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## Yard Sale Salvation

I learned something new yesterday -- yes, it occasionally happens!

Want to know what I learned? I learned that yard sales are a world unto themselves, a veritable counterculture of deal-seeking bargain hunters. Yep, it's a yard-eat-yard world out there, where unsuspecting amateurs have nary a chance!

Yard Sales, what a wonderful experience! We met some great people! Some of them were obviously part of the yard scene. Others were curious tourists -- mere dabblers in the sport of yardery. The hardened yardalists were easy to spot in the crowd. They showed up out of nowhere, a half an hour before the sale was scheduled to start. Like locusts off the dry prairie, they descended upon the tables to pick and plunder. When they were done, all that was left were the carcasses of a few nondescript knickknacks and a pile of clothes destined for that great rag shop in the sky.

And what were they looking for? It can be summed up in one word -- BARGAINS! They were after the rare, the treasured, the missing piece to a set. Some specialized in clothes, others on records, still more on books. Bottom line, people have only so much money and yard sales can be a great place to find what you're looking for at the price you want to pay.

So, what's the spiritual bargain in this deal? One person's junk is another's treasure. One person's clutter is another's collectible. Let me state it this way -- the value we place on something is subjective. I no longer value something enough to keep it around; you on the other hand value it enough to pay for it -- that's the law of the yard sale.

So the question is: What about you? What are you worth? Again, the answer's going to be subjective, isn't it? You might be worth a lot to your family, but zip to the neighbor across the street who doesn't like the dandelion count on your lawn. You may be worth lots to a car salesman until you sign on the dotted line. Then . . . You may have been worth something to your employer, but then in this day of cutbacks and downsizing: "I'm sorry, I'm afraid your position has been deemed obsolete. In this crazy world that values baby seals more than human lives, there's nothing that can guarantee our desirability or worth.

But in God's Kingdom, things are different. 1 Corinthians 6:20 says, "you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." We were bought at a price. What price? The price of God's own Son. The price of blood shed on a cross. Let's face it. You and I were on display at the cosmic yard sale, gathering dust because our sin, our weakness, our rebellion had left us so tarnished that no one would consider us valuable. No one that is, except God. He valued us enough to send His Son to pay our price. Amazing!

The next time your neighbor, your family, your employer, the world in general, or your own heart tells you that you're worthless, just look up. Look up and thank God for once and for all determining your eternal worth to be far greater than the life or comfort of His own Son. Now, you tell me, who got the better end of this bargain?



### WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

### FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

### FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

### HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

### BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

### REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

### CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

### BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

## Members/Visitors Card



There are new cards in the pews. On one side, it has the member attendance information and on the reverse side, it has the visitor's information. Please fill out the appropriate side on Sunday morning, this allows us to have a record of your attendance.



## Dedicated Funds Envelopes



On the backs of the pews, you will find envelopes marked Dedicated Funds. When donating to the building fund, special mission efforts, special medical missions, or other specially dedicated funds, please check the appropriate box on the envelope.

## Services Today

This morning will have Ken Joines as our guest speaker. At the evening service, we will have a singing service.



## Picnic



Have you decided what favorite picnic foods you will bring to share next Sunday? Have you invited friends and family to services and then to the park? It is time for our picnic luncheon at the **Hammock State Park Pavilion**. Our schedule is to eat lunch at 1:00 p.m. After lunch, we will have a special guest speaker. Please plan on attending and sharing in a wonderful day of fun, food, and fellowship. Paper products and coffee will be supplied.

## CEO March Schedule

Friday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul's Harbor Side
Friday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chicanes
Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Homers
Friday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ming Tongs
Friday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Don Jose



## Congatulations



Congratulations to Alexis Du Vall and James. Alexis and James competed with the Sebring High School Choirs last week and will be going to State Contest. James has also been selected as "Who's Who Among High School Students."

## Anniversary Celebration

Edison and Carmie Green would like the honor of your presence at the celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. This celebration will take place today from 4 to 6 p.m. in the church fellowship room. They request no gifts necessary. Come join in for a time of celebration, food, music, and fun.

## Timothy Class



The Timothy Class will be speaking next Sunday Evening. Please make plans to attend and to encourage them. No one has signed up to host the Timothy Class after this lesson. If you would like to host the young men after their lesson, please let Don Ware know. The Timothy class spoke last Sunday evening at Leisure Acre's Park. They wish to thank all those who came out to support them.

