rosie has been attending our Sunday night Bible Study and she and Tim have already become a part of our family. Be sure to congratulate them and pray for them as they begin their new life! Tim and Rosie live at 165 Blue Water Lane, Holly Lake Ranch. Their phone number is 903-613-2128,

**IN AFGHANISTAN:** David Edward Carter, grandson of Leota Carter, has recently been deployed to serve our country in Afghanistan. His duties include driving for the commander. Please keep David in your prayers.

## Measure of Our Love

February 21, 2010

Attendance	106
Offering	\$4,118.71
YTD Budgets	\$35,880.88
YTD Offering	\$31,065.32
YTD Spending	\$30,690.45
YTD Offering Under Budget	\$4,815.56
YTD Spending Under Budget	\$5,190.43

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## These need our prayers...



**Our church family:** Ailene Kelley's hip surgery on Thursday went well. She is at Spine & Joint Hospital, Room 3—Fay Miller has been having some irregular heart problems—Bill Seledic is in Mother Francis Hospital, Room 584, with pneumonia—Al Thornton has pneumonia, Kaye has bronchitis—John Brewer—Pat Kirby—Pauline Shelton—Martha Sprague—Ruth Smith—Peggy Sullivan is recovering from her oral surgery—Sonny Valentine—Ann & Odie Adams—Bob & Pat Dillard—Don & Sue Uery—Dennis Clay—Faye Myers—Linda & Bob Sellman—Howard & Rita Chaney—Jim & Margaret Jordan—Tom & Bettye Bell—Monna Kinel as she cares for her mother—Goldy Wells—D.J. Blake as he is out of work—Jackie McAfee.

**Our loved ones and friends:** Laura & Clint Holt as they await the birth of their child—Vera Lopez, Goldy Wells' mother—Ron McCracken, Norma Graham's brother—Terri Jordan—Louis Fitzgerald—Terry Frederick—Irene Reed—Royce Sartain—Beverly Sellman—Monna Kinel's mother—the Phelps' daughter Nancy—Mike & Cathy Sinapiades—the Jacobs children & Shannon—Norma Graham's brother-in-law, Jerry Young—Ruth Murphy, sister-in-law of Jackie McAfee—Kathy Boles, friend of Carol Whitworth, has liver cancer—David Edward Carter as he serves our country in Afghanistan.

**Other Needs:** Our elders, deacons, and minister—Our internet mission—Bill's radio program—Our Nation—Our Military—Those devastated by the earthquake in Haiti.

## Thank You!

To the dear people of the Church of Christ:

How can I thank you enough for all you did for the Dooley, Dillard, and Ross family when Mom died. You planned, prepared, and served two lovely meals. But more than that, you loved us, comforted us, and prayed for us. And all that along with cards, visits, and flowers. You displayed the love of God just beautifully. May God bless your servants' hearts with rich blessings! Very sincerely, Lonnie & Linda Dooley.

## Mark your Calendar & Hold the Date

Saturday, March 20, at 12:00 noon we will celebrate Don McKay's 90th birthday! This joyous occasion will be hosted by Don's children & all are invited!

## Thank You!

All the calls, cards, and prayers of sympathy received during the loss of our loved one was greatly appreciated! Our Love, Albert and Anne

## New Phone Number for Directory & Phone List:

Peggy Clay  
903-769-3453

## Congratulations!

Brad Cox, son of Lahoma Cox, just received his PLD degree from Fuller Institute in California. The degree is in Youth and Family Ministry. Brad is the minister at Twickenham Church of Christ in Huntsville, AL.

## Library Work Day

For the next few weeks some of the ladies will be working in the library on Thursdays at 9:00 AM putting cards in the books & getting the library organized. We could use your help!

Email news for Messenger to: [freda.crosby@yahoo.com](mailto:freda.crosby@yahoo.com), [rdverner@etex.net](mailto:rdverner@etex.net), and [sharon.johnson433@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.johnson433@yahoo.com)