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In the Olympics, we heard many interviews. The winners were asked to explain the thrill of victory and the losers described the agony of defeat.

Let's consider some things the apostle Paul would say in an interview:

Paul, is living the Christian life like competing in the Olympics?

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified." 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Did you have to give up anything for Christ?

"...What things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ." Philippians 3:7,8

Paul, were you ever a victim of a hate crime?

"From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned..." 2 Corinthians 11:24,25

I am sure that you had 100% support from the church?

"For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world..." 2 Timothy 4:10
"Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm..." 2 Timothy 4:14
"At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me..." 2 Timothy 4:16
"But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me..." 2 Timothy 4:17

Paul, did you ever get depressed and discouraged?

"...A thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul, you did some terrible things before you were baptized into Christ! How did you handle your past?

"...I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14

What sustained you?

"... I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day." 2 Timothy 1:12

Do you have any final words for the church?

"...The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:6-8

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."

Key Info

If you have not turned your key number into Tracey, please do so as soon as possible.

Service Change

The Timothy Class will not speak this evening; instead, we will have a short devotional. Those who were scheduled to serve next Sunday evening have been moved to this Sunday evening.

Picnic

Today is the day. 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.

New Address

Faye Pack
500 Newell Hill Rd. #104C
Leesburg, FL 34748
Home phone: 352-728-2108
Cell Phone: 863-381-6922

Ladies Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet March 14th and will complete the study of Women of the Genesis. After class, the March Birthdays of Karin Heath and Marilyn Sweeton will be celebrated at Don Jose's.

On The TV

Preaching the Gospel-James Watkins

Direct TV Channel 321-World Harvest Channel
Sunday 8:00 AM EST

Comcast Cable Channel 51-Inspiration Channel
Thursday 7:30 AM

For more information on this programming go to
www.preachingthegospeltv.com

HAVE YOU SENT A KNEE-MAIL LATELY?

***"Pray without ceasing."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17***

I love email.

I mean, in just a split-second, you can contact people all across the world. It's almost instantaneous, at times.

And, you can use email for a wide variety of reasons.

Sometimes I send an email to someone to ask them to help me with something. When I find that I have a need that I just can't meet myself, I reach out via email to someone who can meet it.

Other times I use email to ask for direction. When I don't have the answers or just don't know which way to turn, I seek out the wise counsel of those who have that special knowledge to steer me in the way I should go.

Still other times I just want to share something that is on my heart. Maybe I've had a great day and I want someone to rejoice with me, or perhaps I'm going through a difficult time and need some encouragement to get me through it. Regardless of the situation, there are times I just want to talk - and with email, there is always someone there with a listening ear.

Of course, I also use email to brag on others. When someone I know has a birthday or has reached some significant accomplishment, I send them an email to congratulate them. Sometimes I send an email just to let a cherished friend know that I appreciate them, other times just to say "I love you."

Yes, there are many reasons that I use email.

You know, it would be somewhat nice if God had an email account so we could contact Him. However, of course, God doesn't answer email...

...but, He DOES answer KNEE-mail!

Yep, God answers KNEE-mail. In other words, God answers prayer. In addition, just like with "email," there are varieties of reasons to send God a "knee-mail."

Sometimes I get down on my knees to ask God to help me with something that I just can't do myself. Other times I ask Him for direction and answers to those questions that have me confused. Still other times I just want to share something on my heart - whether it is a time of rejoicing or a time of pain.

Of course, there are many times that I use "knee-mail" to brag on my God. I just want to pray to the Father to tell Him that I appreciate Him - sometimes just to say, "Father, I love you."

What about it? When was the last time you sent God a "knee-mail"? Is there some need you would like to share with Him, some area you need direction, some situation you'd like Him to rejoice with you in or a burden you'd like Him to bear? Why not just pray to the Father to say, "I appreciate you" or "I love you."

Doesn't really matter what you talk with God about today, He just wants to hear from you.

After all, God loves knee-mail.

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Our Record:

Bible Study	134
Sunday AM Worship	210
Sunday PM Worship	114
Contribution	\$5132
Wednesday Bible Study	N/A
Building Fund	\$500
Ukraine Building Fund	\$85
F.H. Gates	\$550
Special Mission Efforts	\$0
World Bible Translation	\$0

Upcoming Birthdays



Belinda Wheeler	3/12
Bill Benton	3/13
Ivelisse Pintor	3/18
Angelisse Pintor	3/18
Marilyn Sweeton	3/20
Joanne Wooter	3/22
Bill Weaver	3/24
Forest Ritenour	3/25
Marvin McElwain	3/25
Tracey Stalter	3/26
Paul Talbert	3/26
Frank Parker	3/27
Rachel Capps	3/30
Shannon Gibbs	3/30
Don Yost	3/31
Richard Haddad	3/31

Anniversary

Dave & Sandy Marcum 03/20/1671

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you very much for the many prayers offered on my behalf during my recent surgery and recovery. So many of you sent cards and emails, each one meant a lot to me. The love that the Sebring Church has shown to me, Betty, and Mom over the last month is evidence that Christ lives in the hearts of members there. Healing will be a slow process, but I'm sure with the continued prayers it will all come out all right. I look forward to coming back down in a few months to visit with you again.