## Area Wide News



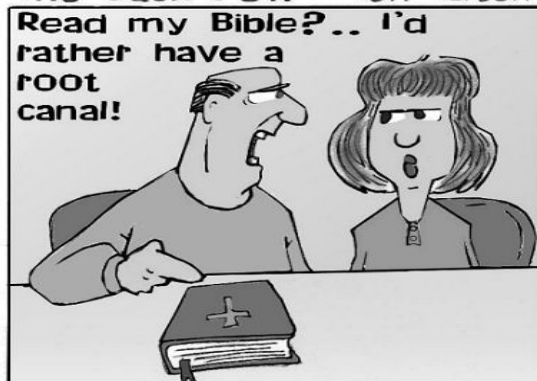
It is the time of year where we get many flyers on upcoming area events. There are too many flyers to post on the bulletin board in the foyer. These flyers are posted on the bulletin board across from the offices. We encourage you to stop by and see what events are going on in the area.

## With Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Joey Rugenstein and family in the recent loss of his Aunt Tilly Rugenstein. The funeral was on Friday.

We express our deepest sympathy to Myrtle Betts, friends of the Millers. Myrtle passed away this past week

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The Word of God is a roadmap to a happy life. Reading it should NOT be treated as a BURDEN. Ps 119:9, 11, 16, 105 Jo 1:1, 8:11, 31, 51

<http://thebackpew.com>

## Our Record:

Bible Study	128
Sunday AM Worship	197
Sunday PM Worship	113
Contribution	\$3759
Wednesday Bible Study	135
Building Fund	\$40
Ukraine Building Fund	\$75
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission Efforts	\$40
World Bible Translation	\$0

## Visitors Last Week

Ray & Sandra Naugle	Jerry Dodd
Jean Stueve	Ray & Betty Moore
Mary E. Askey	Doug & Stephanie Horton
Sid & Regenia Harfield	Charles & Nell Moody
Sterling & Rebecca Allen	Max & Sujane Pulley
Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Cox	

Please remember to invite others to our services. There are cards available in the foyer to help you invite others.



## Upcoming Birthdays

	Janiece Salazar	3/06
	Karin Heath	3/07
	Carl Adkins	3/07
	Lou Ormsby	3/08
	Belinda Wheeler	3/12
	Bill Benton	3/13
	Ivelisse Pintor	3/18
	Angelisse Pintor	3/18

## Anniversary

	Edison & Carmie Green	03/05/1946
	Rick & Linda Cochran	03/11/1966
	Dave & Sandy Marcum	03/20/1671

When things go wrong as they sometimes will;  
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;  
 When the funds are low, and the debts are high  
 And you want to smile, but have to sigh;  
 When care is pressing you down a bit-  
 Rest if you must, but do not quit.

Success is failure turned inside out;  
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;  
 And you can never tell how close you are  
 It may be near when it seems so far;  
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-  
 It's when things go wrong that you must not quit.

## Prayer List

- ❖ **Frank Henry** continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Al Overfield** is recovering from recent surgeries.
- ❖ **Elizabeth Tubbs** has been release to return to work.

### EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ Son of Glen and Joanne Wooters will have cancer surgery tomorrow.
- ❖ **Buel Piety**, health concerns.
- ❖ **Gary Taylor**, son of Kathryn Taylor and brother of Betty Abrams, continued recovery and treatment.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Jim Casey**, friends of the Barber's, is recovering from heart transplant. He will have an approximately 2-month hospital stay. He is making good improvements.
- ❖ **Ed Weaver**, father of Carolyn Thomas, continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Celeste Hudson**, 32 year-old-daughter of Robert and Rachel Capps, awaiting biopsy results for possible breast cancer.
- ❖ **Nancy Basket**, sister of Mary Welsh, biopsy results showed no cancer. She continues to need prayers for personal issues from an auto accident.
- ❖ **Debbie Vigar**, Marjorie Vandivor's sister is currently taking chemotherapy.
- ❖ **Katherine Farmer** continued health problems.
- ❖ **Harold Cochran**, father of Rick Cochran, as he undergoes testing for possible heart blockage.
- ❖ **Dorothy McCracken**, health concerns with cancer in both lungs.
- ❖ **Dorothy Maxwell**, mother of Brenda Shinholser, recovering from hip surgery.
- ❖ **Lora Jones**, health concerns/treatment for leukemia.

### MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana. (Great amount of concern from criminal activity preceding this year's elections.)
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F.H. & Becky Gates** in Brazil.



<b>SCHEDULED TO SERVE</b>		<b>REMINDER:</b>																
<b>THIS SUNDAY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<p>If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.</p> <p>Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.</p> <p>Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation.</p>																
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