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“At Last I Am Beginning To Be A Disciple”

A few weeks before his death, a believer named Ignatius wrote a letter to the Christians in Rome while he was on his way there to be executed by the Emperor Trajan (98-117 AD). The words below come from that letter and give us a little insight into what early Christians believed it meant to be a disciple of Jesus.

by Benjamin J. Williams

The work is not a matter of persuasive rhetoric; rather, Christianity is greatest when it is hated by the world. ...

Let me be food for the wild beasts, through whom I can reach God. I am God’s wheat, and I am being ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, so that I may prove to be pure bread ... Then I will truly be the disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world will no longer see my body. Pray to the Lord on my behalf, so that through these instruments I may prove to be a sacrifice to God. ... I am even now still a slave. But if I suffer, I will be a freedman of Jesus Christ and will rise up free in him. In the meantime, as a prisoner I am learning to desire nothing. ...

[The Roman guards] only get worse when they are well treated. Yet because of their mistreatment I am becoming more of a disciple; nevertheless I am not thereby justified. May I have the pleasure of the wild beasts that have been prepared for me; and I pray that they prove to be prompt with me. I will even coax them to devour me quickly, not as they have done with some, whom they were too timid to touch. And if when I am willing and ready they are not, I will force them. ... Now at last I am beginning to be a disciple. May nothing visible or invisible envy me, so that I may reach Jesus Christ. Fire and cross and battles with wild beasts, mutilation, mangling, wrenching of bones, the hacking of limbs, the crushing of my whole body, cruel tortures of the devil—let these come upon me, only let me reach Jesus Christ!

Neither the ends of the earth nor the kingdoms of this age are of any use to me. It is better for me to die for Jesus Christ than to rule over the ends of the earth. Him I seek, who died on our behalf; him I long for, who rose again for our sake. ...

Allow me to be an imitator of the suffering of my God. If anyone has him within, let that person understand what I long for ...

The Letter of Ignatius to the Romans 3.3-6.3

ELDERS
 Carl Burrus
 Jesse Byers
 Bobby Hill
 Bill Path

MINISTER
 Benjamin Williams

PRISON MINISTER
 Bill Hamrick

DEACONS
 Matt Caldwell,

EDUCATION
 Robert Hill,

WORSHIP
 Keith Riggs,

OUTREACH
 Bruce Rothell,
MISSIONS

SECRETARY
 Karen Brown

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
 Evening Worship Assembly 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24th — 26th

7:00-8:40 PM

Children Ages 2-12

Don't Forget the Adult Class!

Travel with Daniel into
the world of ancient
Babylon to learn about
faith and courage!

upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties
meetings

Sunday, July 14th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting 3:30

Sunday, August 21st

Youth Devo at Randy & Karen Brown's home

Wednesday - Friday, July 24th-26th

Vacation Bible School - "Daniel"

Sunday, July 28th

Fellowship meal after EVENING service - group Path

Sunday, August 4th

Teacher's meeting

Saturday, August 10th

Class room clean-up (re-do b-boards, check supplies, etc.)

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Nyla Nunley is still having trouble with fluid building up and they don't know what is causing it. It makes her real weak. Hopefully they will come up with a solution soon.
- Dan Jones had two stints put in (one place was 95% blocked and they other 75% blocked). He was re-admitted this past Tuesday for shortness of breath. He is home now. They are going to adjust his medicine and watch him.
- John Shafer had emergency surgery for diverticulitis on the 4th of July. They removed about 10 inches of his intestines, his blood pressure has been elevated ever since, along with no appetite. If you will recall we have supported John on mission trips to India the last few years. He has asked you keep his wife Linda, in your prayers also.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Leola Harmon (stroke); Jean Lovett (cancer); Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Eddie Morgan (cancer); Jennifer Dunn (thyroid cancer); Linda Patterson (stroke); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Brian and Amber Hunt; Ron Wilson; Jenna Sullivan.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is time to start thinking about collecting school supplies again. If you know of a child that needs supplies please give the name and a list of items needed to **Keith Riggs**. Supplies need to be brought to the church building by July 31st. Any supplies not used here will be given to one of the local schools. A list have been posted on the bulletin board - you are welcome to take one.



YOUTH DEVO

Next Sunday, July 21st, there will be a youth devo at Randy & Karen Brown's home after evening services. Please let Karen know if you plan to come so they will know how many to plan for. If you need directions to our place just ask. Thanks!

HOSTING A DEVO

If you would like to host a devo please see Bobby Hill. During the school months they will try and have the devos during the afternoon on Sundays, with the host providing the noon meal.

MEMBERS

If you have artificial trees, greenery, pots (that look like they would belong in the time of Daniel) that we could borrow for VBS please bring them as soon as possible. Also, please put your name on them somewhere so they can be returned. Many thanks!

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our next fellowship meal is Sunday, July 28th. This will be after **EVENING** services. Group Path is responsible for setting up and cleaning up.

MEETING

Elder's and Deacon's meeting today at 3:30.

A hug does not require words. In fact, there is no word that can replace the emotion of a hug.

Tom Potts

A good laugh is sunshine in a house.

Wm Thackeray

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wes & Jennifer Wadkins, July 14

Becky Byers, July 15

Jenna Sullivan, July 22

Stephanie White, July 26

Alex Tuggle, July 26

Larry & Jane Potter, July 27

Karen Myrick, July 29

Wes Wadkins III, July 30

Dennis & Kay Robinson, July 31

Sherri Carr, Aug 1

Tiffany Rothell, Aug 1

Jack Myrick, Aug 2

Mike Perry, Aug 2

Larry & Angela Growns, Aug 3

Tucker Davidson, Aug 4

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	110
Sunday AM Worship	134
Sunday PM Worship	78
Wednesday Bible Classes	85

Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$4,336.75
Budget	\$4,041.00
Budget	\$1,027.47
Building Fund	\$401,874.18

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Jack Lierly
Closing Prayer	Keith Riggs
Scripture Reading	Scott Lack
Lord's Table	Robert Hill
	Steve Rucquoy
	Sonny Pulliam
	James Hamilton

Ushers

Wes Wadkins
Topper Causby

Lock Building

Jim Yeager; Matt Caldwell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Randy Brown
Opening Prayer	Ryan McCafferty
Closing Prayer	Bruce Rothell
Scripture Reading	Ryan Edwards
Lord's Table	Robert Hill
	Steve Rucquoy

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer	Larry Potter
Closing Prayer	Doyle Tuggle
Song Leader	James Hamilton

Communion Preparation

7/7	Rosalie O'Neal
7/14	Rothell Ladies
7/21	Karen Myrick
7/28	Sherri Carr
8/4	Rita Risley
8/11	Autumn Caldwell
8/18	Tonya Davidson
8/25	Causby Ladies

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, Sept 8th
3:30 pm

EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

7/14	1Chr 21-23; Ps 13; Mt 15
7/15	1Chr 24-25; Ps 14; Mt 16-17
7/16	1Chr 26-27; Ps 15; Mt 18
7/17	1Chr 28-29; Ps 16; Mt 19
7/18	2Chr 1; Ps 17; Mt 20
7/19	2Chr 2-4; Ps 18:1-24; Mt 21
7/20	2Chr 5-6; Ps 18:25-50; Mt 22



Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Search Programs:

July 14 - Holiness
July 21 - the Bible Alone
July 28 - Do Not Go Beyond

Sunday Morning Sermon

The Cost of Discipleship
Matthew 8:18-22

Sunday Evening Sermon

The Ark of the Covenant
Jeremiah 3:15-16