In Christ,
Gary Taylor

Prayer List

- ❖ **Frank Henry** continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Al Overfield** is at home and doing well.
- ❖ **John Roberts** is recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Evelyn Smith** is very ill.
- ❖ **Joe Pine** is very ill.
- ❖ **Mary Jo Miller** continued health concerns.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ Son of Glen and Joanne Wooters is recovering from cancer surgery.
- ❖ **Buel Piety**, health concerns.
- ❖ **Gary Taylor**, son of Kathryn Taylor and brother of Betty Abrams, recovering from surgery this week. They removed 2 sponges that had been left accidentally from prior surgery and drain some of the infection.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Jim Casey**, friends of the Barber's, is recovering from heart transplant.
- ❖ **Ed Weaver**, father of Carolyn Thomas, continued health concerns.
- ❖ **Celeste Hudson**, 32 year-old-daughter of Robert and Rachel Capps, biopsy results showed no cancer.
- ❖ **Debbie Vigar**, Marjorie Vandivor's sister is currently taking chemotherapy.
- ❖ **Katherine Farmer** continued health problems.
- ❖ **Dorothy McCracken**, health concerns with cancer in both lungs.
- ❖ **Dorothy Maxwell**, mother of Brenda Shinholser, recovering from hip surgery.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana. (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.

With Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Henry Rimes. Henry passed away this past week. His funeral will be Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Pinecrest Cemetery. The family wishes to thank all those who have visited, called, sent cards, those who prepared the wonderful meal, all the thoughtfulness, and most of all the prayers.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

REMINDER:

THIS SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Joanne Cope

Greeters:

Ron Horton Robert Adams
Bill Sweeton Charlainne Adams

Pick Up Cards:

Nicholas Stalter & Victor Oregon

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler

Sound Room:

James Ware

Secure Building Next Week:

Dave Marcum

Prepare Communion:

Joanne Cope

Greeters:

Ron Horton Jim Burton
Bill Sweeton Betty Burton

Pick Up Cards:

Nicholas Stalter & Victor Oregon

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Sound Room:

Edison Green

Secure Building Next Week:

Edison Green

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.

Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Announcements:

Harry Johnson

Song Leader:

Flavil Miller

Opening Prayer:

Clyde Bush

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Bill Nix

Serve:

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| 1. Don Yost | 5. John Burton |
| 2. Delbert Mason | 6. Robert Capps |
| 3. Harlen Drew | 7. Allen Barber |
| 4. Jim Coleman | 8. Bob Lynch |

Closing Prayer:

Ernie Zink

Announcements:

Tracey Stalter

Song Leader:

Robert Capps

Opening Prayer:

Robert Adams

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Allen Barber

Serve:

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| 1. Billy Nix | 5. Herb Ellis |
| 2. Clem Smith | 6. Clyde Bush |
| 3. Flavil Miller | 7. Robert Underwood |
| 4. Bill Cole | 8. Bob Parnett |

Closing Prayer:

Bob Lynch

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson 655-3386
(Evangelism/Membership
Directory/Membership
Fellowship)

Dave Marcum..... 385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser 382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)

Paul Talbert 385-3756
(Building & Grounds/
Benevolence/ Membership
Services)

Sunday Evening

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Song Leader:

Flavil Miller

Opening Prayer:

Wayne Anderson

Lord's Supper:

Billy Nix

Closing Prayer:

Robert Underwood

Song Leader:

Timothy Class

Lord's Supper:

Allen Barber

Opening Prayer:

Timothy Class

Closing Prayer:

Timothy Class

Wednesday Evening

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:

Flavil Miller

Invitation:

Allen Barber

Closing Prayer:

Clem Smith

Song Leader:

Don Gunter

Invitation:

Robert Capps

Closing Prayer:

Flavil Miller

FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL

If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:

Sebring Parkway Church of Christ
3800 Sebring Parkway
Sebring, FL 33870

Name _____

Address _____

Age Range:

0 - 10 yrs 11 - 17 yrs

18 - 50 yrs 51 - ?? yrs

MEET WITH US

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship 10:00 AM

Sunday PM Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

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8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Bill Benton 453-6002
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Chris Fowler..... 386-4661
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Director/ Substitute Teacher
Assignments)

Roger Gurganus..... 453-3939
(Building & Grounds
Maintenance (Outside)/
Transportation/ Communion)

Tracey Stalter..... 471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/
Membership Directory/ Pews)

BJ Thomas..... 385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/
Benevolence)

Don Ware 382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)